Islamic preacher claims Zionists are plotting to 'control the world'

An Islamic preacher has been accused of using anti-Semitic tropes in a London mosque by claiming Zionists are plotting to "control the world" by manipulating banks, media organisations and regimes, <u>The Telegraph</u> can reveal.



Sheikh Babikir Ahmed Babikir (so good they named him twice) said that any Muslim who opposed Hamas was a "hypocrite" and compared the proscribed terrorist organisation with Nelson Mandela.

He made the comments at the Mosque and Islamic Centre of Brent – a registered charity in north London.

The Charity Commission has opened a regulatory compliance case following the revelations.

In a talk on Dec 30, he said that Zionists were in league with the Dajjal – an evil false prophet in Islamic theology comparable to the Antichrist.

He said: "Zionism is like a political party, preparing for the Dajjal to come to rule the world, and their main function is to make sure that all the organs of states across the world and the national and international bodies will be in their hold. They hold the media, they hold all the financial

institutions, they control a lot of the political regimes around the world and once they have that they will try to control the world."

In a speech on Dec 8, he said Zionists were bribing UK politicians down to "small town" mayors to "use their false narrative and fabricated stories to push their agenda".

Discussing the "Gaza mujahideen" on Dec 29, he said: "These are people whom Allah has chosen, Allah has empowered. They make their own weapons, with the least they have, with all the difficulties in front of them, and they are managing to destroy the most hardest, advanced weapon man be proud of. . . Your job and my job is to support them and to help them."

Mr Babikir told the Telegraph that he "vehemently" disagreed with the notion that his stance was anti-Semitic . . . "In my discourse, it is important to clarify that I refer to Zionists, not Jews, recognising that not all proponents of Zionism are of Jewish descent."

On Hamas, he said he "made it clear that fighting in selfdefence is permitted", but must be within Muslim rules of engagement. *Mohammed's example gives them a lot of scope there* ...

He continued: "It is worth noting my longstanding involvement in interfaith activities spanning five decades, consistently advocating for my community to adhere to the laws of the land and refrain from unwarranted attacks – especially upon innocent Jews in the UK who bear no responsibility for the atrocities in the Holy Land."

The Mosque and Islamic Centre of Brent did not respond to a request for comment.