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## **Racism accusation is mischievous**

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MR Yusuf Ahmed Deedat's accusation that I am racist ("Are These Leaders Racist?", March 10) is baseless and mischievous.

Through the Organisation of Civic Rights (OCR), I have represented thousands of tenants, the homeless, residents and business (formal and informal) over the last 16 years. Most of these people were Africans.

I have also, as a councillor, through the OCR, the inner city community police forum and the ANC, represented and worked for all South Africans. My record speaks for itself.

I was never part of any ethnic organisation and I will not hesitate to expose racism and prevent conflict regardless of the person's ethnic, religious or political affiliation.