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## Haneef plot allegations inaccurate, Keelty says



Lending moral support: Imran Siddiqui, a relative of Haneef, and lawyer Peter Russo talk to reporters at Brisbane airport.

Photo: AAP

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ALLEGATIONS that Mohamed Haneef is being investigated over a terrorist plot to attack a high-rise building on the Gold Coast are "inaccurate", Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty has said.

"There has been significant misreporting on many aspects of this case," said Commissioner Keelty.

News Ltd newspapers claimed that police were examining photographs that Haneef had taken of the building and its foundations - believed to be the Q1 skyscraper.

They said documents referring to "destroying structures" were allegedly seized at his Southport apartment and that he had acquainted himself with the operation of planes.

He denied that the Australian Federal Police had been the source of the story.

"We will be taking the extraordinary step of contacting Dr Haneef's lawyer to correct the record," he said.

Haneef's lawyer, Peter Russo, said: "No allegation of this kind published ... has ever been put to my client despite 24 hours of questioning and nearly two weeks of detention prior to the latest interview."

Mr Russo said the terror plot stories seemed designed to cause fear.

A relative of Haneef, Imran Siddiqui, arrived from India on Saturday night to lend support.

"I think authorities should definitely, all over the world, think about this and see that ... innocent people are not being targeted," said Mr Siddiqui.

Haneef, 27, has been charged with "recklessly" giving his SIM card to a second cousin, who has been implicated in the failed attacks, before he left Britain for Australia last year.

Mr Siddiqui, who is in Brisbane to support his in-law, said Haneef had been the victim of circumstances and that his family hoped he would return home cleared of charges.

Federal Attorney-General Philip Ruddock refused to comment on the News Ltd stories.

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