

# Nine reasons terrorism has nothing to do with Islam

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THE Muslim organisation behind the Maroochydore mosque has explained that terrorism has nothing to do with Islam.

In a statement on its website, the Muslim Organisation Sunshine Coast said it was "horrified by all the barbaric acts perpetrated in the name of any ideology around the world".

It also "entirely rejects them for Islam".

Here's the explanation why:

■ 1. Terrorism is above all murder.

Murder is strictly

## Maroochydore Muslim group 'horrified' by violence

forbidden in the Qur'an (Koran).

Qur'an 6:151 says "and do not kill the soul which Allah has forbidden (to be killed) except by (legal) right".

This means murder is forbidden, but the death penalty imposed by the State for a crime is permitted.

■ 2. If the motive for terrorism is religious, it is impermissible in Islamic law. It is also forbidden to impose Islam on other people.

The Koran says "There shall be no compulsion in (acceptance) of religion".

■ 3. Islamic law forbids

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aggressive warfare.

The Koran (8:61) says "And if they incline to peace, then incline to it and rely upon Allah".

■ 4. In the Islamic law of war, not just any civil engineer can declare or launch war.

It is the prerogative of the duly constituted leader of

the Muslim community.

Nowadays that would be the president or prime minister of the state, as advised by the mufti or consulting a national board of judges.

■ 5. The killing of innocent non-combatants is forbidden, specifically women, children, the old or

the infirm.

Abu Bakr al-Siddiq said in the first Caliph "I instruct you, do not kill women, the children, the old or the infirm.

"Do not cut down fruit-bearing trees, do not destroy any town."

■ 6. Terrorism or hirabah is forbidden in Islamic law as is any illicit use of fear and coercion in public spaces for money or power. The principle is based on the Koran 5:33 to 34.

■ 7. Sneak attacks are forbidden.

Muslim commanders must

give the enemy fair warning war is imminent.

The Prophet Muhammad at one point gave four months notice.

■ 8. The Prophet Muhammad counselled doing good to those who harm you.

"Accustom yourselves to do good if people do good and not to do wrong (even) if they do evil (Al-Tirmidhi).

■ 9. The Koran demands of believers they exercise justice toward people even where they have reason to be angry with them "and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just, that is nearer to righteousness". (5:8)



KEEN VOLUNTEERS: Trish Bignall and Emma Wright are in the Sunshine Coast Basket Brigade. PHOTO: JOHN MCCUTCHEON

## Drive to make baskets of goodwill

COULD you add just one extra food item to your weekly shopping basket, if it meant giving a family or individual in need a more comfortable Christmas?

That is the question raised by the Sunshine Coast Basket Brigade, which is looking for volunteers to participate in an 18-week charity drive to fill the group's Christmas hampers.

The brigade needs about 200 volunteers for its new Basket Buddies campaign, in which participants buy one specified staple food item from a list each week

from July 25 until early December. Items, such as a tin of beetroot, packet of pasta, packet of jelly or tinned fruit, roughly cost between \$2 to \$5. The items will be combined to create a care package to feed the recipient or recipients for two to three days over the Christmas period.

Sunshine Coast Basket Brigade co-ordinator Trish Bignall said the hampers were delivered anonymously to people nominated by a local community group who need a hand, but who probably would not receive

food or a gift hamper from another charity.

Ms Bignall said recipients ranged from the elderly, to the homeless, to families struggling after the loss of a job or a death in the family.

"It's amazing, the people are quite overwhelmed," she said.

"The baskets are delivered anonymously and they don't know they are getting them. There is just a note attached telling them to look after themselves and hopefully in future they can pay it forward."

This year, brigade volunteers aim to pack and deliver 200 baskets, twice as many as last year.

Ms Bignall said volunteers would be emailed a full list of food items to be bought, along with weekly reminder emails of the specific item on the list for that week.

All items will be packed into baskets, along with a toy/gift for every family member, and delivered across the Coast on December 10. To become a Basket Buddy, complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/28XynFm>.

## Paramedic stabbed, left unconscious

MINISTER for Health and Ambulance Services and QAS Commissioner Russell Bowles has condemned the assault of a paramedic treating a woman on Fraser Island.

The 56-year-old male paramedic is recovering in Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital after being cut, stabbed and left unconscious in the incident at the Queensland Ambulance Centre at Happy Valley on Friday afternoon.

In a media conference outside the hospital, Mr Bowles said: "Any assault against a health worker is unacceptable, but this alleged incident is a particularly disgraceful criminal act.

"Paramedics are the carers of our society. They are the ones who look after people in their absolutely worst and most desperate moments," he said.

"They don't deserve to be violently set upon anywhere, especially inside their own ambulance station.

"As the Commissioner this makes me sick and we have zero tolerance for it.

"Our thoughts are with the officer and his family and we will ensure he has all the support he needs to make a full recovery."

According to police, a woman presented at the centre on Friday at 3.30pm wanting medical help.

When a male paramedic escorted her into the examination room she allegedly produced a box knife and demanded medication.

There was a struggle and the paramedic received a cut to his arm and a single stab wound to his abdomen. He was rendered unconscious.

The woman then fled the scene.

The woman is described as being in her late 20s or early 30s, caucasian, about 175cm tall, of a slim build, with an Australian accent.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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