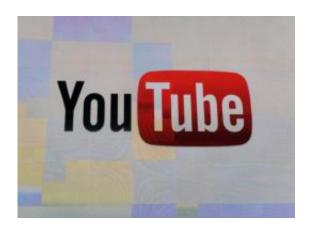


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YouTube last week restricted access to the film in Egypt and Libya after



unrest in those countries, and has been adding countries to the list. Some others including Pakistan and Sudan, have blocked access themselves.

Wednesday's announcement came a day after Saudi Arabia threatened to block YouTube in the kingdom if <u>Google</u> did not respond to a request to deny access to the video.

The low-budget film "Innocence of Muslims," incited a wave of bloody anti-American violence in cities across the Muslim world which targeted symbols of US influence ranging from embassies and schools to <u>fast</u> <u>food chains</u>.

At least 30 people have died so far in unrest connected to the film in over 20 countries.

Among those killed were the US ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, and three other Americans in an attack last week on the US consulate in the eastern city of Benghazi.

The <u>United Arab Emirates</u>, Bahrain and Yemen have ordered blocking access to all websites carrying the video.

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