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NFP condemns politicisation of temples

The National Federation Party says Government is mixing religion with politics and has described it as a despicable and shameful act.

NFP Leader Professor Biman Prasad says Tuesday night's speech by the Attorney General on behalf of the Prime Minister was a classic case of how Government is using places of worship to preach politics and shamelessly accuse Opposition political parties.

Professor Prasad said it was hypocritical of the Fiji First Government to preach misinformation, lies and cheap politics in a temple when it had accused others of doing so, in particular the Methodist Church of Fiji that for some years was prevented by the Bainimarama regime from holding its annual conference

"It is a blatant lie that opposition parties have not condemned desecration of temples. We have done so through the media right at the outset, called for a full-scale police investigation and harsher penalties for those found guilty of such acts".

"We even visited three temples that were desecrated". We don't have to publicise our visits unlike Government that indulges in gutter level and cheap politics with a daily newspaper that benefits from taxpayer's funds through exclusive government advertising in tow to capture their visits".

Professor Prasad said both the PM and AG should learn from the Police Commissioner who outlined what the Force is doing in terms of investigating offences of desecration and increasing police visibility.



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