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BBC broadcasts apology and pays very substantial libel damages to Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin over false Salman Rushdie allegation

The BBC has today broadcast a full apology to Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin (one of the founding members of the Muslim Council of Britain and a past Chairman of the charity Muslim Aid) over false allegations, made by host Nicky Campbell during the BBC Radio 5 Live Breakfast show in August 2016, that Mr Mueen-Uddin had advocated the lynching of Salman Rushdie during the infamous “Satanic Verses” affair.

As well as apologising on its prime time 5 Live breakfast show and on its website, the BBC has paid Mr Mueen-Uddin very substantial libel damages, as well as agreeing to pay his legal costs.

Speaking today, Mr Mueen-Uddin said: *“I am very pleased that the BBC has apologised for what it accepts is a completely unfounded allegation, and that the matter is now resolved. I, like many Muslims, found the Satanic Verses highly offensive to Muslims and our faith; however at no stage did I advocate or campaign for Mr. Rushdie to be lynched or in any way harmed, or condone those who did. I am pleased that the BBC has acted quickly to bring this highly distressing matter to a conclusion.”*

- The broadcast apology can be heard at:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/player/b088hwcf> (timecode 2:35:32)
- The BBC website apology is available at the following link:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/helpandfeedback/corrections_clarifications/

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