

VALENTINE'S DAY SEEN AS A THREAT

Valentine's Day in America means flowers, cards, boxes of chocolate, and perhaps, a night out for special couples. Despite the sweet and loving connotations of the holiday, Muslim and Hindu leaders in Asia are trying to stamp out the celebration of Valentine's Day by young lovers. While the holiday seems trivial to Westerners, it is a serious issue of cultural tension in other parts of the world. Cities in India have outlawed cards, and guards spent the day searching campuses looking for couples daring to celebrate the holiday. In Brunei, Valentine's Day has been declared a threat to Islam. Religious leaders fear the "Christian practice" of Valentine's Day could "erode moral values, weaken the community and destroy Islam." Go figure!