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#### FTUC Calls on A-G to Stop Misleading

The FTUC calls on the A-G, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to stop misleading the public with his claims that the government is playing the moderator and providing the employees and employers the right environment.

This is far from the truth. The A-G has forgotten all the draconian decrees he has imposed on workers which stripped them off their rights and forced them into inferior working conditions. This has been condemned roundly by the workers and the International Community.

His claim that the Government is not against the workers and the poor is hollow. Why would the Government intervene and lower wage increases proposed by a tripartite committee of the Wages Council? Why would Government delay payment of wage increases at every opportunity? These wage adjustments came after 18 months when they should have been implemented 6 months ago. The wage increases are simply adjustments and not increase in real wages due to the high inflation rate which results in increased cost of living. It is time that this government recognises that more and more people are being forced into poverty at record levels. The A-G still has the audacity to claim to be for the workers and the poor. The workers are not gullible to believe such claims.

The FTUC denies that Fr. Barr had a conflict of interest. In fact the only conflict he had was with the A-G who has been peddling for a select few rich businesses. This was untenable for Fr. Barr and for FTUC.

It is laughable that the A-G should claim his government is not beholden to the global economy.

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