

**Alleged Human Rights Abuses, Constitutional Violations & Breaches of the Rule of Law in relation to the
Coup d' etat of 5th December 2006**

Fiji Const. = 1997 Fiji Constitution

UDHR – Universal Declaration of Human Rights

ICCPR – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

ICESCR – International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Date	Event	Source of information (Newspaper, Radio, Television, personal testimony)	Human Rights, Constitutional provisions, Rule of Law Violated	Sources of Law	Comments/ Action results if any
30/11/06	Police Commissioner, Andrew Hughes was said to have resigned after his family received death threats. Hughes left Fiji 30 Nov.	Newspaper item in Daily Post 01/12/06	Freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence Right to liberty & security of the person Right to privacy	UDHR Art 3 & 12 ICCPR art 9 Fiji Const. ss 23 & 37	Commissioner Hughes later denied resigning but admitted moving his family to Australia fearing for the family & his safety. He formally tendered in his resignation on the 6 th of December, 6 days after the military coup

1/12/06	Reported by Opposition leader that the multi-million dollar Momi Resort project has been shut down at a loss \$10 million for Fiji.	Daily Post 2/12/06			
04/12/07	Imrana Jalal a staff member at the Pacific Regional Rights Resources Team (UNDP) and a human rights actor received a threat through a call to her mobile with the caller threatening her to be careful about what she says and that he is going rape her. This was in response to an opinion piece of Ms. Jalal's in the Fiji Times which discussing that coups are never justifiable & for there never to be an exception to the rule of law printed in the Fiji Times on Nov 30.	Police statement by Imrana Jalal attached. Annex A .	Right to privacy Freedom of opinion and expression Right to security of the person Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person	Fiji Const. s 37 UDHR s 19, Fiji Const. s 30 UDHR Art.12 & 19 ICCPR art 19	Imrana has since filed an official complaint with the Police. A colleague of Ms Jalal, Mr. Isala Tito Isala also filed a statement with the police stating that a few minutes prior to the threatening phone call to M Jalal, he had been contacte by a military lawyer, Davina Chan to give Jalal' number which he did.
4/12/07	Angie Heffernan of the Pacific Centre for Public Integrity (PCPI) was visited by 2 military lawyers (Amani Bale and Ana Rokomokoti) between	Email from A. Heffernan attached – Annex B	Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom from arbitrary	UDHR Art 19, ICCPR Art 19, Fiji Const. s.30	Angie has continued to speak out against the military and its intimidatic & assaults on vocal critics Since then, Angie has beer

	1:30 – 2 p.m. and told her to stop opposition to the military, in particular highlighting the paid advertisements by PCPI, Transparency International (TI) and the Fiji Women’s Rights Movement (FWRM)		interference on the person Right to privacy	UDHR Art 13 Fiji Const s37	publicly warned by the RFMF’s Land Force Commander Col Pita Driti (reported on Sun 27/12/06)
05/12/06	PM Qarase was placed under house arrest. 40 armed soldiers with M16s cut off the road leading to Qarase’s residence	Newspaper item in Daily Post 06/12/06	Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention Freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home and freedom from arbitrary attacks on honour and reputation Right to choose leader in free & fair elections Freedom of movement	UDHR Art 9, 12, 13, 21 Fiji Const. ss 23, 34 & 37 ICCPR arts 9, 12	On the afternoon of the 5 th of Dec, Commodore Bainimarama announces that he has taken over Government and dismissed the PM & Cabinet after “stepping into the President’s shoes”. At the same time, Bainimarama announces the sacking of senior Government officials including CEOs of some Ministries & the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner & Assistant Commissioner of Police respectively

5/12/06	<p>Commander Frank Bainimarama announces that he has assumed Executive Authority as self appointed President effectively dismissing the president and vice president and dismissed Prime Minister Qarase and his Cabinet. Bainimarama states that he is doing this within the Constitution and under the doctrine of necessity. He states human rights will not be suspended but warns that any person working against the military should be careful</p>	<p>Reported on all media (local, regional & international)</p>	<p>Violation of democratic principles Breaches of the rule of law Breaches of the Constitution</p>	<p>UDHR art 21 Fiji Const arts 85 -109</p>	
05/12/06	<p>Fiji Times newspaper and Fiji One television suspend printing and news broadcasts due to military interference. The military attempted to impose censorship on reporting and both publications refused to print as a result. The Military subsequently stated on 7/12/06 that they would not interfere in</p>	<p>Fiji Times Article Dec 7 Newspaper item in Daily Post 06/12/06</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention Freedom from arbitrary interference with</p>	<p>UDHR Art 19, 12, 9 ICCPR art 19 UDHR Art 12, Fiji Const. ss30 & 37</p>	<p>The military later stated th it was a misunderstanding & it would allow for a free press but cautioned the media & the public to be careful in their comments</p>

	the media any further, but also stated that they request all individuals and NGOs to be careful of what they say.		privacy, family, home and freedom from arbitrary attacks on honour and reputation		
06/12/06	Occupancy rates drop at hotels as a result of the coup down to less than 20% resulting in the lay off of seasonal and casual employees	Fiji times 06/12/06 and Fiji Times 10/12/06	Right to adequate standard of living Right to work and protection against unemployment Right to just and favorable conditions of work	UDHR Art 25, ICESCR Art 11 UDHR Art 23 ICESCR Art 7	Tourism Action Group convened by Military Council to try to get tourists to come to Fiji
06/12/06	Commodore Bainimarama appoints interim caretaker Prime Minister, Dr. Jona Senilagakali	Fiji Daily Post 7/12/06	Right to take part in the government through freely chosen representatives	Fiji Constitution art 59(2) UDHR Art 21	The Military appointed PM advises self-appointed President Commodore Bainimarama to dissolve Parliament which the latter does.

