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- Muslims Australia Magazine
- Islamic Schools Projects
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- Imams & Religious Services
- Dawah Work
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Political Advocacy

## MEMBER STATE COUNCILS

Muslims NSW

Islamic Council of VIC

Islamic Council of QLD

Islamic Council of WA

Islamic Council of SA

Islamic Council of ACT

Islamic Council of NT

Islamic Council of TAS

Islamic Council of

Christmas Island

## MEMBER SOCIETIES

Over 100

**48 Years of Community  
Services**

**30 December 2011**

## **CHRISTMAS VIOLENCE**

The President of Muslims Australia (AFIC), Mr Ikebal Adam Patel in deploring the recent attacks on churches and other places of worship in Nigeria during the recent Christmas celebrations commented, "The perpetrators of these atrocities can not be believers of any religion and the authorities in Nigeria needs to apprehend and bring to justice not only those who committed these acts but also the people and groups behind the planning of these cowardly acts."

The world during recent times has seen more than enough suffering, death, and destruction due to natural causes such as tsunamis, hurricanes, earth quakes, floods, bush fires and the like. These are unavoidable events and unfortunately humanity will just have to accept the power of nature in unleashing its fury from time to time and in locations of its choosing. But death and destruction brought about by humans on each other for political, sectarian or religious reasons just does not have any place in the modern world.

Mr Patel urged the prosperous nations of the world to direct more of its aid funds towards uplifting the living conditions of the poorest of the world, but more specifically to the education of the disadvantaged so that the cycles of poverty can be broken and the ignorant can be empowered in their own rights rather than being reliant perpetually on those who are interested in making mischief in their communities.

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