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FLEMMING ROSE EDITOR JYLLANDS POSTEN RESPONSABLE 12 MUHAMMAD CARTOONS REWARDED

COVETED PRESS AWARD, MAY 2015

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Previously, Flemming Rose was 'nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize' by a Norwegian MP who said 'Giving a prize to a consistent defender of freedom of expression, even at a personal cost, would give a sign that those who try to muzzle that freedom through cowardly attacks against civilians, thus undermining peace between peoples, cannot ever succeed.' (according to Norway's NTB news Agency).

Also, Swedish artist Lars Vilks, who whipped up outrage across the Muslim world with his 2007 sketch of the Prophet as a dog, was given a Prize by a 'Danish Free Press Society' group. He was attaked beginning of this year when attending a 'debate on free speech'. The right-leaning association itself is controversial, with some accusing it of Islamophobia. Previously, it had conferred a similar Award to Kurt Westergaard, the cartoonist who drew the most infamous of the Jyllands-Poster Muhammad caricatures (TheLocal)

The 'Danish Free Press Society' is currently selling Lars Vilks' cartoon of Muhammad as a dog and an offshoot of the group is also selling works by another controversial Swedish artist, Dan Park. The Malmo-based Dan Park had nine posters banned by the swedish state after he was found guilty on charges of inciting racial agitation and defamation. (TheLocal)

Forgotten Cartoonist who DIED because of his Freedom of Speech :

Naji Salim Al-Ali was a Palestinian cartoonist, noted for the political criticism of the Arab regimes and Israël in his works. He drew over 40,000 cartoons, which often reflected Palestinian and Arab public opinion and were sharply critical commentaries on Palestinian and Arab politics and political leaders. On July 1987, Naji Salim Al-Ali was shot in the face and mortally wounded. He died in London. His will requested to be buried in Ain Al-hilweh beside his father, impossible to arrange and he was buried outside London. A movie was made about the life of Naji Al Ali in Egypt and the main rôle was assigned to the Egyptian actor Nour El-Sherif (Died Aug. 11, 2015).

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