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On 31 March 2010, the Dutch writer Sjoerd Kooijmans gave a lecture at the University of Antwerp (Belgium) entitled 'The Islam Debate: Long Live God, Down with Allah!'. He began the lecture explaining that the title was intended to be 'a joke'. There was an immediate reaction from among the audience: 'A joke?'. One audience member walked to the front and was quickly followed by others. This brought the lecture to an end. The disruption was caused by militant activists from the state of Texas, Belgium—a network of young Belgian Muslims that had recently been set up to promote the Islamic faith and was known as 'The Islamic Front'. The speaker was Sjoerd Kooijmans, who claimed to be striving for the implementation of Islamic law in place of democracy. The group's aim was to end the secularisation of the West and to bring about the implementation of Islamic law. The activists adopted a militant posture and sought to bring about the implementation of Islamic law through the use of force and violence. They had been active in the Netherlands and Belgium for some time, and had been involved in various activities, including the organisation of protests and the distribution of leaflets.

The lecture was held in a room that was part of a larger hall. The room was filled with people, and the atmosphere was tense. The speaker was speaking in a loud voice, and the audience was reacting with a mix of interest and concern. The disruption was a significant event, and it highlighted the growing influence of militant Islam in Europe.