



# **FTC FIJI TEACHERS CONFEDERATION**

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We refer to a report in the Fiji Times of 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 regarding the hearing of an employment action filled by FTA and FTU against FNU for unfairly, unlawfully and unjustifiably terminating staff of the Technical Colleges. The lawyer representing FNU Mr Faizal Haniff submitted to the court that the two teacher Unions are not registered Trade Unions. This statement is factually incorrect as both the unions are duly registered Trade Unions and have been in existence for several decades and even before those disputing were born.

We believe that Mr Hanif being an officer of the court deliberately attempted to misinform/mislead the court before verifying his misconstrued statement with the Registrar of the Trade Union. He has also brought disrepute to the Unions and caused confusion and anxiety amongst the members who have subsequently been questioning the Leadership as to why the registration is no longer valid

Mr Haniff's incorrect submission in his attempt to impress the court, we believe, was deliberate and unbecoming of a professional of his standing. He owes a public apology to FTA and FTU for tarnishing the images of the two reputable organizations.

  
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