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AUSTRALIANS MUST RECOGNISE AND FIGHT RACISM

The African Think Tank today reacted to the murder of Mr. Nitin Garg in Melbourne.

“This terrible murder is a reminder of the existence and danger of racism in our society. Australia is very fortunate in that the level of racism here is not high. Among most of the Australian people, there is friendliness, openness to new people and new cultures and a welcoming attitude.

“Nevertheless, racism does exist here, and everyone who comes from another culture, and particularly those marked out by the colour of their skin, knows this. There is too much tolerance in some sections of our society on racism. More incidents like this will be the terrible result. This is not something that should be denied, but must be faced head-on. For the African Community, this murder is a terrible reminder of the similar murder of young Liep Gony in Noble Park in 2007.

“Denials will not satisfy or reassure the world. Racial tolerance is not something that can be achieved and then left. Rather tolerance is an ongoing process. Each new generation must be taught and guided to reject racism in all its forms. The world must know that Australia does not condone racism in any form and is working to guard against it in every way. One incident of racist murder is too much and must not be tolerated.

“Australia is part of a diverse world. It has a responsibility to accept its role and show leadership in all challenges facing our society including asylum seekers issue. The African Think tank stands ready to work with the Indian and other communities to wards ending racism wherever it is found.”

No to racism and hate,

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