

The Hadith of Hate: There Is Only One Context

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"Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad would not say, for it is the tree of the Jews."

From the Middle East to Europe to the US to Canada and elsewhere, the above *hadith* (the reported sayings of the Prophet Mohammad) is recited with regularity in many mosques by imams in their sermons. It is even quoted in the [Hamas charter](#). Just in the past few days, an [imam](#) in the Norrebro mosque (Copenhagen, Denmark) was actually charged by Danish

authorities for citing it in a sermon. It has been [attributed](#) to Hatem Bazian, an activist Muslim professor at UC Berkeley and a dedicated foe of Israel. It has been [recited](#) in mosques in Raleigh, North Carolina and Houston, Texas in the wake of President Trump's announcement that he would move the US embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. In 2016, an imam [recited](#) it in a Montreal mosque. Just last month, a report