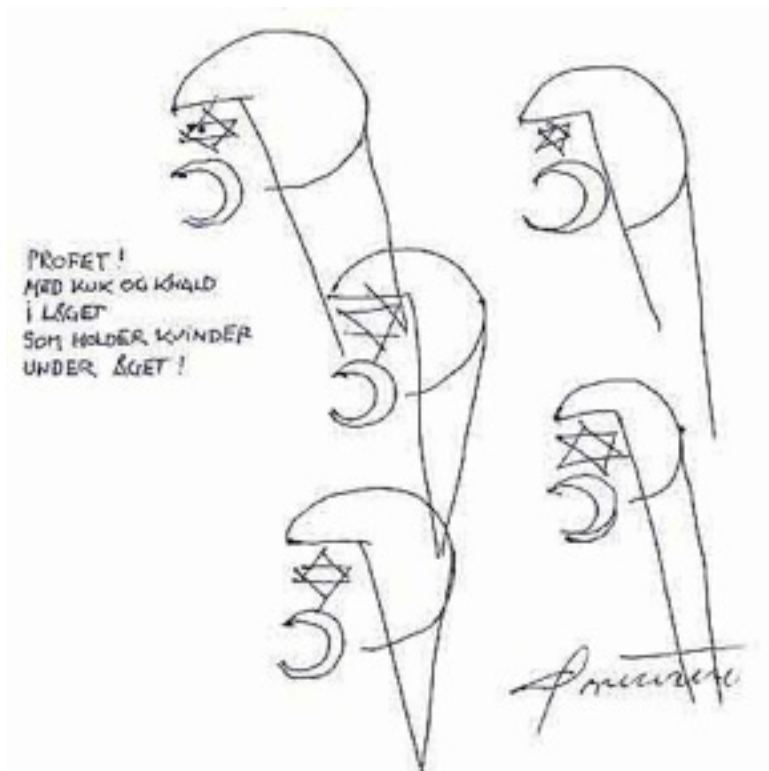


October 2005 these cartoons were published in Danish newspaper:



On the blackboard it says in Persian with Arabic letters that "Jyllands-Posten's journalists are a bunch of reactionary provocateurs"





- ROLIG, VENNER, NÅR ALT KOMMER TIL ALT ER DET SO BARE EN
TEGNING LAVET AF EN VANSKO SØNDERJYDE...
Relax folks it is just a sketch made by a Dane
from the south-west Denmark.









February 2006:

- Gaza: On Monday, gunmen seized an EU office, demanding apologies from Denmark and Norway (where another publication later reprinted the cartoons). On Tuesday, demonstrators chanted “War on Denmark, death to Denmark” as they burned Danish flags. Said Islamic Jihad leader Nafez Azzam: “We feel great rage at the continued attacks on Islam and the Prophet of Islam and we demand that the Danish government make a clear and public apology for the wrongful crime.”
- Arab interior ministers, meeting in Tunis, declared: “We ask the Danish authorities to take the necessary measures to punish those responsible for this harm and to take action to avoid a repeat.”
- Libya and Saudi Arabia recalled their ambassadors from Copenhagen, while in Saudi Arabia, an angry mob beat two employees of the Danish corporation Arla Foods, which has been subjected to a crippling boycott throughout the Islamic world – a boycott that has been endorsed by, among others, the Sudanese Defense Minister.
- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari complained to the Danish ambassador to Baghdad, while Danish troops were put on alert there after a fatwa concerning the cartoons was issued.

Then worldwide protests and riots ensued. Spontaneous Rage™ more than 4 months after they were originally published, resulting in [139 dead](#), [823 injured](#), including the bombing of the Danish embassy [in Pakistan](#), setting fire to the [Danish](#) and Norwegian Embassies in Syria, Lebanon and Iran, and storming European buildings in Gaza City. Danish Prime Minister Rasmussen described the controversy as Denmark's worst international crisis since World War II. ([CNN](#))

- Here is [A Retrospective Study of the Unfolding of the Muhammad Cartoons Crisis and its Implications](#) - MEMRI 1/5/07