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Dear Sir,

RE: Nasinu Muslim College, Nasinu

I would like to highlight many issues of irregularities and mismanagement by the management of Fiji Muslim League (FML) in regards to the procedures that has been implemented to operate the Muslim Schools of Fiji.

Fiji Muslim League was formed by individual branches, many years ago, on the pretext that it will generate unity amongst the Muslim community at large and as such our concerns will be addressed on a common platform. The founders of this bureaucracy willingly combined together to allow such a formation, making way for a better system of education for Muslim schools in Fiji.

Sir, please be informed that the present Fiji Muslim League management has defeated all the objectives behind its formation and has gone all the way in contradicting its own Constitution, as well as the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji Islands. On many different occasions the League has failed to abide by its own rules and objectives in dealing with its member branches and thus creating disunity and conflict within the community. Some very important issues under your jurisdictions are:

- It should be made aware to you that every Muslim School Management (Branch Management) pays \$2 per student annually, to the FML Management Board from the funds received as Education Grants from your Ministry for no apparent reason. Nasinu Branch moved a motion before the Council of FML to justify the payment of approximately \$450,000 from Ministerial grants to FML Management for the past 12 years by all the Muslim Schools under its banner, and had also demanded an audit report of where the money was utilized, but till date, the motion has not been addressed before the Council. Please refer appendix 1 - 4 attached herewith.

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Nasinu Muslim College (Regd. No. 9420)
Nasinu Muslim Primary School (Regd. No. 1852)

- FML Management Board has failed to address your Ministry requirement that every school should be governed by its own Constitution (appendix-5), and has at all times enforced their charter, and as a result, Nasinu Muslim College has suffered serious financial losses due to the imposition of the Board of Governors (BOG) by the FML Management Board (appendix-6-8). Since we were an elected branch management of our constituency, the Branch Management requested to table a motion to uplift the system of (BOG) from Nasinu Branch so that all matters to be handled by the Branch Management, which is a normal protocol in any such organization. The motion was never put before the council.
- Bearing in mind the fact that we are not a profit making organization and the availability of fund in our bank accounts (appendix-9), we have from time to time requested to decrease levies on students development fees (~~appendix-10~~), but the FML Management Board has always come forward to stop us from doing so and as such has failed to consider the needs of the underprivileged.
- The financial account of Nasinu Muslim College for the year 2006 that was presented to your Ministry was never discussed and authorized by the Branch Management Committee in the Annual General Meeting. **The FML Council Standing Orders of 22/07/02 are that all funds are to be managed by the Branch Management (appendix-11). As per normal protocol, every year after our Annual General Meeting**, the approved account together with the Minutes of the AGM were sent to your Ministry for the release of funds, but this year we have received funds from your Ministry without the School Management forwarding proper documentations.
- Every year approximately \$10,000 is transferred to FML Management account from the Ministerial funds allocated to Kamil Muslim College for the past 18 years without any justification (appendix-12). Also note that the 2006 financial accounts of Kamil Muslim College presented to your Ministry has entries such as General Expense with big amounts without any clarification (appendix-13-14). For the past 18 years the said school is governed by the BOG but as per constitutional requirement of FML, it has to be governed by an elected committee from its constituency (~~appendix-15~~).
- Without School Annual General Meetings approval, our Nasinu Muslim Primary School is mortgaged to Westpac Banking Corporation, to finance the debts incurred by the Islamic Institute of Fiji. The loan amount had gradually increased to \$131,000, and to make matters worse, Islamic Institute of Fiji has closed its doors as a result of mismanagement by FML.

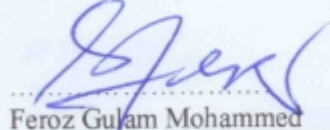
Sir, at this juncture, we wish for your intervention in these matters and hope for an enquiry committee to be set up to investigate such irregularities by Fiji Muslim League

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Management and its trustees. It is further requested by the Branch to include few members of the Management Committee of Nasinu Branch in the enquiry committee for any further justifications to these allegations.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



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