



PRESS RELEASE

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Fiji Sun Publication of Tax Details

The front page article of Fiji Sun of 6 December 2007 headed as "\$98,000 Bill for Tax Expert".

FIRCA wishes to go further and to point out the objectionable nature of the attack on the Consultant and also the attack on the Board Member made in the same article.

FIRCA first wishes to comment upon the stunning ignorance driving the attacks which were made as described above.

Victor Lal clearly, in writing the article, had no due regard for the truth or the law.

Clearly, before attacking the Consultant, neither Victor Lal nor Fiji Sun saw fit to establish the truth, which they could have readily have done by enquiry of the Consultant.

As far as concerns the attack on the Board Member, same is completely misconceived and written in clear ignorance of the facts.

FIRCA does not recognize the possession of any taxation expertise whatsoever by Victor Lal which would enable him to make any kind of expert comment in respect of the matters of which he speaks.

FIRCA also is not aware of the degree of expertise of any persons upon whom Mr Lal relies in his pursuit of FIRCA, nor of the instructions which he gives to them to elicit their support.

As to those feeding Victor Lal with the secret information now being published by him on a regular basis, FIRCA will without mercy pursue those responsible and deal out the necessary punishment whoever they are.

Victor Lal himself and the Fiji Sun are aiding, abetting, counselling and release of secret information by what they do, which is inherently objectionable practice.

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