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## **Clarification on Procedural Matters Relating to Mr. Khaiyum's Case**

The Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) acknowledges the public and media interest surrounding the events of yesterday concerning the arrest and charge of Mr. Riyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

Although a procedural timing oversight occurred, it has been discussed across most social media platforms. I had addressed the matter directly with Defence Counsel, and it was made clear that had there been any genuine concern, FICAC was prepared to withdraw the current charge and proceed with a fresh arrest and charge, resulting in Mr Sayed-Khaiyum being held in custody overnight. Defence Counsel did not consider this necessary.

The Defence Counsel conveyed to the Court what transpired at the FICAC office, and I accept full responsibility for the actions of my officers.

Importantly, at no stage were the constitutional rights of the accused infringed, and no prejudice was caused to the accused's liberty or fair trial rights. While it is unfortunate that a timing oversight occurred, it was not fatal to the proceedings, hence the acknowledgement by Defence Counsel before the commencement of the proceedings.

FICAC remains committed to improving the discharge of its mandate.

Lavi Rokoika (Ms.)  
**Acting Commissioner**

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