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Developments in Cartoon Controversy

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Key developments Thursday in the controversy over caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad:

-- Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, heading a religious procession by hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslims in Beirut, says President Bush and his secretary of state should "shut up" after accusing Syria and Iran of fueling protests.

-- An Islamic procession in the capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir turns into a protest; 25 people are arrested, and police beat back angry demonstrators.

-- South African President [Thabo Mbeki](#) appeals for tolerance and mutual respect as tens of thousands of people stage a peaceful protest. Muslims call for a boycott on products from Denmark, where the cartoons were first published.

-- About 2,000 members of a hard-line Muslim group, the Islamic Constitution Movement, rally and burn a Danish flag in Bangladesh.

-- Indonesia cancels badminton games against Denmark because of safety concerns, while visiting Iranian Vice President Isfandiar Rahim Mashaei denies that his country is stoking Muslim anger.

-- Malaysia's government shuts down a newspaper, The Sarawak Tribune, for reprinting a cartoon of Muhammad.

-- Academics, media advocates and Muslim leaders meet in Paris to discuss the balance between freedom of expression and respect for religious faith. An Arab co-host walks out when the editor of a French newspaper that published the drawings takes the floor.