

# South Africa: Police Chief Bheki Cele backtracks on botched apology to Muslims



From [shared widely across social media](#), that officers could be heard using a religious term in a derogatory manner. The alleged discrimination has angered the Muslim community,

He (Cele) said that their actions must be condemned at all costs, as they had flagrantly broken the lockdown rules. The statement continued to underpin the seriousness of the crime committed by the worshippers, saying that they will never apologise for imposing the rule of law.

“If they, or any other religious group, host another gathering, police will arrest them again but without being blasphemous in executing their duties. This cuts across all gatherings be they religious, cultural or otherwise.”

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