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Aalst attack

Belgian premier Sophie Wilmès joined a chorus of condemnation of a carnival in the city of Aalst that went ahead despite accusations of anti-Semitism and racism in its caricatures. Reuters reports on how this year's edition included an effigy of an ultra-Orthodox Jew with boxes of diamonds. While carnival supporters and organisers say the event is a bit of fun that lampoons a wide range of targets, Conference of European Rabbis president Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt said the “anti-Semitic tropes” were “extremely offensive”. “We cannot pretend that these images are some kind of joke or do not cause fear,” he said.

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