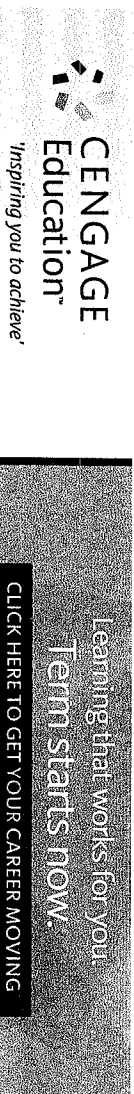


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**AN Indian police file on Mohamed Haneef completed after his arrest in Australia says the Gold Coast doctor has alleged links to al-Qaeda.**

The so-called dossier, revealed on SBS television tonight, is an Indian police record of Dr Haneef that contains details of his education, earnings, relatives' names, his family's economic status and physical abnormalities - including "prominent hyoid bone on the neck".

One entry in the police file, which is marked "restricted", says "Organisational set up: alleged links with al-Qaeda".

"After having his education in Karnataka (an Indian province), Mohamed Haneef must have come into contacts (sic) with the members of terrorist entities and assisted," the document states.

However, the document offers no evidence for the allegation, SBS's Dateline noted.

"Mohamed Haneef is suspected to have rendered assistance to the prime accused persons in the Glasgow airport blast attempt."

The dossier notes Australian police detained Dr Haneef at Brisbane airport on July 2, indicating it was completed after his arrest in connection with the failed bomb attacks in London and Glasgow.

It also notes a bank locker key was found in Dr Haneef's possession which belonged to someone else.

However, in broadcasting the document, SBS stressed it was not clear whether the purpose of the dossier was to set out mere suspicions to be investigated by Indian police, or whether it contained actual allegations, and it had found no evidence in support of the claims.

Dr Haneef's lawyer Peter Russo told the program his client had never had an association with a terrorist organisation, had "no link" with al-Qaeda, and to claim as much was "simply untrue".

Mr Russo said none of the information in the dossier had been put to Dr Haneef by police during interviews in Australia.

Had there been anything of worth in the police notes, Indian police would have been to see Dr Haneef or even arrested him after his return to Bangalore, Mr Russo said.

From memory, he said, the word "al-Qaeda" had never been used by Australian police during interviews with Dr Haneef.

Dr Haneef was released from custody in Australia last Friday and returned to Bangalore after a charge against him of recklessly supporting a terrorist organisation was dropped.

Immigration Minister Kevin Andrews has refused to reinstate Dr Haneef's visa.

Yesterday, he released selected information which, he said, was behind his decision to cancel Dr Haneef's visa after a magistrate granted the hospital registrar bail.

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