

# Muslim anger over perceived insults to Islam



■ **1988:** Publication of novel *"The Satanic Verses"*, by British author **Salman Rushdie**, prompts deadly riots in India and Pakistan.



■ **2010:** Florida pastor **Terry Jones** calls to burn Korans on 9/11 anniversary. **After Jones' congregation goes ahead with**

**Koran burning in March 2011, hundreds of protesters storm UN compound in Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, killing seven foreign employees**



**Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini issues religious edict in 1989 calling for Rushdie's death. In 1991, Japanese translator is stabbed to death**

■ **2004:** Dutch filmmaker **Theo van Gogh**, whose film *Submission* criticised treatment of Muslim women, is shot dead in Amsterdam by radical Islamist. **Murder sets off hundreds of small reprisal attacks against mosques and churches**



■ **Feb 2012:** U.S. soldiers unwittingly burn Korans confiscated from prisoners at Bagram prison, triggering protests and targeted killings which leave more than 30 Afghans and six American soldiers dead

■ **2005:** Publication by Danish newspaper of cartoons depicting Prophet Muhammad unleashes wave of protests across Muslim world in which dozens are killed. **Citing anger over cartoons, Al Qaeda claims responsibility for Jun 2008 suicide bombing at Danish Embassy in Islamabad that kills six people**

■ **Sep:** News about U.S.-made film that mocks Prophet Muhammad sparks protests and attacks on U.S. missions across Muslim world.

**U.S. ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, and three of his staff members, killed in attack on U.S. consulate in Benghazi**

