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Carney: Global Protests Directed At Offensive Video, Not U.S. Policy Or The Obama Administration

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On Friday, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney weighed in on the ongoing protests spreading across the Muslim world that ignited on 9/11/12. Those protests resulted in the breaching of the U.S. embassy in Cairo and the assassination of the U.S. ambassador to Libya. Carney said that those protests were aimed exclusively at an offensive, anti-Muslim video and not at the United States or the administration of President Barack Obama.

Carney made it clear that the protests across the Muslim world targeting U.S. embassies and consulates, is in no way directed at the policies of President Obama's administration.

Carney said that the protests were exclusively aimed at a video which is highly critical of Islam that a U.S.-based filmmaker put online in June:

This is a fairly volatile situation, and it is in response not to U.S. policy, not to, obviously, the administration, not to the American people. It is in response to a video – a film – that we have judged to be reprehensive and disgusting. That in no way justifies any violent reaction to it. But this is not a case of protests directed at the United States, writ large, or at U.S. policy. This is in response to a video that is offensive and – to Muslims.