

# Australia: Inaction fuels outrage at green light for hate preachers

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The Australian revealed on Sunday a cleric known as 'Brother Muhammad' gave the sermon at Bankstown's Al Madina Dowah Centre - itself the subject of two police investigations now dropped - that called for a Muslim army and an Islamic state with sharia law, and wrongly accused Israel of using AI to target children.

Jewish leaders said "Australia's tolerance of intolerance" was reaching its limits. "Brother Muhammad is the latest self-described Islamic preacher to spew hatred against Jews," Executive Council of Australian Jewry co-CEO Peter Wertheim said.

"In the wake of Hamas's genocidal atrocities, he has adopted the expression 'the final solution' against the world's only Jewish state, an expression made infamous by Nazi Germany as a euphemism for the genocide of the Jewish people."

The Australian previously revealed police had dropped investigations into hate-fueled sermons at the centre by cleric Abu Qusayd - also known as Wissam Haddad - and "Brother Ismail", which included calls for jihad, parables that said "kill Jews" and that if Islamic nations "spat on Israel the Jews would drown". Police said each case had not breached the criminality threshold.

"Previous anti-Jewish rants by other Muslim preachers went un-

punished, and now we see the consequences - Australia's tolerance of intolerance must surely be reaching its limits," Mr Wertheim said.

He contrasted Brother Muhammad's use of the term with former senator Fraser Anning

saying "the final solution to the immigration problem is a popular vote", referring to Muslim immigrants, for which he was criticised.

"Brother Muhammad has used that identical expression in a manner that is even more directly reminiscent of Nazi ideas and practices," Mr Wertheim said.

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NSW Jewish Board of Deputies president David Ossip said social cohesion was a "collective responsibility", slamming the sermon's rhetoric. "Those who seek to divide our society based on race, religion or other immutable characteristics tear at the seams of what makes Australia the best place on Earth to live," he said.

Opposition home affairs spokesman James Paterson was concerned that even after multiple investigations, the centre's preachers continued to "sprout violent rhetoric and hatred".

"Calling for a 'final solution' in the context of the Israel-Palestine conflict is abhorrent and indefensible," Senator Paterson said, calling it "corrosive" to society.

Liberal senator Dave Sharma - a former ambassador to Israel - agreed the failure to act on previous sermons had given the clerics "the green light".

"This rhetoric is incendiary and only likely to fuel further anti-Semitism... especially with its appalling reference to seeking a 'final solution'," he said.

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*The [Australian Daily Mail](#) also carries the story and some background*

Brother Muhammad raged about the ongoing war in Gaza. ‘This

is the barbarity, this is the inhumane nature of this Israeli-Zionist state,' he told worshippers in a video seen by Daily Mail Australia.

The Israel-Palestine conflict 'has to be a spark for the umma (Muslim community) and a spark to the final solution,' Brother Muhammad said.



The preacher called for the Muslim world to unite 'under one leader, the khalifa, the imam, the sultan, that

implements the sharia of Allah Subhanahu wa ta'ala and he sends Muslim armies to defend the lands of Islam'.

The radical cleric also compared what is happening in Gaza to other conflicts which involve or did involve Muslim populations, such as those in Syria, Chechnya and Bosnia.

'The final solution is we must be united as one state under a Muslim government,' he said. 'All these lands must be united under one leader who implements the Koran and sunnah way of life: it will use its resources, its oil, its army to defend its people. The Muslim community needs a Muslim army to defend it and the lands of Islam ... to fight for them and protect them.

The preacher also claimed Israel was using artificial

intelligence (AI) to kill children. 'They (Israel) put information in, the computer crunches the numbers, it gives them some targets, they press the buttons, and hundreds of civilians and children are killed in one go,' he said.

The Islamic centre in Bankstown also made headlines last month when another Muslim cleric gave a sermon telling followers to 'kill Jews'. He used the name Abu Ousayd, but was revealed to be well known extremist Wissam Haddad, who runs the Al Madina Dawah Centre.

In a speech in November, he said he was an 'Ustadh' (teacher) and that Jews were 'scheming' to pit Muslim against Muslim because it was 'good for their business'.

Daily Mail Australia has contacted the Al Madina Dawah Centre for comment and clarification as to what Brother Muhammad meant by 'the final solution'.