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CBC programs anger Muslims

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The Calgary-based Islamic Supreme Council of Canada has filed a formal complaint with the CRTC against the CBC for programs running in early- and mid-September that the council says were critical of the Qur'an and Islam.

ISCC president Sayed Soharwardy charges CBC goes out of its way to find abnormal, fanatical Muslims and ignores the vast majority of normal, true Muslims.

Soharwardy says he has repeatedly tried to inform CBC management that fanatics are "not even a tiny fraction" of the 1.6 billion Muslims worldwide or the 600,000 in Canada.

"I am afraid that someone may get inspired by these hate-creating programs and may commit hate-crimes against Canadian Muslims," he says.

"The CBC will be fully responsible for any hate crime that may be committed by any person who may be inspired by CBC's racist programs."

Soharwardy asks that the government suspend all funding to CBC immediately, unless the public broadcaster changes its "racist policies" against Canadian Muslims.