06/12/06	Britain suspends military assistance to Fiji; may result in job losses	Fiji Daily Post 7/12/06				Comment:
06/12/06	VP Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi was removed from office and forced out of his official residence by the military	Newspaper item in Fiji Times 07/12/06 Verified by personal interview	Freedom from cruel and degrading treatment Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person Illegal dismissal	UDHR Art 12 Fiji Constitution art 25 Fiji Constitution art 93(2)	Ratu Joni later tendered his resignation to the Great Council of Chiefs (the body that appointed him) the week after his illegal removal	
06/12/06	Acting Police Commissioner Moses Driver and Acting Deputy Commissioner Kevueli Bulamainaivalu were taken to the Army camp "under duress" by a truck full of army soldiers. ACP Driver and ADC Kevueli were then told they had been removed	News paper item in Fiji Times 07/12/06	Right to liberty Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention	UDHR Art. 3, 9 Fiji Const. s.23 ICCPR art 9	Acting Commissioner Driver & ACP Bulamainaivalu were dismissed for not supporting the military take over	
06/12/06	Unionist and former MP Kenneth Zinck was taken into the Army camp for questioning after comments he made while	Fiji Times article 9/12/06	Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention Freedom from	UDHR Art. 9 Fiji Const s 23 & 25	Mr. Zinck was subsequently again detained on 4 th Jan 2007 in Nadi by soldiers for commenting against the	

	drinking at the Union Club. He made these comments whilst drinking with friends and a relative of Bainimarama's was sitting close by. He was taken up to the camp after 9 pm and was made to run around a sports field while four soldiers ran behind him with guns point to his back. "Then they made me stand under the spotlight while they stood behind – it so that couldn't see their faces and warned me not to speak out against eh commander again and for me to watch out"	(www.fijivillage.com 8 th Jan 2007)	cruel and degrading treatment Freedom of opinion and expression	UDHR Art 19, Fiji Const. s30 ICCPR 19	Commander. He was allegedly assaulted. (www.fijivillage.com)
07/12/06	Concerns raised by individuals about the potential collapse of the sugar industry should the EU impose sanctions.	Fiji Daily Post 7/12/06			
07/12/06	A State of Emergency was declared by the Fiji military chief after a bloodless coup at 1800 hours on 5/12/06. In an Extraordinary Fiji Gazette published by authority of the	Fiji Post 7/12/06	State of Emergency Declaration unlawful	Fiji Const. art 187	Only the lawfully appointed president acting on the advice of cabinet can declare the state of emergency

	Fiji Military Government the commander said, "I have with much reluctance assumed executive authority of the country and henceforth declared a state of emergency"				
07/12/06	<p>Military force Senate Closure. Six senior civil servants lost their jobs in the military's bid to take control of major institutions inc. the police and civil service. The six include PSC Chairman, Stuart Hugget; acting Police Commissioner Moses Driver; deputy Assistant Police Commissioner, Kevueli Bulamainaivalu; Supervisor of Elections, Semesa Karavaki; and Solicitor-General, Nainendra Nand.</p> <p>Statement from Stuart Hugget was that "Frank kicked his legs out from under him and beat him around the head telling him, "Don't fuck with the</p>	<p>News item in Fiji Times 08/12/06 Fiji Times 7/12/08</p>	<p>Right to work</p> <p>Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person</p>	<p>UDHR Art. 12, 23</p> <p>ICCPR art 9</p>	

	military”				
07/12/06	Military dismisses official positions; Public Service Commission CEO Anare Jale, Chief Executive of the PM’s Office Jioji Kotobalavu, Solicitor General Nainendra Nand, PSC Chair Stuart Hugget and Supervisor of Elections Semesa Karavaki Acting Police Commissioner – Moses Driver and ADC Kevueli Bulamainivalu dismissed by Military.	Fiji Times 15/12/06	Right to work and protection against unemployment Appointment & Dismissal of CEOs by Public Service Commission Judicial Services Commission appoints and dismisses Solicitor General	UDHR Art 23 ICESCR Art 6 Fiji Constitution Art. 146, Constitution Art. 131	Self appointed President h appointed replacement CEOs
07/12/06	Mary Chapman, Secretary to Parliament, was removed from her position	News item in Fiji Times 08/12/06	Right to work and protection against unemployment Appointment & Dismissal of Secretary to	UDHR Art 23 Fiji Cons art 147	

			Parliament by Public Service Commission		
8/12/06	<p>Commonwealth Secretary General Don McKinnon announced the suspension after an emergency meeting of the Commonwealth's Ministerial Action Group. "Fiji's military regime should forthwith be suspended from the Councils of the Commonwealth pending the restoration of democracy and the rule of law in that country," he said in a statement.</p> <p>The group "unequivocally condemned" the military take-over, calling it "a serious violation of the Commonwealth's fundamental principles".</p> <p>The move means Fiji's military leaders are barred from all inter-governmental Commonwealth meetings.</p>	BBC Online 08/12/06			

