



PRESS RELEASE

Group of 6 people were allegedly physically and verbally assaulted in Adelaide

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The Islamophobia Register Australia (The Register) received an incident report overnight detailing an Islamophobic incident which allegedly occurred on 6 July 2024 in a hotel lobby in Adelaide.

The group of 6 friends, 3 of whom were Muslim and all of whom were wearing keffiyehs, were entering the hotel lift when the alleged perpetrator started physically and verbally abusing the group.

About Shaweesh, one of the victims, recounted the incident to The Register: *“This attack was unprovoked. He started by pushing me first, then yelling at us, saying, ‘You f*cking terrorist c*nts’; ‘You support these f*cking terrorist Muslim c*nts’; and ‘I’ll kill every one of you c*nts’. He continued to punch us in the face and back until we finally were able to restrain him until the police arrived. He kept telling us that he wanted to kill us.”*

The incident reported to the Register comes amidst an unprecedented surge of over 580 per cent in Islamophobic incidents since October 7, 2023.

Executive Director, Dr. Nora Amath, stated: *“What is deeply concerning is that these incidents are becoming increasingly violent. In the last two months alone, we have seen a number of Islamophobic threats referencing Christchurch terrorist Brenton Tarrant—once in Victoria and twice in New South Wales. This alarming trend underscores the urgent need for action.”*

The Register urgently calls for immediate and decisive action to address the rising tide of Islamophobia in the country. Any form of racism, whether Islamophobia or anti-semitism, is completely unacceptable.

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About the Islamophobia Register Australia

[Islamophobia Register Australia](https://www.islamophobia.com.au) is a not-for-profit organisation that has been leading the tracking and tackling of Islamophobia across Australia since its launch in 2014. It provides a secure and reliable online reporting platform that captures nation-wide data and offers first-hand support to victims of Islamophobia. Having recently expanded its board and appointed an inaugural Executive Director, the Register has grown its operations to take its work and influence to the next level.

Its operating model has been commended and replicated by multiple other marginalised groups who have approached the Register to support them in the establishment of their own reporting models. This includes the First Nations Racism Register, 'Call it Out' founded by the National Justice Project and the Jumbunna Institute. The Register was also recently invited to provide evidence at the Disability Royal Commission who are looking to make formal recommendations to create a similar organisation to track and tackle disability hate.

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Aboud Shaweesh is also keen to speak to the media.