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## Press release

It is indeed very unfortunate that Education Minister Hon Rosy Akbar and her team have once again jumped the gun and taken a hasty decision to suspend the Head of the school concerned due to the circular addressed to the staff going viral on social media.

This reactive action of MEHA is void of rationale and completely unjust.

The email communication of the Head to his staff clearly states that Ministry of Health officials visited the school and advised that all the staff undergo COVID 19 test, for obvious reasons. He clearly stated in the email that the matter must be treated as confidential. HE DID NOT POST IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA. (He merely followed the advice and did the needful in good faith).

The least the Ministry could have done was to call the Principal to the office and seek clarification/explanation from him before making any decision. I am of the firm view, that had they done so, they would have realized there was no reason to take such a drastically unfair decision.

The ministry must stop conducting itself in such a high handed manner. Instead it must accord such dedicated, hard working heads the treatment they rightly deserve.

The union submits that the Principal be reinstated without delay.

Furthermore he deserves an apology for the stress, pain and embarrassment his family is going through, due to this blunder by MEHA.

The union stands by to take further action to defend the member as required.

Your faith fully

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