	Existing technical assistance will continue, but there will be no new initiatives.				
08/12/06	Fiji Business Council reports work slowdown resulting in loss of jobs	Fiji Times 08/12/06	Right to adequate standard of living Right to work and protection against unemployment	UDHR Art.25, ICESCR Art 11 UDHR Art 23	
09/12/06	Army takes in writers of letters to the editor and unionists for questioning. They gave the writers of the letters to the editors a verbal warning. Another writer to the open column was detained for one day	Fiji Times 9/12/06 Fiji Times 15/12/06	Freedom of opinion and expression Right to liberty & Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention	UDHR Art. 9, 12,19, Fiji Const art 23, 27, 30, 37	
09/12/06	Pacific Connex office raided; telecommunications company which is a joint venture between the NLTB and Ballu Khan. Office was raided and	Fiji Times 9/12/06	Right to privacy Unreasonable search & seizure of property Freedom from	Fiji Const arts 26, 37 UDHR art 12	

	documents seized.		arbitrary interference with privacy, family & home.	ICCPR art 17	
09/12/06	Senior party executives of the SDL party, plus business person Imraz Iqbal and ousted State Minister Ted Young were taken to the Army Camp for questioning. Warnings were given to Imraz Iqbal. No other statements issued. Directors of PCPI and FWRM also received threatening phone calls from the military to suspend their anti-military activities and statements.	Fiji Times 11/12/06	Liberty & security of the person & Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention Freedom of opinion and expression Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person	Fiji Const. s 23, 27, 30 UDHR Art 9, 12,19 ICCPR art 17, 19	
10/12/06	Pacific Connex owner Ballu Khan's guards and former members of the CRW unit were taken in for questioning by the military.	News item in Fiji Times 10/12/06 Daily Post 10/12/06	Liberty & security of person Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention	UDHR Art 3, 9 Fiji Const. s 23, 27 ICCPR art 9	

10/12/06	Democracy shrine set up by a pro-democracy youth group called the “Young People’s Concerned Network” at a private residence owned by business woman Laisa Digitaki demolished during a power blackout on Sunday night December 10 th . Men in civilian clothes removed banners and damaged part of the property which belongs to Digitaki.	News item in Fiji Times 11/12/06 Daily Post 11/12.06	Freedom from arbitrary interference with home and correspondence Freedom of opinion and expression	UDHR Art 12 UDHR Art 19 Fiji Const. s. 30 ICCPR art 17, 19	
10/12/06	Delegates from Ba Province denied access to visit Ratu Iloilo at the Presidents residence	News item in Fiji Times 10/12/06 and 11/12/06	Freedom of movement	UDHR Art 13, Fiji Const. s34	
11/12/06	Attorney General and Minister for Justice Qoriniasi Bale taken to Military camp for “discussions”	Fiji Times 12/1/206	(A) Right to personal liberty/security of the person (B) Right against arbitrary arrest/detention (C) Rights of arrested/detained person	(A) Constitution of Fiji – Art. 23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9 & 10 (B) CF – Art 23	

			(D) Right to privacy/ Right against arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence	UDHR – Art 9 ICCPR – Art 9 (C) CF – Art 27 ICCPR – Art 10 (D) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art 12 ICCPR – Art 17	
11/12/06	Fiji loses bid for hosting the world netball championships and stands to lose \$6 million in revenue as a result.	News item in Fiji Times 11/12/06 Daily Post 10/12/06			
11/12/06	Military has confirmed taking people to its camp in Nabua but has not commented on complaints made	News item Fiji Times 12/12/06	(A) Right of detained person (B) Right to be free from arbitrary arrest & detention	(A) CF – Art 27 (B) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art	

			<p>(C) Right to liberty & security of person</p> <p>(D) Right to privacy/free from arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence</p>	<p>9 ICCPR – Art 9</p> <p>(C) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9</p> <p>(D) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art 12 ICCPR – Art 17</p>	
12/12/06	Military has warned Deposed PM Qarase to remain on his home island in Vanuabalau stating that Mr. Qarase’s presence in Suva would not be accepted	News item Fiji Times 12/12/06	<p>(A)Freedom of Movement</p> <p>(B) Right to personal liberty & security of person</p>	<p>(A) CF – Art 34 UDHR – Art 13 ICCPR – Art 12</p> <p>(B) CF – Art 23</p>	Qarase remains to on his island to this day. Domestic Airline Air Fiji has refuse to allow him to travel in their airplane.

				UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9	
12/12/06	Pro-Democracy activist and member of the Young People’s Concerned Network, Pita Waqavonovono was harassed for about ½ an hour at a soldiers checkpoint at the Bailey Bridge in Suva while traveling to work in a taxi; they ransacked his possessions and sent the taxi away. Another taxi driver came to his aid and assisted him.	Fiji Times 13/12/06	(A) Right to liberty& security of person (B) Right to be free of torture, cruel or inhuman treatment (C) Right to privacy/ right to be free from arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence (D) Right against discrimination due to personal opinions and beliefs	(A)CF – Art 23 UDHR –Art 3 ICCPR –Art 9 (B) CF – Art 25 UDHR – Art 5 ICCPR – Art 7 (C) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art 12 ICCPR- Art 17 (D) CF – Art 38(2)(B)	Pita was taken in by Soldiers on 25 th Dec 2006 with other pro-democracy activists and were subject to assaults & humiliation by 20-30 soldiers

