



DANSK JOURNALISTFORBUND
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To international newspapers and TV stations

Copenhagen, 2 February 2006

Concerning the twelve cartoons...

Dear chief editor/newseditor

Since the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* published the twelve cartoons of the prophet Mohammed at the end of September last year, a lively debate has taken place. There has not been one day during which the cartoons have not been discussed in the Danish and now also in the international press. And for good reasons the cartoons have been republished in this context.

It is entirely understandable that both Danish and international newspapers and TV stations have wanted to illustrate the discussion and the debate with one or more of the cartoons in question. But there is no reason why this should be done without the normal remuneration of the cartoonists. On behalf of the twelve cartoonists, the Danish Union of Journalists would like to take steps to remedy this.

The cartoonists do not, however, wish to receive the fees themselves. They have instead decided that the fees shall finance an international prize for cartoonists, to be awarded to a recognised and committed cartoonist who in the form of satirical cartoons has focused on important societal matters – such as for example freedom of speech

The Danish Union of Journalists hopes that you will support the cartoonists in this point of view. The Union therefore asks you to check whether the cartoons have been published in your newspaper or TV station, how many of them, and how many times this has been done since 30 September 2005.

The price for use of the cartoons has been set at €250 per cartoon per reproduction. This amount was fixed as an average for the various media and countries.



Please pay the amount deriving from your use of the cartoons to our bank:

BG Bank
Nørre Voldgade 68
1011 Copenhagen K
Denmark

SWIFT: DABADKKK
IBAN: DK16 3000 0009 6555 65

Please send a statement of your use of the cartoons to the Danish Union of Journalists at cartoon@journalistforbundet.dk

We expect that you will follow the same procedure in connection with any future reproductions of the cartoons.

The Danish Union of Journalists will also make a considerable contribution to this fund.

The Danish Union of Journalists would be happy to provide any further information which you may require.

Yours sincerely and our thanks in advance,

Mogens Blicher Bjerregård
Chairman