

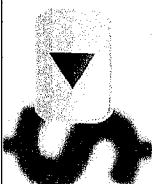


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THE Howard Government has used immigration laws to keep a visaless doctor, Mohamed Haneef, behind bars, strutting a court order to free him after twice a magistrate, the Indian-born man was too dangerous to release.

Immigration Minister Eric Ripper called on a magistrates' court to keep Haneef in custody until a federal police officer, who has since been charged with having information that could prevent an act of terrorism, could present an act in the court — drawn by Haneef's lawyer — in the absence of the man in the police stand on Glasgow airport.

Mr. Haneef's lawyers last night said that the court's decision was "unjustified" and that the government had no power to make this decision.

She also said there was no evidence that Haneef had any links to a terrorist organisation.

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# New online link to plotters

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LP **GOLD Coast doctor Mohamed Haneef was in frequent and extensive contact with two men at the centre of Britain's car-bomb plot on the eve of their failed terror attacks.**

The Australian understands online communication between Dr Haneef and the bomb plotters was prolific and that authorities have gathered significantly more evidence against him than has been disclosed publicly.

TD This includes evidence that Dr Haneef's attempt two weeks ago to leave Australia for India on a one-way ticket after the terror attacks in Britain was not linked to family issues, as his relatives have claimed.

Authorities believe Dr Haneef knew of the British plot, but have yet to determine if he played an active part.

Indian authorities are examining computer communication between Dr Haneef and a relative in Bangalore sent hours before he tried to leave the country.

In his message, Dr Haneef made no mention of wanting to leave Australia to visit his baby, born in Bangalore on June 27, or for other family reasons.

This is supported by testimony given to authorities by Dr Haneef's colleagues at Gold Coast Hospital. His colleagues said Dr Haneef had made no mention of his planned trip to India, and had commented often about how well it worked to have his family living in India while he was working in Queensland.

Authorities believe Dr Haneef's attempted hasty exit from Australia on July 2 was directly linked to the arrest of his cousin Kafael Ahmed, who is near death with burns to 90 per cent of his body after the failed Glasgow airport attack on June 30.

Computer records obtained by authorities reveal Dr Haneef's

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close links to both Kafael Ahmed and his brother Sabeel continued right up until the failed bombings in Glasgow and in London's West End on June 29.

Dr Haneef was charged at the weekend with supporting terrorism in connection with those attacks.

It is alleged that in Britain in May last year Dr Haneef gave a mobile phone SIM card to his cousin Sabeel, who has been charged in Britain with having had information that could have prevented an act of terrorism.

The SIM card was found in the Jeep Cherokee that was driven by Kafael into the terminal at Glasgow airport.

Dr Haneef's wife, Firdous, has said he wanted to fly to India to visit her and their daughter.

She claimed he had bought a one-way ticket because they all wanted to fly back to Australia together on a later date.

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