12/12/06	Military dismisses officials; National Reconciliation Ministry CEO Apisalome Tudreu, Deposed PM Qarase's Principal Secretary Sakeasi Ditoka and Principle Legal Officer in the PM's office Ilaitia Tamata, Finance Ministry CEO Paula Uluinaceva & PSC CEO Anare Jale also sacked.	Fiji Times 15/12/06 Daily Post 12/12/06	(A) Right to fair labour practice/natural justice (B) Right to employment Appointment & Dismissal of CEOs by Public Service Commission	(A) CF – Art 33(3) (B) UDHR – Art 23 ICESCR – Art 6 Fiji Constitution art 147	
12/12/06	Young people's Concerned Network restored the democracy shrine in Lami. One member of the group had his house attacked by a group of youths on Saturday 9, 06. Reactions from the military were immediate; making threatening phone calls to network members. Military	News item Fiji Times 12/12/06	(A) Right to liberty & security of the person (B) Right to freedom of expression (C) Right against discrimination	(A) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9 (B) CF – Art 30 UDHR – Art 19	

	distanced itself from the attack on the member.		due to personal opinions or beliefs (D) Right to privacy/ free from arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence	ICCPR – Art 19 (C)CF – Art 38(2)(b) (D) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art 12 ICCPR – Art 17	
12/12/06	Hotels cut working hours; two hotels have reduced its working hours in an attempt to recover costs due to the crisis; resulting in job losses	Fiji Daily Post 12/12/06	(A) Right to employment (B) Right to adequate standards of living	(A)UDHR- Art 23 ICESCR – Art 6 (B) UDHR – Art 25 ICESCR – Art 11	
12/12/06	Fiji Women ‘s Crisis Centre call for a stop to the threats made to human rights defenders. Called the FHRC to investigate these threats as they did in 2000.	Fiji Post 12/12/06 Fiji Times 27/12/06 Fiji Post 28/12/06	(A) Right of human right defenders to be protected by State	(A) UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders specifically	Fiji Human Rights Commission (FHRC) state that rights are limited & NGOs should be careful about what they say. FHRC Director Shaista

				Art. 2(1)	Shameem has been non-committal about investigating the military' human rights abuses & in one case, has questioned the motive of activists who were tortured by the military (Fiji Times 27/12/06)
12/12/06	FHRC states that it will investigate allegations of human rights violations.	FHRC press release 12/12/06	N/A		To date, no reports have been published by the FHRC on their investigations
12/12/06	Fiji Daily Post newspaper general manager Mesake Koroi's residence was raided by the military. Nothing was taken. Koroi was not present.	Fiji Daily Post 13/12/06	(A) Right to personal liberty & security of the person (B) Freedom from unreasonable searches & seizures (C) Right to privacy/ to be free from arbitrary	(A) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9 (B) CF – Art 26 (C) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art	Other senior staff member have been questioned & harassed

			interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence (D) Right to freedom of expression (E) Right against discrimination due to personal beliefs & opinions	12 ICCPR – Art 17 (D) CF – Art 30 UDHR – Art 19 ICCPR – Art 19 (E) CF – Art 38(2)(b)	
13/12/06	State Minister for Public Utilities Reform Samisoni Tikoinasau was taken to the barracks from his Lami home at 10 am accompanied by army personnel for questioning which he said was “very intimidating”	News item Fiji Times 13/12/06	(A) Right to liberty & security of the person (B) Rights of detained person (C) Right to privacy/ free from arbitrary interference with privacy, family,	(A) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9 (B) CF – Art 27 ICCPR – Art 9 &10	

			home or correspondence (D) Right to be free from arbitrary detention/arrest	(C) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art 12 ICCPR – Art 17 (D) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 9 ICCPR – Art 9	
13/12/06	Staff of political parties working in Parliament were given one month notice to vacate their office	News item Fiji Times 13/12/06	(A) Right to fair labour practices/ natural justice (B) Right to employment	(A) CF – Art 33(3) (B) UDHR – Art 23 ICESCR – Art 6	
13/12/06 14/12/06	Terminations of Employment; Fijian Affairs Board Chief Executive Officer, Adi Litia Qionibaravi received official	News item Fiji Times 14/12/06 And 15 / 12 / 06	(A) Right to fair labour practices (B) Right to employment	(A) CF – Art 33(3) (B) UDHR – Art 23	Frank Bainimarama has appointed several replacements on Statutory Bodies/Boards

	<p>notice of her dismissal from office.</p> <p>The military also dismissed the following persons from posts; Airports Fiji Limited board chairman Viliame Leqa and member Adish Naidu AFL CEO Ratu Sakiusa Tuisolia, Post Fiji Limited Board Members Imrana Jalal, Malcolm Harrison and Lute Powel, Ports Corporation and Ports Terminal Limited board members Aca Lord, Jonetani Galuinadi and Lallun Khan. Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji board members Isimeli Bainamara, Kenneth Zinck and Ofa Swann; Air Terminal Services executive chairman and CEO Isimeli Bainimarama, Fiji Electricity Authority Board Chairman Joe Mar</p>	<p>Daily Post 13/12/06 re; Tuisolia</p> <p>Fiji Daily Post 15/12/06</p>	<p>(C) Right to an adequate standard of living</p> <p>(D) Right against discrimination due to personal opinions or beliefs</p>	<p>ICESCR – Art 11</p> <p>(C) UDHR – Art 25</p> <p>ICESCR – Art 11</p> <p>(D) CF – Art 38(2)(b)</p>	
14/12/06	The Military yesterday ordered the immediate deportation to Australia of Daily Post Editor	Article in Fiji Times 15/12/06	<p>(A) Right to fair labour practices</p> <p>(B) Right against</p>	<p>(A) CF – Art 33(3)</p> <p>(B) ICCPR –</p>	

