

US judge rejects call to ban YouTube anti-Muslim film

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[Los Angeles Superior Court](#) Judge Louis Lavin refused the request by lawyers for actress Cindy Lee Garcia for a restraining order to prevent the online video-sharing service from continuing to show the trailer.

Garcia is one of three actresses in the film to have come forward with similar accusations since the explosion of violence that ripped through

[Muslim countries](#) in the Middle East, Africa and Asia last week.

She sued [YouTube](#) and its owner [Google](#) for releasing excerpts of the very amateurish film, which was later dubbed into Arabic and made to show Mohammed as a thuggish womanizer.

YouTube said Wednesday it extended its restrictions on the video to "countries where it is considered illegal by local authorities; that is, to date, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia."

YouTube last week restricted access to the film in Egypt and Libya after unrest in those countries, and has been adding countries to the list. Some others including Pakistan and Sudan, have blocked access themselves.

The US actress also filed a lawsuit against the reported producer of the film, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, on grounds of [invasion of privacy](#), fraud, slander and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The 55-year-old Egyptian Copt and convicted fraudster—out on parole—lives in Los Angeles and has admitted to working on the film, "Innocence of Muslims."

US media say Nakoula wrote and produced the film, using the pseudonym Sam Bacile before being identified. He was questioned overnight Friday by police before going into hiding with his family.

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