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SUGGESTED TERROR STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA

The President of the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils, Mr Ikebal Adam Patel expressed dismay at the article published about the claims of terror strike in Australia on the front page of today's Australian newspaper. He said that there might be terrorist activities in other parts of the World but Australia still remains a peaceful place for Muslims and non Muslims of this country.

Mr Patel said that normally, such alarmist claims are addressed in the same article with views from leaders of established Muslim organisations for its veracity but this did not occur in this article. We had a situation of a false alarm being raised from a young man whose sole area of work is with troubled young people. This alarm is false and there is no imminent threat of terror to Australia as AFIC the national umbrella body for the Muslims of Australia is in contact with Federal Authorities and would be kept informed of any such activity.

He further added that I had spoken to a number of Muslim leaders around Australia and we all are in agreement that the alarmist views expressed by Mr. Rahman are not reflective of the great efforts of healing that have taken place in Australia over the past. Indeed, the great respect shown to the late prominent Muslim Australian John Ilhan who tragically passed away last week shows that Australians respect good work and will honour Muslims who have contributed to this nation. The comments from Prime Minister Mr Howard, Opposition Leader Mr Rudd and the mainstream media respectfully eulogising Mr. Ilhan is a credit to this nation and is a sign of the healing and acceptance that exists in this country. Mr. Rahman's comments are more reflective of fantasy rather than reality, such hypothesising should not published on the front pages of our national papers without consulting the established Muslim leadership in Australia, said Mr. Patel who is presently visiting Indonesia on a government delegation of good will emphasising the Australian involvement in harmony and peace for all around the world.

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