	<p>in Chief, Robert Wolfgramm. Soldiers were seen seizing his passport outside the paper's Suva office. Wolfgramm who is originally from Fiji is now an Australian citizen. He and his family were forced to leave. Daily Post staffs including Wolfgramm were taken up to QEB and warned by the military to "tone down" the content of images and anti-military sentiment it had been publishing.</p>	<p>Fiji Post 14/12/06</p>	<p>expulsion from a country without due process (C) Right to privacy/ Right against arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence (D) Right to freedom of expression (E) Right against discrimination due to personal opinions or beliefs</p>	<p>Art 13 (C) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art 12 ICCPR – Art 17 (D) CF – Art 30 UDHR – Art 19 ICCPR – Art 19 (E) CF – Art 38(2)(b)</p>	
14/12/06	<p>Army personnel threatened a Daily Post reporter, Jyoti Pratibha and her family – soldiers' actions described as "harsh and rude". The soldier was trying to locate the reporter's boss, the General Manager of the Daily Post</p>	<p>Article in Fiji Times 15/1206 17/12/06 Daily Post 14/12/06 Fiji Daily Post 14/12/06</p>	<p>(A) Right to privacy/ Right against arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence (B) Right to</p>	<p>(A) CF – Art 37 UDHR – Art 12 ICCPR – Art 17 (B) CF – Art</p>	

	Mesake Koroi		security of the person (C) Right to freedom of expression (D) Right against discrimination due to personal opinions or beliefs	23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9 (C) CF – Art 30 UDHR – Art 19 ICCPR – Art 19 (D) CF – Art 38(2)(b)	
14/12/06	Police statements made by Imrana Jalal and Isala Isala printed in the Fiji Post	14/12/06 Daily Post 14/12/06 Fiji Daily Post Personal testimony	(A) Right to privacy/ Right against arbitrary interference with privacy, family, home or correspondence	(A) CF – Art 37 UDHR - Art 12 ICCPR – Art 17	Soldiers turned at Ms Jalal’s house on 24 th Dec 2006 looking for her & were told that she was in Australia
15/12/06	FHRC has confirmed that they have received complaints from	News item in Fiji times 15/12/06	N/A		FHRC Commissioner Shamima Ali has stated th

	the public against the military; Kenneth Zinck case plus two senior members of the Soqosoqo Duvavata ni Lewenivanua Party				people are afraid to complain to the FHRC fearing that its independence has been compromised
16/12/06	Protest March applications rejected. Commissioner Central Police Inoke Devo confirmed rejecting 5 applications for marches through the capital by various organizations for peaceful demonstrations. Police referred the applications to the military which rejected them.	Daily Post 16/12/06	(A) Right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association (B) Right to freedom of expression (C) Right against discrimination due to personal beliefs & opinions	(A) CF – Art 31 & 32 UDHR – Art 20 ICCPR – Art 21 & 22 (B) CF – Art 30 UDHR – Art 19 ICCPR – Art 19 (C) CF – Art 3(2)(b)	
16/12/06	Military appoints a new Ombudsman who will be the Chair of the FHRC – Rodney Acraman No comment from the FHRC	Article in Fiji Times 17/12/06	Appointment of Ombudsman by the Constitutional Offices	Fiji Constitution art 163 & 42	Human Rights Commissioner Shamima Ali has called for Acraman’s resignation on the basis that his

	NGOs express concern		Commission & Human Rights Commissioners appointed by President on the advise of Prime Minister & Leader of Opposition		appointment is unconstitutional. NGOs have called for Acraman not to accept the position.
17/12/06	The ICJ (International Commission of Jurists) calls on the Fiji military to immediately restore the rule of law and respect human rights.		N/A		
18/12/06	Pacific Island Forum Secretariat, a regional intergovernmental organisation Metuisela Usa was taken in by military accused by a local street kid of vandalizing a car in the neighborhood. About 20 soldiers came to his residence then forced him into a van and “along the way to QEB they beat me with their fists and the butt of their rifles – mostly	Article in Fiji Times 18/12/06	(A) Right to personal liberty and security of the person (B) Right against arbitrary arrest or detention (C) Right to be free from cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment	(A) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9 (B) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 9 ICCPR – Art	It appears from the large number of civilians taken by the military who are not connected politically or to the human rights community that opportunistic accusations are being made by members of the public against others. Although this is not substantiated it is only anecdotal evidence

	hitting my head” Then locked up for 3 hours.		(B) Right of arrested & detained persons/ Right to due process/natural justice	9 (C) CF – Art 25 UDHR – Art 5 ICCPR – Art 7 CAT – Art 2	a significant number of opportunistic accusations are being made by Indo Fijians against indigenous Fijians.
19/12/06	Fiji Employers Federation circulated the following unemployment figures; Full time workers laid off 180, Part time workers laid off 618, casual workers laid off 618, workers on reduced hours 1053	Article in Fiji Times 18/12/06 Daily Post 19/12/06	(A) Right to employment (B) Right to an adequate standard of living	(A) UDHR – Art 23 ICESCR – Art 6 (B) UDHR – Art 25 ICESCR – Art 11	
19/12/06	Capital projects for Ministries on hold due to the absence of a Finance Minister. Includes Women’s Action Plan grants which provide assistance to women’s groups. In addition, the family relief assistance which assists 26,000 people may be affected	Article in Fiji Times 19/12/06	(A) Right to an adequate standard of living (B) Right of women to full development and advancement	(A) UDHR – Art 25 ICESCR – Art 11 (B) CEDAW Art 3	

