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RE: POLICE HARRASEMENT IN EMPLOYMENT DISPUTE

Dear Michael

This week on Wednesday 04/10/17 and Thursday 05/10/17 our two (2) Western Branch officials were questioned by a team of CID detectives from Suva about our secret ballot for Strike against the government's imposition of Contracts in the Civil Service and failure to enter into Collective Bargaining under their Public Sector Reform Agenda.

The matter is currently under dispute with the Employment Relations Tribunal after a first call was made in the matter on 29th September, 2017. The Tribunal has directed the Government's Solicitor-General to respond to FPSA Motions and Affidavit after which the Tribunal will fix the hearing date on 20th October, 2017.

We are extremely concerned with the Government's strong arm tactics against us in an Employment dispute.

Our Western Branch Secretary Ms. Reapi Nacayakalou was interviewed by the Assistant Superintendent of Police from CID HQ in the evening of Wednesday 04/10 and yesterday 05/10 our Western Vice President Ms. Joana Naborisi was interviewed by a team of detectives from, Suva with an IT Officer who confiscated her emails and Newsletters sent by the Association's Branch Organizer. The team also instructed our VP not to talk to our Organizer Western, Bro Mohnish Dutt.

You are already aware of Fiji Government's agenda of completely destroying the Public Sector Unions and the trade unions generally in this country and the time has come for the

international trade union movement, together with ILO, International Human Rights Bodies; Amnesty International and others to raise their concerns on the current policy stance taken by the Fiji Government.

I suggest that PSI, from Ferney Voltaire should take this issue with the Fiji Government and other stakeholders to put pressure on Fiji to respect trade union rights under its own Constitution, Employment Relations Act, ILO Conventions 87 and 98 which the Fiji Government has ratified including the other six (6) ILO Core Conventions.

I shall appreciate, if you will take this matter up with PSI, Geneva at your earliest and revert to us on the actions taken.

Yours in Solidarity



R. Singh

GENERAL SECRETARY