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The Australian Refugee Association (ARA) has condemned the violence that left a teenager dead and another critically injured in hospital in Adelaide yesterday. Mr Kevin Liston, Director, said, "The whole Sudanese community has been shocked by this incident. That it could have occurred so quickly and so unexpectedly has community leaders searching for action.

Sudanese people appreciate and have a high regard for South Australia's peaceful and supportive social environment. They are committed to settling positively and making their homes here. They get on with work and schooling and getting their families together again," Mr Liston said.

The traumas and personal and social disruptions resulting from the 21-year civil war, the refugee experience and resettlement in a new and very different country are clearly major challenges for everyone. However, in the main, people are dealing with them. They are rebuilding their lives here and becoming a significant part of the South Australian community.

ARA is working with the leaders of the Sudanese community to get to the root of the issues that led to this incident. "We all want to make sure that this never happens again, that it does not lead to further violence or recriminations and we all move on from here", said Mr Liston.

ARA offers its sympathy to the family of the dead boy and wishes a full recovery for the other young man.

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