19/12/06	Military dismissals; Nine political assistants, civil servants will be taken off of the government payroll	Fiji Times 19/12/06	(A) Right to fair labour practices (B) Right to work (C) Right to an adequate standard of living	(A) CF – Art 33(3) (B) UDHR – Art 23 ICESCR – Art 6 (C) UDHR – Art 25 ICESCR – Art 11	
20/12/06	Fiji to lose \$400 million in foreign exchange as a result of the military takeover; estimate from the Fiji Islands Hotel and Tourism Association chief executive. Now necessary to give a 40% reduction on rates for visitors to Fiji	Fiji Times 20/12/06	(A) Right to an adequate standard of living (B) Right to work	(A) UDHR – Art 25 ICESCR – Art 11 (B) UDHR – Art 23 ICESCR – Art 6	
21/12/06	International Conman, Peter Foster was removed by military personnel from his house arrest at JJ's on the Park Hotel in Suva. Suva Magistrates Court subsequently order that Foster be moved back to JJ's to remain	Fiji Times 28/01/06	Relevant due to the military's interference in the courts and court processes Judicial Independence	Fiji Constitution Art. 118	

	under house arrest. The military took Foster to Foster's home in Denarau Is, Nadi. Subsequently, Foster has revealed that he was working undercover for the military to expose corruption amongst the SDL party (previous government). No clear evidence has emerged.				
22/12/06	Police arrested a group of pro-democracy protestors yesterday at the FMF dome where the Great Council of Chiefs meeting was being held. The group was taken by the police for not having a permit to gather in a public place. Five were released on bail the next day.	23/12/06 Fiji Times 22/12/06 Article Daily Post 23/12/06	Freedom of personal liberty Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Arts. 23, 27 , 30 & 31 <i>UDHR</i> Arts. 3, 12, 19 & 20. ICCPR 9, 17 & 19	
23/12/06	State CEOs have been ordered to seek approval from the military Commander prior to making any public statements regarding the Interim Government to the press	23/12/06 Fiji Times Article Daily Post 23/12/06	Freedom of expression	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 30 <i>UDHR</i> Art. 19	

				ICCPR art 19	
23/12/06	RFMF Military Commander issued warnings on Fijian radio to people and non-government activists who he believes are inciting civil unrest. Individuals named included Virisila Buadromo of the FWRM, Imrana Jalal of RRRT/UNDP, Imraz Iqbal, businessman and Laisa Digitaki of the Young Person's Concerned Network	23/12/06 Fiji Times Article Daily Post 23/12/06 Daily Post 23/12/06	Freedom of Speech Freedom of personal liberty Freedom from arbitrary interference	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Arts. 30 and 23. <i>UDHR</i> Arts. 3, 12, 19 ICCPR art 19	
23/12/06	International conman awaiting charges under house arrest in Fiji, Peter Foster was taken into military custody yesterday	Fiji Times article 26/12/06 Daily Post 23/12/06	Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person Interference with Judicial Independence	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 27 <i>UDHR</i> Art. 9 Fiji Const 118	It has been reported that Peter Foster is working for the military & helping them in their "clean up" campaign.
23/12/06	Sugar Cane Growers Council Chief Executive Jagannath Sami was taken to the military camp and was instructed not to	Fiji Times article 26/12/06 Daily Post 27/12/06	Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person	<i>Fiji Const</i> Arts. 23, 27 & 30	He was later terminated from his position (see 28/12/06) as Chief Executive by self-

	make further comments criticizing the military.		Freedom of personal liberty	<i>UDHR</i> Arts. 3, 12, 19 <i>ICCPR</i> 9, 17, 19	appointed President Bainimarama
23/12/07	Four youths told of how soldiers beat them up and forced them to drink waste water from a drain and kiss each other gunpoint. The youths, of Naimalavau Village in Tailevu alleged that they were picked up while walking home after going out dancing on a Saturday night before Christmas. At QEB they were forced to crawl through the drain while they were kicked and punched. Youth were too frightened to report incident.	8/01/07 Fiji Sun newspaper on line	(A) Right to personal liberty and security of the person (B) Right against arbitrary arrest or detention (C) Right to be free from cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment (B) Right of arrested & detained persons/ Right to due process/natural justice	(A) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 3 ICCPR – Art 9 (B) CF – Art 23 UDHR – Art 9 ICCPR – Art 9 (C) CF – Art 25 UDHR – Art 5 ICCPR – Art 7 CAT – Art 2	

