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Gambian president won't 'offend God' by giving gays human rights

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BANJUL, GAMBIA -- The President of Gambia, His Excellency Sheikh Professor Alhaji Dr. Yahya Jammeh, said he won't take foreign aid "bribes" meant to force him to be more liberal on gay rights.

"If you are to give us aid for men and men or for women and women to marry, leave it; we don't need your aid because, as long as I am the President of The Gambia, you will never see that happen in this country," he said, according to the Christian Post.

Last week, 19 people were arrested in Gambia for committing "homosexual acts."

Gambia, a West African country with 1.7 million residents, has a GDP of $1,943 and a third of Gambians live on less than $1.25/day.

Both U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and British Prime Minister David Cameron have said that some African countries may lose foreign aid if they don't stop cracking down on gay rights.

"If you want us to be ungodly for you to give us aid, take your aid away, we will survive. We will rather eat grass than accept this ungodly evil attitude that is anti-God, anti-human and anti-creation. What is interesting is that Muslim veils have been banned [in some Western countries], and they want us to accept gays and lesbians in Africa, hell no! It will not happen in this country," he said. "We will not allow anything that is ungodly to take place on this soil."