

Young Peoples Concerned Network

Press Release : Youths of Fiji will suffer - This Government does not care

The Young Peoples Concerned Network wishes to address the possible implications of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group if Fiji shows no improvements or promising sets to take this nation back to parliamentary democracy.

Young People in this nation will suffer directly from bilateral actions that include the severance of economic justice programs, employment opportunities, scholarships, exchange programs, AID, investments and advocacy assistance. The British Army is one of the single most source of income and a holy grail for young Fiji citizens who are looking to break out of the economic and social challenges we face in this country.

We have a stubborn interim regime, that does not see any reason for quick elections and a return to parliamentary democracy. The impending suspensions and bilateral actions taken by the Commonwealth and the Pacific Islands Forum will directly affect the people and youth of Fiji - its Future. Fiji must not isolate it self and must accept now that to move forward, we must stay true to democratic principles and respect the needs of the citizens of Fiji.

This interim government was warned from the very start of the implications of the 2006 coup and the ongoing reign of an undiplomatic and sick interim government that cares not of returning Fiji to parliamentary democracy. Fiji's interim leaders have taken the warnings for granted and now because of their arrogance and thirst for power, the youths of this nation will suffer.

The best answer for Fiji is elections, and we should be working towards that. Sacrificing the livelihoods and future of the youth of this nation to hold onto power for another 5 years is just ridiculous and disgusting. We urge the Interim Prime Minister and his Government to listen to the needs of this nation and the cry of the youths - we don't need to suffer anymore, just give us elections and let our elected leaders move this nation forward. This 2006 coup has failed in its endeavours to rid the nation of corruption and illegality. instead it has given us much economic strife, constitutional stress, traumatic memories of human rights abuses and deaths and now isolation from development partners in the region and the world.

Just give us elections.

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