

**Sustainable Conflict
Resolution for Emerging
Communities:
The Experience of Greater
Dandenong**



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Conflict



- *June 2006*
Dr Maarouf stabbed to death
- *Jan 2007*
Sexual assaults
- *Sept 2007*
Death of 19 y.o. Liep Gony
- *Oct 2007*
Detectives bashed
- *April 2008*
Alleged police racism

The screenshot shows a news article on 'The Journal' website. The article title is 'Race attack: Sudanese youths complain of police harassment'. The sub-headline reads: 'GREATER Dandenong police have been accused of racism towards young african people in a damning submission to the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission.' The article text continues: 'The Oakleigh-based Southern Ethnic Advisory and Advocacy Council says its staff and clients, many of them young African people, have reported many incidents of discrimination by police. SEAAC's submission, seen by The Journal, is part of the commission's "african young people research project" to be completed by the end of June. Commission chief executive Helen Spike said the project, focusing on the Greater Dandenong area, was in response to reports that young African people were experiencing discrimination because of their race and religion. SEAAC's submission refers to anecdotal evidence of police "misconduct". "It is consistently ranked as one of the single biggest issues facing Sudanese young people with whom SEAAC works," the report stated. The most common complaints were young people being regularly stopped and questioned by police in public, police asking young people to move on without any legitimate reason, racist comments being made by police, police refusing to submit their details if young people requested them, and police refusing to respect young people's right to

On the right side of the screenshot, there is a thumbnail image of a newspaper clipping with the headline 'TOLD YOU' and a sub-headline 'Noble Park teacher speak out after bashed teenager'. Below this is another thumbnail image with the word 'Organise!' written on it.



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Assertive Youth Outreach Service



- Harm reduction
- Practical assistance
- Referrals
- Advocacy











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