

# The Imam and the Pastor: From Mortal Enemies to Peace

Friday 31st October 2008, 6.00pm to 7.00 pm

Melbourne University, Royal Parade,  
Theatre A, Old Arts Building, near Gate 12 (Melways 571 G7)

Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye from Nigeria were mortal enemies leading opposing armed militias in the ethnic and religious conflicts that rocked Nigeria in the 1990s. Thousands were killed and whole communities devastated. In pitched battles Pastor James lost his right hand and Imam Ashafa's spiritual mentor and two cousins were killed.



Now the two men are co-directors of the Muslim-Christian Interfaith Mediation Centre in their city of Kaduna, Northern Nigeria, leading task-forces to resolve conflict across the country.

The story of how they made this remarkable transition is told in the award-winning documentary *The Imam and the Pastor* (available on DVD). It was launched at the United Nations headquarters in New York, shown in the House of Commons, London, and in many parts of the world. Now the two men are coming to Australia.

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The visit is also supported by the Islamic Council of Victoria, the Victorian Council of Churches and the Victorian Multicultural Commission.



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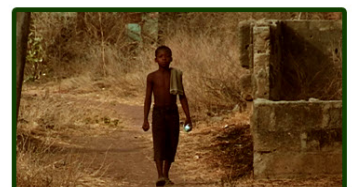
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