



Judicial Conference of Australia

**STATEMENT BY THE HON JUSTICE STEVEN RARES
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THREATS TO THE RULE OF LAW

The terrible tragedy of the Sydney siege has shaken us all. The murderer had the aims of dividing the nation and causing terror by threat and force. He sought to intimidate not only the hostages but also the whole community by acting outside the law.

Comments on social media have reportedly made threats against a judicial officer who, the critics say, should not have granted Man Haron Monis bail.

That judicial officer was doing his or her job honestly and in good faith, as we all would expect.

The murderer will achieve his goal of dividing our society if the lives of judges and magistrates are threatened because they do their jobs as best they can.

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