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Onderwerp: Sky News comment for today/Maccabi fans

Greetings,

I just spoke on the phone and further that conversation I wanted to verify this quote linked to the Maccabi Tel Aviv match in Amsterdam a year ago.

<https://www.thejc.com/news/politics/amsterdam-mayor-says-she-does-not-recognise-birmingham-police-claim-about-violent-maccabi-fans-lpi77m1c>
Amsterdam's mayor has said she "doesn't recognise the figure" of 600 Maccabi hooligans attributed to the Dutch authorities by West Midlands Police to justify the force's ban on the Israeli club's fans.

A spokesperson for Amsterdam Mayor Femke Halsema told the *JC*: "I don't recognise these figures."

Also I wanted to see if you recognise this statement as accurate from West Midlands authorities about the circumstances around the match in 2024 in Amsterdam, that the Maccabi fans were "apparently intentionally targeting Muslim communities."

Best,

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