

# Bangladesh blocks YouTube over anti-Islam video

September 18 2012

---



Islamic party activists set fire to a US flag during a protest against an internet film mocking Islam in Dhaka on September 14, 2012. Bangladesh has blocked YouTube after the video-sharing website failed to take down the anti-Islam film that has sparked furious protests across the Muslim world, government officials said Tuesday.

Bangladesh has blocked YouTube after the video-sharing website failed to take down an anti-Islam film that has sparked furious protests across the Muslim world, government officials said Tuesday.

The country's telecommunications regulator blocked the website "to prevent violence and social disorder over the derogatory video", its acting chairman Giashuddin Ahmed told AFP.

"On Sunday we wrote to (site owner) Google to remove the video clip

from [YouTube](#). We told them that it could incite violence, but they have not done so," he said.

"Yesterday we told our officials to block YouTube. The site has been blocked since Monday night," he added.

[Google](#), which has barred access to the video in Egypt, India, Indonesia, Libya and Malaysia, was not immediately available for comment.

The film entitled "Innocence of Muslims", believed to have been produced by a small group of [extremist](#) Christians, has sparked a week of furious protests outside US embassies and other American symbols in several countries.

At least 19 people have died in protests against the film including the US ambassador to Libya and three other Americans who were killed in Benghazi when the US consulate came under attack.

Protests reached Muslim-majority Bangladesh last week as thousands of Muslims belonging to Islamist groups burnt US and Israeli flags on Friday and tried to march to the US embassy before they were stopped by police.

(c) 2012 AFP

Citation: Bangladesh blocks YouTube over anti-Islam video (2012, September 18) retrieved 7 May 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2012-09-bangladesh-blocks-youtube-anti-islam-video.html>

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|