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UK police cited AI fake in banning Israeli football fans

The West Midlands chief constable has apologized after citing a fictitious match invented to justify keeping Maccabi Tel Aviv fans away



FILE PHOTO. Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC fans display the flag of Israel © Getty Images / Alexander Hassenstein

The chief constable of the UK's third-largest police force has admitted that evidence used to justify banning fans of an Israeli football club from attending a Europa League match in Birmingham last year was generated by artificial intelligence and referred to a game that never took place.

West Midlands Police Chief Constable Craig Guildford offered a *"profound apology"* to a parliamentary committee on Monday, admitting an *"erroneous result"* in his intelligence report came from using Microsoft Copilot AI.

The report referenced a match between Maccabi Tel Aviv and West Ham United in November 2023 as part of its safety assessment. However, the match never actually took place as West Ham played Olympiacos on that date, while Maccabi played in Poland.

Guildford, who initially denied AI was involved, stated in a letter that he had *"honestly"* believed the match had been *"identified by way of a Google search"* and insisted he had *"no intention to mislead the Committee."*

The AI-generated evidence was

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used to support West Midlands Police's recommendation to Birmingham's Safety Advisory Group to ban Maccabi fans from a Europa League match against Aston Villa in November 2025. The decision was also based heavily on the force's assessment of violent clashes involving Maccabi supporters during an away match against Ajax in Amsterdam in November 2024.



However, the Dutch police have since directly challenged the British force's characterization of those events, disputing key claims, including that Maccabi fans had thrown people into an Amsterdam river. They stated the only such incident involved a Maccabi fan being forced into the water while assailants shouted anti-Semitic slurs. They also contradicted the scale of the police operation, saying it required 1,200 officers, not the 5,000 claimed by West Midlands Police.

UK Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood has said West Midlands force had a "failure of leadership" that "harmed the reputation and eroded public confidence in West Midlands police and policing more broadly." She added that she has lost confidence in Guildford but lacks the legal power to remove him.

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Israeli hooligans, especially those who served in Gaza, are welcome in Birmingham

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P Pat M 1/15/2026 at 12:32 PM 3

«Imagine living in a country where you get arrested for condemning the US/Israeli genocide in Gaza because it offends those actually committing the genocide.»
Utterly shameful but no surprise.
Like the corporate-controlled US, the UK is a de-facto one-party state.
State broadcaster BBC led the media campaign which demonised and toppled Corbyn.
Only a Blairite pro-Israel Labour Party like Starmer's is allowed to govern.
Starmer got £50,000 for his leadership campaign from the Israeli lobby.
Welcome to so-called 'democracy' UK-style!

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D David Stael 1/15/2026 at 5:37 PM ↑ 0

british media is as corrupt as the lame stream dei/woke media in the us. The are all controlled by the military/financial industrial complex.

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D David Stael 1/15/2026 at 5:35 PM 1

uk government will blame everyone for their incompetence and failures. Now they blame AI and soon they will blame ETs.

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63051 1/15/2026 at 3:56 PM 1

West Midlands Police Chief Constable Craig Guildford is deathly afraid of being call antisemitic. His superior and the press controlled by Israel's genocidal Zionist war criminals will bury him and his family under a pile of rubble.

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63051 1/15/2026 at 3:47 PM 1

Nope, can't have anything that is negative or offend the «Chosen»

even if it is true. you can't even tell them it is sick to label newborn babies as terrorists. To do so is sacrilegious. You'll be attacked and ruin financially, politically and socially by their media and hired intimidator for being antisemitic.

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Martian 1/15/2026 at 11:22 AM

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The Zionist Apartheid regime of Israel have totally gone bankrupt, also morally, and politically!
So, why even bother!?

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Michel Fortin 1/14/2026 at 8:48 PM

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Guilford was called on a Saturday morning and was ordered to say this crap. Evidently they got the little guy in a compromising situation
The usual Mossad playbook

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Avuncular 1/14/2026 at 9:12 PM ↕

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Is the opium strong with you

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Iks Sekurtoni 1/15/2026 at 8:32 AM ↕

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Are you mentally challenged?

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Iks Sekurtoni 1/15/2026 at 8:30 AM

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There should be no excuse for banning all jewnazies from even entering europe!

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Charles Ng 1/15/2026 at 3:24 AM

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Is Guildford's actions symptomatic of the Starmer regime's underhand tactics? All fake and more misleading plots to deceive the public. No wonder the low public support for him.
Good grief.

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Black Jack 1/15/2026 at 2:00 AM

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Maybe some of those internet jack offs will finally get mad that their computer gf has had enough and decide to go on a rampage for a high score. Who knows he can invite the whole team! No little babies as you have pride in murdering children you don't get to play soccer. You have to go kill for israel. They always use sports events to throw a show! Kahan himself would be proud of the kahanist pro Israeli Zionist involvement..kahanist believe killing Jews makes them worship Israel more. Kahanists commit terrorism in their own people.. they invented the war on terror

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Barry 1/15/2026 at 12:26 AM

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I would like to see them banned from everything


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 **Martian** 1/15/2026 at 12:00 AM

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Well, finally AI, let alone UK did something good!