24/12/06	Local media organization has been issued a directive against airing comments and reactions from deposed PM Qarase. The directive was rejected by Fiji TV.	Fiji Times Daily Post 29/12/06	Freedom of expression	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 30 <i>UDHR</i> Art. 19 ICCPR art 19	It appears that media organizations are operating relatively freely & openly
25/12/06	Pop signer Laisa Vulakoro writes a letter to the editor criticizing the coup Vulakoro was then visited at her home by the military on 26/12/06 and warned not to make further statements against the military. Vulakoro refused to stop speaking freely. Vulakoro was taken to military camp on 28/12/06 and held for 3 hours	Fiji Times 27/12/06 article in Fiji Sun, 27/12/06 Daily Post 29/12/06	Freedom of expression Freedom from arbitrary interference on the person Rights to personal liberty Freedom of conscience	<i>Fiji Const</i> Art. 23, 30, 25 <i>UDHR</i> Art. 3, 12, 19 ICCPR art 19	Purportedly Vulakoro's ha was cut by the military officers. She is currently abroad.
25/12/06	Six pro-democracy activists were taken into QEB at around midnight on Sunday (Christmas Eve) after actively voicing their concerns over the military	Eyewitness account of 6 being marched out of QEB –early morning 25/12/06	Freedom from cruel and degrading treatment Right to freedom	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 35, 38(2)	By 26/12/06 one youth activist had filed a police report and underwent a medical examination at the SPH.

<p>takeover. Taken in were Virisila Buadromo of FWRM, her partner Arshad Daud, businessman, Laisa Digitaki of the Concerned Young Person's Network, businessman Imraz Iqbal, youth activists Pita Waqavonuvonu and Jackie Koro. At the camp, the six activists suffered humiliating and degrading treatment including physical, verbal and emotional abuse. Before and during interrogation, they were beaten, punched, kicked, and made to crawl on all fours. One youth activist was repeatedly asked who the President was and upon answering "Ratu Iloilo" was repetitively kicked by military officers. The majority of the bruises that the activists received were from the chest area and below. After 1am they were forced to walk in the rain from the military</p>	<p>Personal. Comm. 25/12/06 News item in Fiji Times 26/12/06 News item in Fiji Sun 27/12/06 "Torture Victim tells of loaded gun at her head". Personal communication 9/1/07</p>	<p>of opinion and expression – freedom to hold opinions without interference Freedom of speech Freedom of thought and conscience Freedom of movement Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention Right to non-discrimination on the grounds of opinion Right of detained to be treated with humanity & respect for human dignity</p>	<p><i>UDHR</i> Art. 3, 5, 9, 12, 19 <i>ICCPR</i> Arts 2, 7, 9, 10, 17, 19 CAT 2</p>	<p>03/01/07: Fiji Times and Pacnews – Bainimarama said he will not apologise for the treatment of the pro democracy activists beater by the military. Also, earlier (Fiji Times 26/12/06) The Commander warned that any military officer found to have authorized c sanctioned such deplorable human rights violations would face the full brunt o the law. One of the activists who have left Suva has been repeatedly harassed by the military & directed to retu to the army barracks. He h refused to do so.</p>
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	<p>camp to the democracy shrine at Lami via Reservoir Road. LD appeared on Fiji One News on Tuesday evening, going through her Lami property which was completely ransacked by the military and “Merry X-Mas and Happy New Year” spray-painted by the military officers on the outside walls of the house. LD was also seen on television with visible injuries to her face and wearing a neck-brace. The activists were warned by the military that if they spoke out again they would be taken up to the military camp again and would suffer worse treatment and that their families would also suffer ill-treatment.</p>				
25/12/06	<p>The military has also since issued a directive to immigration not to allow the 6 pro democracy activists out of the country.</p>	Fiji Sun 27/12/06	Freedom of Movement	<p><i>Fiji Const</i> art 34(3) UDHR art 13</p>	<p>Immigration turned away Laisa Digitaki from the airport when she attempted travel to Sydney with her 2 children. Her 2 children</p>

				ICCPR art 12	were allowed to travel (see Fiji Sun 30 Dec 06)
25/12/06	There were others up at the camp – what they were doing to us they were doing to others. We saw some young Fijian boys stripped down to their underwear and made to crawl through the drains	Eyewitness report from Virisila Buadromo during her interrogation at QEB	Right to liberty Freedom from cruel and degrading treatment Right to freedom of opinion and expression – freedom to hold opinions without interference Freedom of speech Right of detained to be treated with humanity & respect for human dignity	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, 25 & 27 <i>UDHR</i> Arts. 3, 5, 9, 10 & 12 ICCPR 7, 9, 10 & 17	In a statement (Fijilive 27/12/06) the British High Commission in Suva said it was concerned about the arbitrary detention and inhumane treatment of No Government Organization: and others who have spoken out against the December : coup.
27/12/06	NGO Pacific Centre for Public Integrity was warned by the military “We are telling her to shut up or be careful with she says when making public	Fiji Sun article, 27/12/06	Right to freedom of opinion and expression – freedom to hold opinions without	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 30, 35 <i>UDHR</i> Art. 19.	The warnings from the military have not deterred the Director of PCPI. There are concerns however about her physical safety

	statements” in response to a PCPI press release which condemned the actions of the military in their treatment of human rights activists. Army spokesperson, Major Leweni stated that “I would like Angie to know that what was done to her six comrades could have been worse”		interference Freedom of speech	ICCPR art 19	
27/12/06	Military spokesperson Major Leweni said that the military has issued numerous warnings of an emergency decree in place and everyone should abide by it “It is therefore, absolutely necessary that non government organizations and political commentators exercise caution when making public statements” Commodore Bainimarama also stated on radio that “such people were treated as threats and they will be dealt with accordingly”	Fiji Times 27/12/06 Fiji Times 28/12/06 Fiji Times 03/01/07	Right to freedom of opinion and expression – freedom to hold opinions without interference Freedom of speech	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 30. <i>UDHR</i> Art. 19 ICCPR art 19	

