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AFRICAN-AUSTRALIANS ADVISED TO REPORT HARASSMENT AND ABUSE

In the wake of this morning's anti-terrorism raids across Melbourne, there are fears that African-Australians and Muslim Australians may be subject to assaults, abuse or intimidation. In the past, there has been an upsurge in such incidents following on media publicity of terror raids.

"Racist and religious violence is always unacceptable, whether it is committed by terrorists or whether it is aimed at African-Australians or Muslim-Australians," said Dr. Berhan Ahmed, chairperson of the ATT. "In past incidents, even Indians and Orthodox Christians have been targeted."

The ATT would like to advise all African-Australians, Muslim-Australians and member communities to report any such incidents to the ATT and to the police.

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