

Statement from a Seven spokesperson,

7NEWS attempted to contact the Australian Iraqi Muslim Society multiple times to verify the flyer before the broadcasts, including by phone, email and social media. Attempts were also made to contact the organisation's President directly.

The organisation's website <http://iraqisociety.org.au/> was unresponsive at the time of broadcast and remains so.

Our reporter cast doubt on the validity of the flyer in our 6.00pm package by including a recording of our reporter trying to contact the number listed on it and not being able to get through.

The Australian Iraqi Muslim Society contacted 7NEWS the day after the broadcast and we removed our stories.

7NEWS was not the first media organisation to run this story.