

YouTube removes video sermons by radical cleric

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(AP) -- YouTube has removed from its site videos featuring calls to holy war by an al-Qaida-linked Muslim cleric after pressure from British and U.S. officials.

The [New York Times](#) reported on its website Wednesday that YouTube spokeswoman Victoria Grand said the videos by Anwar al-Awlaki violated the site's guidelines prohibiting "incitement to commit violent acts."

The newspaper says YouTube made the move after a British official urged the videos be removed.

Democratic New York Rep. Anthony Weiner (WEE'-nur) also sent letters to the Google-owned company listing hundreds of videos featuring the U.S.-born Yemeni cleric. Weiner says the company took his request more seriously after last week's attempted mail bombings from Yemen.

[YouTube](#) says it doesn't comment on specific videos on its site.

The fugitive cleric has inspired a string of attempted attacks against the West.

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