

Father jailed for jihad speech at Brighton mosque

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A Brighton man who gave an uninvited speech at a mosque encouraging worshippers to commit violent jihad has been jailed.

Abu Baker Deghayes of Arundel Drive, Saltdean in Brighton was found guilty of encouraging terrorism after an [Old Bailey trial in January](#).

The 53-year-old was arrested and charged after making an unwanted speech, the contents of which encouraged terrorism, at Dyke Road Mosque in Brighton on 1 November 2020.

He told worshippers committing Jihad was an obligation and he encouraged Jihad by the sword while making stabbing gestures.

Today (21/4) he was sentenced to four years imprisonment with one year on licence.

Asim Takriti, the chairman of the mosque, reported Deghayes, to police after being concerned by his speech on 1 November, 2020

Mr Takriti who has been the chairman of the mosque since 2018, told ITV News Meridian: "There were not only men, but also women and children present . . . Mr Deghayes ran the mosque for over 20 years, and there can be a culture of these sort of speeches. It was hard to stop him, especially as he had lots of supporters. It wasn't a good situation, until Deghayes was arrested.

"It has improved slightly, but Mr Deghayes supporters are trying to claim the mosque back for them so it's a hassle for us and the authorities, to cleanse the mosque of all forms of

hate and commit any form of violence. . . I'm thankful to the authorities for taking swift action- and now he's been sentenced today..”