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Terrorism threat is a myth or reality?

A prominent African Prof. Visiting Melbourne from USA with Melbourne Barrister Brian Walter, SC. will address the challenge of terrorism a myth of reality?

Every society has to face the challenges of their era and every era has it's own unique set of challenges. All civilizations and faiths have their fare share of challenges in history. Jesus confrontation with the evils of his age and similarly, Mohammed (PBUH) struggled against the values of Kuresh tribe in the Arabia of his time as it is called in Arabic the jahiliya (ignorance) times. Does terrorism is challenge of our era or it is hype? Does terrorism move from Sth East Asia to Horn of Africa is media ploy or real? Our speakers will highlight on the challenge?



Prof. Ahmed I. Samatar is James Wallace Professor and Dean of the Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalester College in USA. Professor

Samatar has lectured at many universities and colleges, including Cornell, Harvard, Iowa, London School of Economics and Political Science, Somali National University, Toronto, University of Amsterdam, York, University of Otago, and Wellesley College. Samatar, whose expertise is in the areas of global political economy, political and social thought, and African development? He is the author/editor of five books and over thirty articles, including The African State: Reconsiderations (Heinemann, 2002) and Somalia: State Collapse, Multilateral Intervention, and Strategies for Political Reconstruction

Our second speaker Mr. Brian Walters SC is a prominent Melbourne barrister and human rights advocate. He is a former president of Liberty Victoria and has appeared in many human rights cases - including defending the prosecution of Tamil citizens in Australia accused of supporting terrorism by sending money back to their homeland.

- **Venue:** Baldwin Spencer-Theatre, The University of Melbourne, Parkville campus (3rd building on Tin Alley road, from Swanston street entrance, before student union house)
- **Date :** 26 March 2010, **Time:** 5.30 – 7.00 pm

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