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 **Durward** 1/14/2026 at 11:40 PM

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Occupied for centuries. They were ordered to say that.

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 **Lolproinc** 1/14/2026 at 10:12 PM

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But its ok for these Mazioso tumours to chant whatever they want


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 **Chester Mcchickens** 1/14/2026 at 10:07 PM

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cant trust jews


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 **xawecki** 1/14/2026 at 7:34 PM

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In the world where creating or removing «evidence» is a matter of few minutes work on the home computer makes the whole judicial system obsolete and irrelevant. I expect that in not too distant future the whole new industry will be created where for a small fee one could buy any evidence for his proceedings in the court.

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 **greg alveolis** 1/14/2026 at 10:06 PM ↕

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Why «small» ?...
High prices guarantee exclusivity for the elite...
And by far, it's already in place.

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 **R T** 1/14/2026 at 10:00 PM

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What! That's anti semitic , Un inclusive and against DIE agenda. Nice job keeping the rif raf out


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 **ANDREA Stengel** 1/14/2026 at 8:22 PM

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since employing an AI search assistant, Google has become completely useless at finding stuff on the internet

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 **greg alveolis** 1/14/2026 at 9:59 PM ↕

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Google nowadays, only serves paid ads for search results...

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 **USMarine FightingForAmerica** 1/14/2026 at 9:27 PM

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They don't need to use any manufactured evidence.

ALL Israeli's are TERRORISTS ... period

ALL israelis are TERRORISTS,.... period.

JD – US Marine: Just Use The Facts, That Is All That Is Needed.

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Nathi 1/14/2026 at 9:18 PM

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Oreshinik can warm the devils

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Nathi 1/14/2026 at 9:15 PM

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Use live bullets to chase away evil demons

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Big Vic 1/14/2026 at 9:12 PM

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Today worldwide the AI technology.... Is the best thing created for humanity for kinda of progress prosperity peace and life.. and TKS to the MIGA MISANTHROPIC establishment... It's a two face coin.. progress vs extermination of people.. myself we' are into AI technology for music and English language ideas and games and through social developments pro progress prosperity peace and life for people around us.. and it's working amazingly good and easy .. but also works extremely well for evil agenda and ideas for extermination of anything human around... The good news are that. The Internet will destroyed sooner than later.. and we will be in the stone age... TKS to MIGA MIGA and more MIGA agenda and MIGA forever and ever.. MIGA make Israel great again and again and..

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Avuncular 1/14/2026 at 9:12 PM

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That's fugged up

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Rufus Hannassey 1/14/2026 at 9:04 PM

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It is now okay tp feterlize your lawn with used motor oil.

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Rufus Hannassey 1/14/2026 at 9:03 PM

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If your gas isn't under 1.99 a jew is making a fortune off you and y all should do something about it.

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Rufus Hannassey 1/14/2026 at 9:02 PM

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Gas in Ohio is 1.49 a gallon.

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Rufus Hannassey 1/14/2026 at 8:54 PM

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I heard Jewish women feet smell like suarerkraut.

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Rufus Hannassey 1/14/2026 at 8:51 PM

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Jews are always the best people to ban.

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[reply](#)**C** **Carla Muss-Jacobs** 1/14/2026 at 8:46 PM 0

Oh please. The UK should be used to hooligans at football matches. This was just AI generated, pre-game delusion.

Classic.

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“The chief constable of the UK’s third-largest police force has admitted that evidence used to justify banning fans of an Israeli football club from attending a Europa League match in Birmingham last year was generated by artificial intelligence and referred to a game that never took place.”

Why invent reasons, when it is obvious that genocidal Israel should be banned everywhere just for committing genocide.

[Reply](#)**J** **John Kesich** 1/14/2026 at 7:23 PM 7

Was what happened in Amsterdam AI generated?
RT is such a Zionist tool.

[Reply](#)**D** **DR** 1/14/2026 at 7:36 PM 2

Yes, the guy was misled by AI, but their headline make it sound like he intentionally «generated» some fake evidence with AI!

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Not only that but the point was such an irrelevant aside. The MOUNTAIN of evidence they relied on was real, this was simply one additional data point that had zero impact either way

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The entire report was solid, the ONLY part they are talking about was an irrelevant point adding to the mountain of evidence. Not having it would have changed absolutely nothing and it’s strange to see RT pushing Israeli Hasbara

[Reply](#)**RB** **RB slammed** 1/14/2026 at 7:55 PM 1

Please, that one irrelevant data point in a sea of evidence added nothing to the analysis and all of this nonsense is only happening bc Israel has found a way to purchase number 5 for their pupper

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