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### **The Age**

THAT a member of the Global Islamic Youth Centre could describe Sheikh Feiz Muhammad as a "great bloke" speaks volumes about that organisation and radical Islamists in this country.

Australians consider someone who is friendly, easygoing and tolerant to be a great bloke. A youth leader who inculcates "a love of martyrdom" in children, advocates jihad and describes non-Muslims as filth and Jews as pigs hardly falls into that category.

The rhetoric of hate has heated up in recent times. Unless nipped in the bud, related actions will inevitably follow. The great challenge for Muslim Australians, their leaders in particular, is to demonstrate in word and deed that the "misunderstood" proponents of terror increasingly hitting the headlines are as unacceptable to their community as they are to the rest of us.

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IT was very disappointing to read Muslim youth representative Fadi Rahman's contention that the reaction to Sheik Feiz Mohamed's hate-filled invective is an example of prejudice against the Muslim community .

It's not anti-Muslim prejudice to express outrage and disquiet about a youth leader fostering the wish for martyrdom by children, advocating jihad and describing non-Muslims as "filth" and Jews as "pigs". That Fadi Rahman apparently doesn't understand this is of great concern.

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