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## **Pakistan to try Facebook Founder for Blasphemy**

Many readers will have seen last months furore over '[Everybody Draw Mohammed Day](#)'. The outrage has now taken a far more sinister turn. Pakistani lawyers are attempting to have Facebooks founder - Mark Zuckerberg - [tried for the capital crime of Blasphemy](#).

It seems unlikely that Mr Zuckerberg would travel to Pakistan for the trial, much less to his own execution, but this does not necessarily mean that he is safe from repercussions. It's also highly unlikely that the USA would extradite Mr Zuckerberg to face trial in Pakistan, but it may be that Mr Zuckerberg will be visited by his executioner.

To explain further, let us assume that Mr Zuckerberg has been found Guilty and sentenced to death. It's unlikely that the Pakistani Authorities would risk an international incident by sending an Assassin or attempting extraordinary rendition, but as they are probably well aware, there's no need.

It's quite likely that someone already resident in the United States may take it upon themselves to enforce the judgement of the court. Mr Zuckerberg is a rich man, but no security can be 100% effective

There is prior evidence to support this possibility, some may recall the story of [Lars Vilks](#), a swedish cartoonise who was threatened over depictions of Mohammed. The fundamentalist group known as '[The Islamic State of Iraq](#)' responded by offering \$150,000 to anyone who slaughtered the cartoonist "*Like a lamb*". Many other threats were also received, and Sweden even felt the need to raise their terrorist alert threat level. The unfortunate cartoonist did however survive the ordeal, although many would gladly have executed him.

The turmoil that could ensue if Mr Zuckerberg is sentenced to death by an Islamic Government is likely to be very substantial.

Although Mr Zuckerberg was not personally responsible for the 'blasphemy' he will be tried as such. Mr Zuckerberg is therefore being tried for a crime that he clearly did not commit, a gross infringement on his human rights.

Even had Mr Zuckerberg participated in the event, he would simply have been exercising his right to free speech. The entire point in the event was to demonstrate that the right to free speech should always beat political and religious considerations. Clearly this point has been lost upon the lawyers of

Pakistan. Many of those who participated did so through anger. Islamic rules prevent anyone from depicting the Prophet, even those who are not of that faith. Many see it as unfair that believers of one religion should try to enforce their beliefs, to the detriment of others.

**Of far greater concern**, however, is the issue of capital punishment. We at [Freedom4All](http://freedom4all.org.uk) cannot condone the taking of another human life, whether for political or religious purposes.

Pakistan is far from alone in its use of Capital Punishment, even the USA - a supposedly civilised society - still utilises capital punishment. Any Capital Punishment system is too open to abuse, and the risk of executing the innocent should always outweigh the purported benefits. Indeed, when examining the crime rate of states that use Capital Punishment, it is *very difficult to see what the benefits actually are*. It certainly doesn't appear to act as a deterrent, and some would argue that it actually increases the murder rate.

Whilst not alone, muslim states do stand out for their methods of execution. Although many countries use supposedly 'humane' methods, many muslim states continue to use stoning as a method of execution! Crimes deemed worthy of this horrific punishment include adultery, blasphemy and homosexuality. How many would agree that the perpetrators of these 'crimes' deserve to be put to death, let alone in such a horrific manner.

Without wanting to enter into a debate on the rights and wrongs of the various religions, no civilised society should allow such a horrific punishment to be used.

We at [Freedom4All](http://freedom4all.org.uk) cannot, and never will condone murder as a punishment, no matter what crime has been committed.

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