The Danish consulate in Beirut has been set ablaze by angry protesters in response to the publication of controversial cartoons depicting the Prophet Mohammad.

They follow similar demonstrations in the Syrian capital Damascus on Saturday where both the Danish and Norwegian embassies were torched.

Denmark has been the focus for Muslim rage as the cartoons, including one of the Prophet Mohammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban, first appeared in a Danish daily last September before being republished across Europe.

Magda Abu Fadil, director of the Institute for Professional Journalists at the Lebanese-American University in Beirut, spoke to Fran Kelly.