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'360 teachers gone'

By REPEKA NASIKO

THE Fiji Teachers Union (FTU) has called on Government to address the teacher exodus after 360 teachers left Fiji between January 1st and May 31st this year.

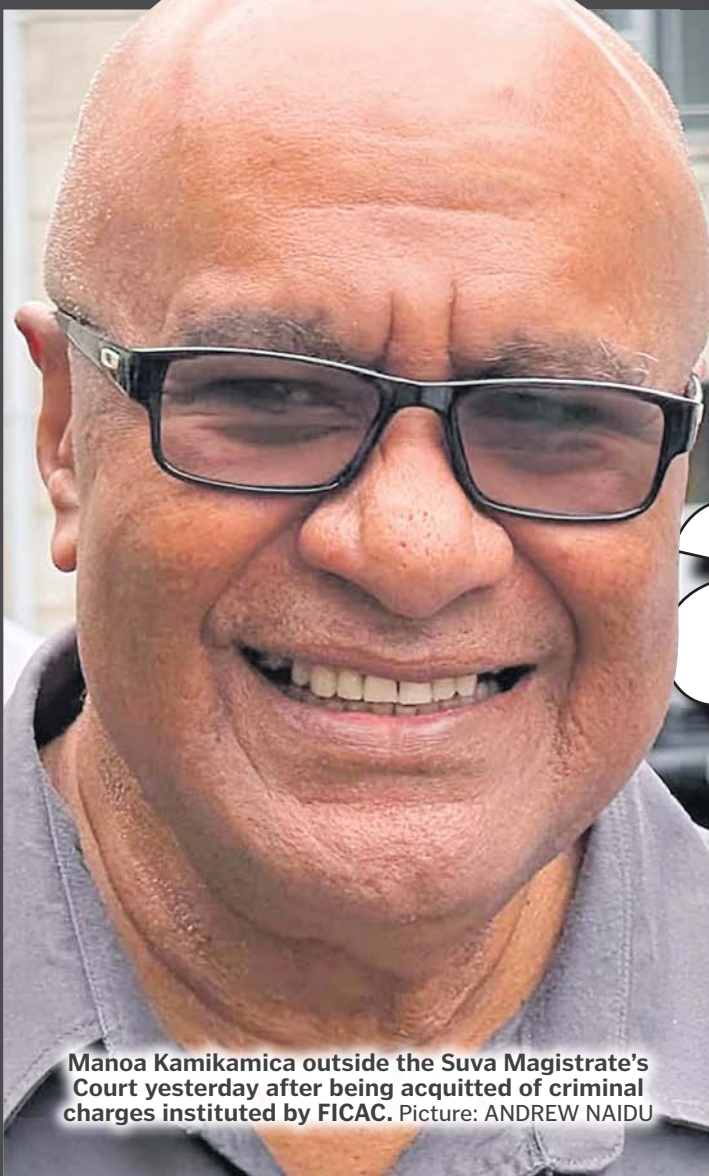
FTU general secretary Muniappa Goundar said this meant an average of 72 teachers left each month and within the same five months, an average of two teachers were leaving for greener pastures.

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Manoa Kamikamica outside the Suva Magistrate's Court yesterday after being acquitted of criminal charges instituted by FICAC. Picture: ANDREW NAIDU

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PM RABUKA CONFIRMS KAMIKAMICA'S CABINET RETURN AFTER ACQUITTAL

By ANDREW NAIDU

FORMER Deputy Prime Minister Manoa Kamikamica will be reinstated to his Cabinet post after the Suva Magistrate's Court acquitted him of all corruption-related charges yesterday afternoon.

Resident Magistrate Charles Ratakele dismissed the perjury and false information charges brought forward by the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC), ruling that the prosecution had failed to establish a case for Mr Kamikamica to answer. The charges originally stemmed from a Commission of Inquiry report, led by Justice David Ashton-Lewis and senior counsel Janet Mason, investigating the controversial appointment of Barbara Malimali as FICAC Commissioner.

Speaking outside the courtroom, a steadfast Mr Kamikamica maintained that the allegations were entirely inconsistent with his character, stating that the nation had finally "restored truth and justice".

Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka has since confirmed that he will formally reinstate Mr Kamikamica to his high-ranking executive roles.

TUI NAYAU'S CALL

By REPEKA NASIKO

TUI Nayau Ratu Tevita Uluilakeba Mara has called on Government to return the designated health vessels that used to service Lau waters in the 1970s and 1980s.

He said the vessels were withdrawn and nothing of equal standing had replaced them. While acknowledging the work of State

Restore medical boats

agencies and private companies that coordinated the rescue of the six health officials and boat handler last week, Ratu Tevita said he had written to the Prime Minister in June this year, Commissioner of Police and the Commander of the RFMF calling for proper boats and crew to service Lau waters, with a dedicated medical team.

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BUSINESS NEWS

By KARISHMA KUMARI

THE Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) has urged businesses, government ministries and departments, statutory bodies, financial institutions, procurement entities and members of the public to exercise extreme caution and independently verify the authenticity of any certificate

Fake tax certificates

purportedly issued by FRCS before using it for any official purpose.

Following the fraudulent tax clearance and tax compliance certificates (TCCs), including fake letters being circulated and falsely claiming that legitimately issued certificates had been cancelled due to a system error, FRCS' chief executive officer Udit Singh said they did not originate from the service.

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