

Danish imam charged over call to kill Jews

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Danish prosecutors on Tuesday charged an imam with calling for the killing of Jews in the first case of its kind in the Nordic nation. Imam Mundhir Abdallah, who preaches in the Copenhagen neighbourhood of Nørrebro at the Masjid Al-Faruq mosque, which media have linked to radical Islam, is accused of citing a hadith or koranic narrative calling for Muslims to rise up against Jews.

"Judgement Day will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them," Abdallah said in a Facebook and YouTube video post in March.



...public prosecutor Eva Rønne said..."it's legal to quote religious books like the Koran and the Bible, but that inciting or welcoming the killings of people could be

punishable by up to three years in prison. It has always been illegal to accept killings of a certain group of people, but it's new for us to target hate preachers,"

The case will be brought before the Copenhagen district court but no trial date has been set, the prosecution said. Abdallah could face up to three years in prison if convicted under the hate speech law,

Minister of immigration and integration, Inger Støjberg, who has been outspoken against Islamic practises in Denmark, has described the imam's address as "horrible, anti-democratic and abominable".

According to broadcaster DR, Omar al-Hussein, who was behind a series of shootings at a free-speech conference and a Jewish synagogue in Copenhagen in February 2015 which left two people dead, had visited the mosque the day before going on the rampage.