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Commissioner of Police, Mike Bush, MNZM

Police National Headquarters

180 Molesworth Street

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Dear Commissioner Bush

Arrest and Charging of Jon David Rua; 4 April 2019

I believe that the Superintendent of the Waitemata Police District has made a judgement error by having the above Jon D. Rua arrested and charged as shown in the charging document, enclosed.

The charge and impending court trial in my opinion should be dropped for the following reasons. I will explain.

a) Jon D. Rua, a retired bus driver with no record of appearing before a court, was brought up as a child in a religious congregation called “The Order of the Crusader’s Cross” which is based in Christchurch. He has visited Jerusalem as an adult. He has no criminal and/or traffic history.

b) Some three weeks after the Mosque shooting in Christchurch Jon Rua decided to go to Aotea Square in Auckland and to display the Flag of St George, the Patron Saint of Soldiers. The St George Cross flag is the flag of England and the flag of the Church of England as well as the central cross on the Union Jack and all other flags bearing the Union Jack.

His reason for displaying the flag was to show support for the Crusaders Rugby Team and their name. The club had come in for some criticism reported in the media for its name.

Whilst standing on a bus stop waiting for a bus on a reasonably busy semi-rural road with no pedestrians, he had the flag draped around his shoulders. Motorists recognising the flag tooted in acknowledgement.

c) The complainant (strangely named Victim in the Police Summary) drove by and then returned to question Jon Rua as why he was wearing the flag of St. George. Jon told him why, ie Crusader Rugby Club name and also in part offered some information on Islam and the reason for the Crusaders expedition and war in the ‘Holy Lands’ in the 10th to the 13th century A.D. Jon Rua has stated that he felt as though he had been interrogated and as the complainant was an ex police officer, no doubt the officer’s training came to the fore.

The complainant drove off. Jon Rua shortly after boarded the bus only to be marched off the bus several minutes later by two Police Officers who had flagged down the bus to stop.

d) After Jon Rua was searched, Policewoman Tapusoa began questioning Jon who elaborated further on the history of Islam and the Crusades together with some well-known facts of Islamic culture. He recorded the dialogue between Constable Tapusoa and himself for some 16 minutes before Constable Tapusoa informed him that he was now under arrest. During that time the Constable spoke into the transceiver fitted on her jacket a number of times. The complainant and Constable Dickie could be seen standing on the footpath about 6-7 metres away.

e) Jon Rua was taken to the Waitakere District Police Headquarters and later that day 4th April put before a Judge and charged with “Disorderly Behaviour (Likely to cause Violence)”. He was bailed.

This charge seems rather peculiar seeing that there were no pedestrians on or anywhere near the bus stop to incite. Therefore, the charge seems to be connected to his discussion with the complainant and Constable Tapusoa relating to Islam and the Crusades and not the flag at all.

f) `We now come to the complainant (victim) Mr Michael Pirritt. According to his LinkedIn profile he is an ex Police Sergeant (1997-2005) having served in the Manukau District. Currently a Private Investigator with some time spent as Coach of the Pakistan National Rugby Team and time spent coaching a team in India. Both he and the District Superintendent of the Waitemata Police District will be known to each other and served together in the Manukau Police District.

g) `It is not exactly clear to me why wearing the flag of St George, so thoroughly steeped in Christian/European culture should be of interest to Mr Pirritt. It flies daily on St Mark’s Anglican Church in the heart of Newmarket Auckland. Mr Pirritt stopped and proceeded to question Mr Jon Rua while other motorists tooted in acknowledgement of Jon’s support for the Crusaders. What Mr Pirritt’s knowledge of history is not known but he will certainly have many Muslim associates/friends and may have even converted to Islam.

h) We come now to the District Superintendent, Naila Hassan, born in Pakistan, brought up as a Muslim and well versed in the teachings of Mohammad. Almost certainly she will have an Islamic view of the Crusades which will not be positive.

Many Muslim preachers do quote the Crusades as a whipping post to deride the Christian west, ignoring the fact that the Crusades were a belated reaction to the invasion of Muslim Arabs into the Holy lands including the capture of Jerusalem with accompanying slaughter in the 7th century A.D. Further, after only about three weeks after the Christchurch shooting, I believe that Superintendent Hassan would be extremely sensitive. She is quoted in the New Zealand Herald of June 6th 2019, “The tragedy had a profound effect on me personally”. We can all understand that she would be on edge to any event which in her eyes, smacks of criticism of Islam, even if unfounded.

i) All the above material will be brought up in court (trial set for the new year) and in my opinion will make the Police case for arresting and charging Jon Rua look foolish, wrong and an attack on our Anglo-European culture which is the basis of our legal system and even the Police Force which we have today. The respect and trust by the citizens of this country in our Police Force is an important factor in the maintenance of civil society, therefore the charge and impending court trial in my opinion should be dropped.

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Jon Rua Charging Document

Complainant statement

Summary of Facts

Criminal and Traffic History

Copy of letter to all Members of Parliament

ISIS’s Blueprint for Terror; The Battle of Yarmuk; Raymond Ibrahim

Turkey’s President Erdogan; “Allah commands....” Pamela Geller

Hungary’s Orban: Christian Persecution. Breitbart

The Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam; ECAW’S Blog

Suleiman Shahbal: “I Deeply Resent How” Hugh Fitzgerald

Understanding the Islam/ West Narrative; Raymond Ibrahim

The Story of Mohammed; Islam Unveiled; Harry Richardson