

U.S. blocks British Muslim family from boarding plane to Disneyland

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister David Cameron will look into claims that U.S. officials prevented a British Muslim family of 11 from flying to Disneyland for a planned holiday.

The issue is sensitive because U.S. Republican presidential contender Donald Trump has called for a temporary ban on Muslims visiting the U.S. due to concerns about extremist attacks.

Stella Creasy, a member of the opposition Labour Party, said Wednesday that U.S. officials gave no explanation for refusing to allow her constituents to board a flight from Gatwick Airport on Dec. 15, so she wrote Cameron seeking his intervention. She said there is “growing fear” among British Muslims that aspects of Trump’s plans are coming into practice even though they have been widely

condemned.

A top Muslim group said cases like this appear to be related to religion and are worrying for British Muslims.

Mohammed Zahid Mahmood said he and his family — two brothers and their nine children — were told nothing except that they were not allowed to travel to the U.S. despite having previously obtained clearance.

“We were the only family that was of Asian, Muslim, sort of appearance, and it seemed a little bit embarrassing that only we were taken out (of the line to board),” he told the BBC.

Cameron’s office said Wednesday that he would investigate the matter. He had



Cameron

earlier characterized Trump’s policy as “divisive and wrong.”

A U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said the “religion, faith or spiritual beliefs of an international traveler are not determining factors” when deciding if a person can travel to the United States. The spokesman said people can be denied entry for a variety of reasons including health-related issues, prior criminal convictions, security concerns or on miscellaneous grounds.

Ajmal Masroor, a London-based imam and broadcaster, said he received similar treatment when trying to travel to the U.S. for business recently. He told the AP that a U.S. Embassy official prevented him from boarding a Dec. 17

flight and told him his business visa had been revoked. He said he had never had any problem travelling on that visa before.

“I asked him why repeatedly and he said ‘You must have done something wrong,’ without any explanation,” Masroor said.

He said he feared that U.S. officials were singling out Muslims.

“This is absolutely discrimination. It is not acceptable and playing into the hands of the terrorists,” Masroor said.

The Muslim Council of Britain also said the last-minute denial of boarding privileges without explanation is distressing for Muslims.

“There is a perception that such decisions are being made due to the faith or political activism of individuals,” the council said.

BRIEFLY

Heppner church to show faith-based movie

HEPPNER — A viewing of “The War Room” is planed at the Christian Life Center.

The movie is Thursday, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. at 535 W. Morgan St., Heppner. Concession will be available.

The two-hour Christian flick is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power of prayer on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships and every other area of our lives.

For more about the movie, visit www.warroomthemovie.com.

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For more information, call 541-561-9132.

Kentucky governor removes names of clerks from marriage licenses

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin has ordered the state to prepare new marriage licenses that do not include the names of county clerks in an attempt to protect the religious beliefs of Kim Davis and other local elected officials.

In a news release Tuesday, the state’s new Republican governor said he has issued an executive order directing the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives to issue the revised marriage license forms to all county clerks.

Davis, the Rowan County clerk, spent five days in jail for refusing to issue same-sex marriage licenses because she said doing so would violate her Christian beliefs.

Attorney Laura Landenwich, who represents same-sex couples suing Davis, says Bevin may have exceeded his legal authority. She says Kentucky statutes “require that the clerk’s name appear on the license itself.”

Bevin said he issued the executive order to “ensure that the sincerely held religious beliefs of all Kentuckians are honored.”



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