## Muslim preacher reported to police after comparing October 7 attacks to Jews breaking out of concentration camps

I couldn't get behind the paywall of <u>The Times</u> this morning, but <u>GB News</u> has the story now.



Sheikh Jaffer Ladak said that Allah had given permission for oppressed people to fight back

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Ladak, the
imam of the
Baab-Ul-Ilm
Centre in
Leeds, made
numerous
comments on
social media
stating that
Muslims
should not

condemn Hamas. West Yorkshire police were handed a dossier filled with remarks Ladak has made since Hamas massacred more than 1,000 Israeli civilians last year.

In another video, Ladak complained about the media asking if Muslims "condemn Hamas", to which he responded: "The answer is actually no, why should we condemn?"

He hosted a sermon called "Palestinians have a right to occupation" six days after the invasion of Gaza. In the sermon, he said: "We have seen the Muslim ummah [community]

come together, united in opposition of the atrocities carried out by the illegal and illegitimate Zionist state against our brothers and sisters, particularly in Gaza. Also in the West Bank and also in Lebanon and Syria."

Allah has given permission for people to fight back because they have been oppressed" and that "from the perspective of international law, it is the right of the Gazans to fight off their oppressors, at any moment that they see fit, and in any way they see fit.

The mosque has slammed the police complaint as "ignominious Islamophobia".

In a statement to The Times, they said: "It is absurd and baseless even to suggest that we would commit hate crime against any faith, race, or group of people.

West Yorkshire police said that inquiries into the incident are ongoing.