Uproar after Western Sydney bakery shares photo of four-year-old's Hamas-themed birthday cake

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A Western Sydney bakery has sparked uproar with a picture of a custom-made birthday cake featuring an infamous Hamas terrorist and a four-year-old boy dressed in the militant terror group's uniform.

Oven Bakery by Fu Fu posted the photos on Tuesday, in a since deleted social media post.

One of the images appeared to show the cake featuring a depiction of Hamas spokesperson Abu Obaida, wearing an army camouflage jacket along with a red scarf over his face.



In the photo, an unidentified young boy (since identified as

<u>Omar</u>) is wearing similar clothing to Obaida and making a finger gesture similar to the terrorist. Another picture shows cupcakes bearing the same image of Obaida, along with the Palestinian flag.



On Thursday, former Melbourne radio host Neil Mitchell (said) "I think it's awful — it's an indication of the nature of division in this country at the moment, the antisemitism we're seeing... It's tempting to sort of say 'oh well, it's a

harmless prank'. (But) that sign, the raised finger, that was invented by ISIS (terror group Islamic State). They're actually recognising a man who is the face of terrorism." The raised finger, to indicate the oneness of Allah, is older than ISIS, but they have made it their own

NSW Premier Chris Minns slammed the images. "Kids party's should be innocent and fun, not hateful," Minns said. "Hamas is an evil terrorist organisation." NSW Opposition leader Mark Speakman said he thought the cakes were truly shocking.