

Should US Stop Sending Taxpayer Dollars to Egypt, Lybia?

The **Obama administration** should stop sending U.S. taxpayer dollars to Middle Eastern countries that permit and support terrorism by Islamic extremists bent on destroying America.

That's the sentiment from more than 5,500 Americans who contacted the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) in less than 24 hours.

Recent bombings in Libya and Egypt have killed four American workers, including U.S. Ambassador to Libya J. Chris Stevens.

The bombings came in retaliation for the anti-Islamic film *Innocence of Muslims*, a 14-minute video created by an Israeli-American filmmaker that allegedly blasphemes Prophet Muhammad.

While four deaths occurred at the Libyan embassy on Tuesday, no casualties were reported following the attack on the U.S. embassy in Egypt. Protesters did, however, tear down the embassy's American flag. U.S. officials speculate that the attacks were carried out by the militant Islamic group Ansar al Sharia and an African-based faction of al-Qaida, and that they were planned in conjunction with the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

In an effort to protect U.S. taxpayer dollars, the ACLJ is calling on the Obama Administration to end its foreign policy of "appeasement and apologies."

"The anti-American violence at the direction of **Islamic extremists** is not only very troubling, but amplifies what can only be described as a failed foreign policy by the Obama administration," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the ACLJ.

“At a time when President Obama refuses to meet face-to-face with the prime minister of Israel, our most important ally in the region, the Obama administration continues to send billions of taxpayer dollars to countries that permit and support the terrorism of radical Islamists bent on destroying America. It’s time to bring an end to a foreign policy of appeasement and apologies. We’re calling on the Obama administration to cut off funding to Libya and Egypt until stable governments—which support America—are put in place.”

Meanwhile, Christian Freedom International (CFI), whose humanitarian presence extends into Muslim-majority countries such as Pakistan and Bangladesh, is warning the persecution already experienced by thousands of Middle Eastern Christians as a result of the Arab Spring revolution will continue to intensify in the wake of the attacks in Libya and Egypt.

Other organizations, such as Open Doors USA and the World Evangelical Alliance, have issued similar statements voicing concern for the safety of Christians in the region and the potential for more violent conflict due to the tendency by Muslim fundamentalists to link the United States with Christianity.

“CFI mourns the death of Chris Stevens and the three other American employees who risked their lives to serve our country abroad,” says CFI president Jim Jacobson. “We must pray for the families who have lost loved ones in these attacks and for all the Christians in these and other countries who suffer persecution. There is most certainly a growing threat to minority Christians in this region.”