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After Mail reveals would-be MP attacked 'Jews in the media'...

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By **Harriet Line Deputy Political Editor** 

LABOUR was last night forced to withdraw its support for a by-election candidate after the Mail uncovered more of his anti-Semitic comments.

Azhar Ali, who claimed Israel 'deliberately allowed' Hamas's October 7 massacre of its own people, was suspended from the party pending an investigation.

Yet just hours earlier, Sir Keir Starmer's team had rallied behind the councillor – claiming he had simply fallen for an 'online conspiracy theory' and that it was 'out of charac-

ter' for him to be anti-Semitic. Late last night, Labour said it had withdrawn support for the Rochdale by-election candidate 'following new information'.

The Mail had obtained a full audio tape of his comments during a meeting of the Lancashire Labour Party shortly after the October 7 attacks. As well as having told the meeting that Israel

■Blamed 'people in the media from certain Jewish quarters' for fuelling criticism of a

Said Israel planned to 'get rid of [Palestinians] from Gaza' and 'grab' some of the land; ■ Boasted about preventing Israeli flags being

allowed the massacre to happen so it could wage war on Gaza, Mr Ali apparently also: pro-Palestinian Labour MP;

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