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Man reads OWN Obituary.

Lazaruth.2. So you sit back and relax... put on those reading glasses... open the newspaper and read a few headlines here-and-there... And then you see a photo of yourself.
To your astonishment – you are announced dead in an obituary – FOR THE 2nd TIME! Silence. No reaction. And then realisation sets in... Where to from here?
“What he read horrified him. Nevertheless, he had an opportunity granted few people – to read his obituary whilst alive.”

Rustenburg – Jip, this is the 2nd time around that he is reported dead, but the proof is in the pudding. Ashraf Tayob is alive and well, and this is the truth although other sources declare otherwise.
 “This is the 2nd time that someone has pulled a stunt like this on Mr Tayob,” one of his employees noted during an interview with the Platinum Weekly. Commonly known as Ash, Ashraf Tayob is a well-known and respected Rustenburg businessman.
 We, the Platinum Weekly, would like to make it VERY clear that Mr Tayob is

alive and well. We spoke to him as well as other family members – that was our 1st reaction. Now... there are numerous viewpoints to judge the person(s) responsible for this act, placing a false and deliberately misleading obituary, but there won't be one single conclusion reached that is healthy.
 When going to print, we were left with more questions than answers. This was also the reaction of the Police; however, everyone is working together to get to the bottom of this. Firstly, it is not customary for Muslims to place obituaries in newspapers. This should have been a 1st clue that something was fishy. According to Islamic tradition, the highest honour you can give someone in death is a swift burial. Muslims try to bury before sunset on the same day of death whenever possible, and before sunset on the following day if circumstances allow.
 Secondly, the dust has not yet settled at Border Spares, one of his businesses in Zinniville, that was burnt to the ground (November 12). A case of arson was opened but no arrests have been made until now.
 Revisiting the destroyed premises of Border Spares, we found Rustenburg Local Municipal workers as well as employees of Mr Tayob cleaning up the debris. So, his business premises are destroyed, and now he is declared dead, publicly at that... I would say 1+1=2, but we have to look at the facts. Notably, it does appear as if someone wants to make a statement.
 Thirdly, when we [Platinum Weekly] phoned a telephone number supplied in the obituary, a man calling himself “Mohammed” answered. After briefly enquiring as to the so-called death of Mr Tayob, we were engulfed by what were obviously the ramblings of a person filled with hatred; he was

definitely not a fan of Mr Tayob. Parts of what he said included, “...Ash committed suicide... He was a horrible man!”
 No that alone should make you shiver!
 We would be investigating this matter and will keep our readers updated via our weekly newsletter & website updates. If you would like to subscribe to this free email, please pop an email to margaret@platinumweekly.co.za.

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