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Abortion Ship Blocked From Moroccan Port

Pro-life protests are held as an abortion ship is prevented from entering its first Muslim country.

4:53pm UK, Thursday 04 October 2012



The ship was due to arrive in the harbour at Smir

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A Mediterranean harbour is being blocked by the Moroccan navy because of a controversial ship which offers women abortions.

The Dutch group Women on Waves is being refused entry in what is its first visit to a Muslim country.



The Langenort during an earlier visit to Poland

The organisation says it is seeking to inform women about how to induce "safe legal medical abortions" as well as start the discussion on legalising it in Morocco.

Pro-life protesters, some in conservative Muslim robes and headscarves, protested against the ship's visit.

Some shouted "terrorist" and "assassin" as they approached organisers but were stopped getting too close by police.

"They have blocked the harbour. We can see a big warship in front of the harbour," Gunilla Kleiverga, a gynaecologist for Women on Waves, said from an apartment near the harbour of Smir, 40km (25 miles) east of Tangier.

"We're making an alternative plan," she said.

A government official said the port was sealed for "military manoeuvres".

The boat was invited by a women's rights group which wants to legalise abortion.

It claims that up to 800 abortions take place in the Islamic kingdom, many of them exposing the women to dangerous and sometimes fatal treatment.

Over the past 11 years the ship has visited countries including Poland, Portugal and Ireland. Its visit sparked protests from pro-life groups each time.

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"Abortion is legal in Islam as long as the Soul has not entered the body which under islamic law is before 3 months"

Exactly how did they determine something as metaphysical and invisible as the soul enters the body after 3 months?

In the Christian religion for example it is considered to be at the moment of conception.



Sandy Gray
5:22 AM on 5/10/2012

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Over recent years I have become increasingly aware of how political change takes place around the world which impacts on the lives of others in that country and around the world.

We are all humanbeings. Some of us are considered less important than others but we are all humanbeings.

Growing up in a loving family as I did in England I was exposed to modern ideas. I was fortunate enough to live in a country where western medicine had overcome the dark days of religious dogma. If you're not sure what I'm talking about watch "The Cranfords" a British production that outlines the inevitable struggle between the church & the Drs in 19th century England, against the backdrop of the coming of the railways. If you live in Asia you can catch it on NOWTV, You can probably watch it on you tube, if you have no money to pay for it.



matt71
9:58 PM on 4/10/2012

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and now the worlds war machine starts to polarise within theology.
Some shouted "terrorist" and "assassin"
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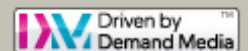


Abdel Tih
5:52 PM on 4/10/2012

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If I was there I would be the first to block Murderers. We do not need them, Abortion is legal in Islam as long as the Soul has not entered the body which under islamic law is before 3 months and to do it after 3 months the mother who is already alive must be in danger so save an existing life take priority over another. anything else is classify as Murder.

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