



Friday 2 September

Canberra 11.00am - Fiji High Commission
19 Beale Crescent Deakin

Sydney 11.00am - Fiji Consulate Office
100 Walker St North Sydney

Melbourne 5.00pm - State Library
Swanston Street Melbourne

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Support Fiji workers

Two Fijian trade unionists, Daniel Urai and Nitin Gounder, are appearing in court on Friday 2 September. They were charged with unlawful assembly, for meeting with their union members to discuss a collective agreement.

This is part of an escalating war against workers in Fiji. In early August, the Fiji Military Government, headed by Commodore Frank Bainimarama, introduced the Essential National Industries Employment Decree (ENIED).

The ENIED takes away nearly all workers' collective bargaining rights, severely restricting the right to strike, it bans overtime payments and voids existing collective agreements for workers in key sectors of the economy including sugar, aviation and tourism. The Decree also authorises employers in government-designated enterprises to dictate

working conditions while denying their workers the right to a voice through independent unions.

These new powers are in addition to the Public Emergency Regulations of 2009 that ban meetings without a permit while giving the military regime wide powers to detain people, censor the media, and enact new laws by decree.

More than half of Fijians in full time employment earn wages below the poverty line of A\$1.25 a day. The Fiji government is trying to destroy the right to organise in Fiji. This would drive wages even lower, increase the intensity of work and decrease OH&S standards.

Workers must stand united and stop the military regime. Many unions, such as the Public Service International, the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions, the ACTU and the MUA have already declared their solidarity with Fijian workers.

We need to take solidarity actions that target the companies that are profiting from these attacks on our brothers and sisters. Only through industrial action and solidarity we will be able to defeat this new attempt to destroy our organisations.



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