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FICAC Investigating Claims of Mistreatment by Bangladeshi Workers

The Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) confirms that it has commenced preliminary inquiries into allegations raised by twenty-six (26) Bangladeshi workers who claim to have been subjected to mistreatment by their employer.

Yesterday afternoon, six workers formally lodged a complaint with FICAC, reporting that they, along with twenty others, have faced serious workplace injustices. Among the grievances articulated are claims of unpaid wages, substandard living conditions, insufficient sustenance, denial of medical attention, breaches of contractual obligations, and threats of deportation issued by local staff. Such claims, if substantiated, contravenee the terms and conditions originally set forth in their employment contracts. The affected workers are currently employed by a locally registered business and reside in Koronivia.

The complainants further alleged that prior attempts to obtain redress through appeals to the Department of Immigration and the Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations have not yielded any satisfactory remedy.

The Commission reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the pursuit of justice and the eradication of corruption, abuse of authority, and exploitation in all its forms. A careful examination of the particulars now submitted is presently underway to ascertain whether violations of the FICAC Act or any related statutes have indeed occurred.

In view of the ongoing nature of this inquiry, the Commission shall refrain from issuing any further statements at this juncture.

FICAC takes this opportunity to remind the public of its enduring pledge to uphold the principles of integrity, transparency, and accountability throughout all sectors of national life.

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