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Has QAnon fuelled South Africa's divisions? | BBC Sounds

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What happened when a bizarre US-based conspiracy theory surfaced a continent away in Africa? In the second part of Trending's mini series about the impact of QAnon around the world, we report from South Africa. At the heart of QAnon is the baseless claim that former US president Donald Trump is waging a secret war against a cabal of powerful paedophiles who run American politics and Hollywood. But in South Africa, elements of QAnon have been translated into the local context of pre-existing tensions in society, and are helping turn South Africans against both immigrants and one another.

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