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Muslim cleric behind Britain's biggest sharia court denies child sex offences after being questioned by police

Sheikh Faiz-ul-Aqtab Siddiqi, 51, has voluntarily spoken to officers from West Midlands Police about allegations of historical child sex offences

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Faiz-ul-Aqtab Siddiqi has been questioned by West Midlands Police detectives and through his solicitor he has denied wrongdoing (Image: CEN)

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A British Muslim preacher has denied allegations of child sex offences after two women claimed he **raped them** as children.

Sheikh Faiz-ul-Aqtab Siddiqi has voluntarily been questioned by West Midlands Police in connection with the ongoing investigation.

Mr Siddiqi currently teaches at the Hijaz College between Hinckley, Leicestershire and Nuneaton in Warwickshire.

Two Dutch women have accused the 51-year-old of raping them when they were children after they were sent to the UK by their parents to study Islam, reports **Das Telegraaf**.



The alleged crimes are said to have taken place at the Siddiqi house in Coventry in the late 1980s and early 1990s when Siddiqi was in his early 20s and the two Dutch girls, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were schoolchildren.



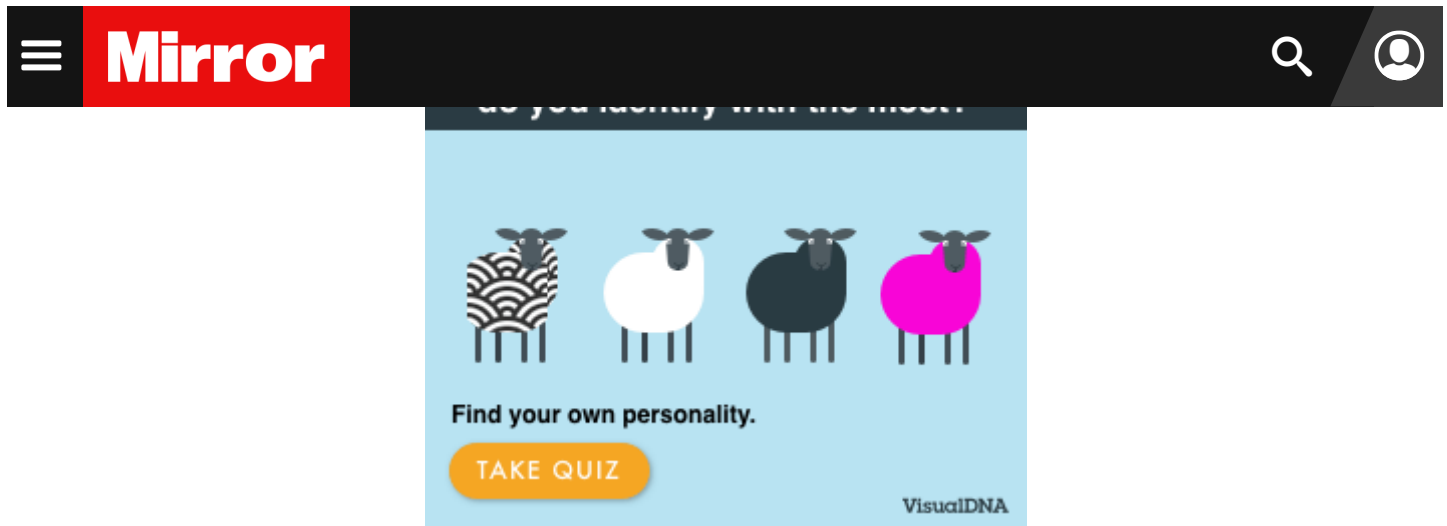
The offences allegedly committed by Siddiqi date back to the 1980s and 1990s (Image: CEN)

Through his solicitor, Mr Siddiqi has stated reports about sexual abuse are 'unfounded' and that rogue mosque-goers in the Netherlands are seeking to discredit his family.

The mother of the girls said: "I believed him and followed him myself, until my daughter told me she was abused by him."

She claimed her daughter told her she had been "abused in the most barbaric way" and that "even now, a quarter of a century on, we are still trying to repair the damage".

The two women, who are now middle aged, reported their allegations against Mr Siddiqi at a police station in Coventry earlier this year.



West Midlands Police have confirmed an investigation has been launched and that a suspect was questioned earlier this month.

A police spokesman said: "A 51-year-old man from Nuneaton has been voluntarily interviewed in relation to allegations of historical rape cases.

"Enquiries remain ongoing."

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