

Sadiq Khan accuses Chief Rabbi of singling him out for criticism because he is Muslim

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In seemingly incendiary comments, Mr Khan implied that senior members of the Jewish community, including the Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis, had condemned his call for a ceasefire because of his religion.

...in an interview with Mehdi Hasan, a prominent broadcaster and commentator, Mr Khan said he was "disappointed" by the criticism levelled at him by "Jewish leaders and Jewish friends". He said similar calls for a ceasefire made by Andy Burnham, the mayor of Greater Manchester, had not prompted a

backlash and said that was because he was “not called Ahmed Burani, he’s called Andy Burnham whereas I’m called Sadiq Khan.”

Mr Khan issued an apology on Friday, in which he said he “deeply regretted” the comments. The remarks risked stoking further divisions in London just days before he seeks a third term as London’s mayor. . . saying that he should not have taken his “frustration” out on Sir Ephraim.

Mr Khan said: “I have been in contact with the Chief Rabbi to apologise for my comments, which I deeply regret. . . .”

The interview, posted on YouTube, has already attracted more than 150,000 views while the comments about the Chief Rabbi have been condemned on social media with one critic of the mayor complaining that Mr Khan had “deployed...pathetic victim card”.

I never was going to vote for him on Thursday and I don't know anyone who admits that they intend to do so. However in the ethnic communities that are the majority in inner London views and habits are different, and while the requirment for photographic ID, for the first time, will deter some voter fraud, bulk postal voting will make up the majority of the fraud that will undoubtedly go on.