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Muslim Council of Britain spokesman, Inayat Bunglawala, has today won his libel case against the Mail on Sunday

The High Court was today informed how, in an article dated 15 March 2009, the Mail on Sunday had falsely alleged that there were strong grounds to suspect Mr Bunglawala of unlawfully stabbing a man at his home. The article also alleged that he was an extremist who supports the views and objectives of Abu Qatada and Al Qaeda, and called into question his suitability as a Government adviser.

The article was then referred to and reproduced on a number of websites, including that of the BNP.

Mr Bunglawala's solicitor, Stevie Loughrey of Carter-Ruck, informed the Court that the Mail on Sunday now accepted that the allegations it had published were false.

The newspaper has already published a full and prominent apology to Mr Bunglawala in the Mail on Sunday and on its website and has agreed to pay him substantial damages for libel together with his legal costs.

Inayat Bunglawala said today: "The allegations that the Mail on Sunday published about me were untrue and should never have been published. The publication caused my family and me a great deal of distress, particularly as my solicitors had written to the Mail on Sunday beforehand in the hope that they would behave responsibly. It is regrettable that they nevertheless went on to publish such a sensationalist and thoroughly misleading article. I am very pleased that this matter has now concluded and that the paper has accepted its allegations were false".

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