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World leaders attack Koran burning

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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World leaders have made statements expressing their anger over the Koran-burning plan of an American churchman. They fear the event could lead to violence around the globe. Terry Jones, leader of a small church in Florida, plans to burn Korans on September 11. He said his plan is to stop the building of a new mosque near Ground Zero, New York. He wants the mosque relocated and said his "International Burn A Koran Day" would not be cancelled unless the mosque was moved away from the site of the 9/11 attacks.

President Obama spoke on U.S. television and asked Mr Jones to stop his "stunt". He said: "This is a recruitment bonanza for Al Qaeda. You could have serious violence in places like Pakistan or Afghanistan. This could increase the recruitment of [people]...willing to blow themselves up in American cities or European cities." Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari attacked the plan, saying it would cause irreversible damage to world peace. Lebanese President Michel Suleiman said it went against all Christian teachings.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. statements expressing | a. church in Florida |
| 2. lead to violence around | b. relocated |
| 3. leader of a small | c. the globe |
| 4. the building of | d. 9/11 attacks |
| 5. He wants the mosque | e. their anger |
| 6. the site of the | f. a new mosque |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. asked Mr Jones to | a. violence |
| 2. a recruitment bonanza | b. up |
| 3. serious | c. teachings |
| 4. willing to blow themselves | d. stop his "stunt" |
| 5. irreversible damage to | e. for Al Qaeda |
| 6. it went against all Christian | f. world peace |

LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100909-koran.html>

World leaders have made statements _____ over the Koran-burning plan of an American churchman. They fear the event could _____ the globe. Terry Jones, leader of a small church in Florida, plans to burn Korans on September 11. He said _____ building of a new mosque near Ground Zero, New York. He wants _____ and said his "International Burn A Koran Day" would not be cancelled unless the mosque was moved _____ of the 9/11 attacks.

President Obama spoke on U.S. television and asked Mr Jones to stop his "stunt". He said: "This is _____ for Al Qaeda. You could have serious _____ like Pakistan or Afghanistan. This could increase the recruitment of [people]...willing to _____ in American cities or European cities." Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari attacked the plan, saying it would cause _____ to world peace. Lebanese President Michel Suleiman said _____ Christian teachings.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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World leaders have (1) _____ statements expressing their anger over the Koran-burning plan of an American churchman. They (2) _____ the event could lead to violence around the globe. Terry Jones, leader of a small church in Florida, (3) _____ to burn Korans on September 11. He said his plan is to stop (4) _____ building of a new mosque near Ground Zero, New York. He wants the mosque (5) _____ and said his "International Burn A Koran Day" would not be (6) _____ unless the mosque was moved away from the site of the 9/11 attacks.

President Obama (7) _____ on U.S. television and asked Mr Jones to stop his "stunt". He said: "This is a recruitment bonanza for Al Qaeda. You could have (8) _____ violence in places like Pakistan or Afghanistan. This could increase the recruitment of [people]... (9) _____ to (10) _____ themselves up in American cities or European cities." Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari attacked the plan, saying it would (11) _____ irreversible damage to world peace. Lebanese President Michel Suleiman said it (12) _____ against all Christian teachings.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) done | (b) been | (c) made |
| 2. | (a) afraid | (b) fear | (c) concern |
| 3. | (a) plans | (b) planning | (c) plan |
| 4. | (a) a | (b) the | (c) this |
| 5. | (a) relocated | (b) relocation | (c) relocate |
| 6. | (a) cancel | (b) cancellation | (c) cancelled |
| 7. | (a) said | (b) spoke | (c) told |
| 8. | (a) series | (b) seriously | (c) serious |
| 9. | (a) will | (b) would | (c) willing |
| 10. | (a) blow | (b) puff | (c) suck |
| 11. | (a) because | (b) cause | (c) course |
| 12. | (a) went | (b) came | (c) visited |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. leaders have made saenetsttm
2. expressing their agrne
3. voneecli around the globe
4. a small hcrchu in Florida
5. He wants the mosque reltcedao
6. the 9/11 takctsa

Paragraph 2

7. a recruitment nzaaobn
8. reuisso violence
9. This could ersaeinc
10. European siceit
11. cause irreversible edagam
12. against all Christian sahticgen

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in Florida, plans to burn Korans on September 11. He said his plan is to stop the building of a new
- () damage to world peace. Lebanese President Michel Suleiman said it went against all Christian teachings.
- () mosque near Ground Zero, New York. He wants the mosque relocated and said his "International Burn
- (**1**) World leaders have made statements expressing their anger over the Koran-burning plan of an American
- () could increase the recruitment of [people]...willing to blow themselves up in American cities or
- () A Koran Day" would not be cancelled unless the mosque was moved away from the site of the 9/11 attacks.
- () recruitment bonanza for Al Qaeda. You could have serious violence in places like Pakistan or Afghanistan. This
- () churchman. They fear the event could lead to violence around the globe. Terry Jones, leader of a small church
- () European cities." Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari attacked the plan, saying it would cause irreversible
- () President Obama spoke on U.S. television and asked Mr Jones to stop his "stunt". He said: "This is a

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. statements made have Leaders anger their expressing.

2. fear to the violence event could They lead.

3. of building the stop to is plan His mosque new a.

4. mosque the wants He relocated.

5. away Moved attacks 9/11 the of site the from.

6. for is Al a Qaeda recruitment bonanza This.

7. violence serious have could You.

8. up People to themselves willing blow.

9. peace Cause damage world irreversible to.

10. all teachings It against Christian went.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. WORLD PEACE: Search the Internet and find more information about this news. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about world peace. Include imaginary an interview with Terry Jones. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Terry Jones. Ask him three questions about his plan. Give him three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.