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Is the stage being set for the 2010 World Cup?

PRESS STATEMENT

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The growing number of pronouncements by “experts” and journalists regarding a possible Al –Qaeda attack in South Africa in year 2010 serves only to create a climate of suspicion, mistrust and fear. A closer look at such alarmist offerings reveals a striking lack of clarity and substance. Are these hasty and dangerous claims a dress rehearsal by agent provocateurs to execute their nefarious agenda in the name of Islam and Muslims? Is the general public being conditioned by a third force to instinctively point fingers towards Muslims before they unleash their nefarious agenda?

Those with relevant information will better serve South Africa by engaging with intelligence and state security establishments instead of creating a climate of fear through reckless media pronouncements. South Africa will be the show case of the world in 2010. It is a milestone not only for South Africa but for the entire African continent. Muslims are an integral part of the continent and have in the main coexisted peacefully with various faith based communities. Who will benefit from the alleged attack on South Africa? Surely not the Muslim community! It is in the interest of all South Africans irrespective of their religious persuasions to ensure that the World Cup is not hijacked by provocateurs who want to use this occasion to destabilize South Africa. We therefore need to guard against sensationalist propaganda peddled under the guise of ‘information’

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