<p>27/12/06</p> <p>See also update 11/01/07.</p>	<p>Suva businessman Keni Dakuidreketui was taken to the barracks on 24 / 12/06 for questioning after witnessing an assault by soldiers on another individual. He stated that he was questioned and released. .</p>	<p>Fiji Time article 27/12/06</p>	<p>Freedom arbitrary arrest and detention Right to personal liberty</p>	<p><i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, 27</p> <p><i>UDHR</i> Art. 3, 9</p> <p>ICCPR art 9, 17</p>	
<p>27/12/06</p>	<p>Secretary to the Council of Chiefs Adi Litia Qionibaravi was taken to the military barracks and locked in a cell for 10 hours at the military barracks. It was reported that she was questioned by the military commander Voreqe Bainimarama. Her daughter appealed to the military on TV One to release her mother. Adi Litia reunited with her family on Thursday 27/12/06. She has since suspended making public statements. According to the Fiji Times it is believed that Adi Litia was taken in by the military because she remained</p>	<p>TV One 27/12/06</p> <p>Fiji Times Dec 31st, 2006</p> <p>Daily Post 30/12/06 and 3127/12/06</p>	<p>Freedom from arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Right to personal liberty Right of detained to be treated with humanity & respect for human dignity</p>	<p><i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, 27, 30, 35</p> <p><i>UDHR</i> Art. 3, 5, 9, 19</p> <p>ICCPR arts 9, 10, 17 & 19</p>	

	defiant and made statements against the military in what she claimed was her capacity as CEO for the Fijian Affairs Board. She had been sacked by Bainimarama and replaced with the commodore's older brother Ratu Meli who is the CEO of Ministry of Fijian Affairs				
27/12/06	FHRC issues warning to people to be careful when expressing their views about the situation as their rights are limited by law. Commission Director Dr. Shaista Shameem said "under the present circumstances people must know what right they must be cautious of". Opposition leader Mick Beddoes writes in Fiji Times (27/12/06) for Director of FHRC, Dr. Shasita Shameem to clarify what she meant when she said "people should be careful what they say about the military".	Fiji Times 27/12/06	Freedom of Expression	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 30 <i>UDHR</i> Art.19 ICCPR art 19	President of the Fiji Law Society has questioned Dr. Shaista Shameem's interpretation of the Bill of Rights Commissioner Shamima A disassociates herself from Director Shameem's comments. Prominent lawyers Richard Naidu and Jon Apted disagree with Shameem's comments

28/12/06	Laisa Vulakoro taken to military camp at about 1am and detained for 3 hours. She was reportedly taken up again later in the day and soldiers cut her hair (this not confirmed yet).	Legend FM News on 28/12/06	Freedom from cruel and degrading treatment Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention Right to Personal liberty	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, 25, 27, 30 <i>UDHR</i> Art.5, 9, 12, 19 ICCPR 9, 10, 17 & 19	LV left for Australia on 28/12/06
28/12/06	Sugar Cane Growers Association CEO, Jagannath Sami was terminated 27/12/06 along with its chairman and eight board members.	Fiji Times 28/12/06	Freedom of expression Right to work Freedom from arbitrary interference with his privacy, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation	Fiji Const arts 30 <i>UDHR</i> Arts. 9, 12, 19. <i>ICESCR</i> Art. 6 ICCPR art 10 & 19	
28/12/06	Military puts on hold any further meetings of the Great Council of Chiefs and that “as long as the State of Emergency	Fiji Times 28/12/06	Freedom of Assembly Freedom of Association	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 30, 31 & 32	

	is in place the GCC will not be allowed to sit unless military gives it clearance to do so”			<i>UDHR</i> Art. 19 & 20 ICCPR art 19 & 21	
2830/12/06	Article in Fiji Daily Post stating that “it is believed people have become more hesitant to comment on the country’s current situation”. Another article, “Fear Grips Freedom Speakers”. The head of the Military reminds the public of the Emergency Decree and has issued fresh warnings to NGOs and individuals against speaking out against the military campaign.	Daily Post 28/12/06	Freedom from arbitrary detention Freedom of opinion and expression Right to personal liberty	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, 27, 30 <i>UDHR</i> Art. 3, 9, 19 ICCPR Art 9 & 19	
30/12/06	A man was beaten to death at the Royal Suva Yacht Club after attending the wedding party of Commodore Bainimarama’s daughter to Samuel Whippy. Whippy’s uncle (John Whippy) was said to have been assaulted at about	Fiji Times 01/01/07, 06/01/07 & 09/01/07	Right to life	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 22 <i>UDHR</i> Art. 3 ICCPR art 6	No charges have been made.

	<p>2am on 30/12/06. A post-mortem examination report showed the deceased suffered brain hemorrhaging. Commodore Bainimarama's brother in law Francis Kean, the key suspect has been interrogated by police and released over the fatal assault. A letter to the editor (Fiji Times 06/01/07) by a member of the public condemned the delay in police investigation and provided the case should not be a difficult one as there were eye witnesses.</p>				
30/12/07	<p>NGOs call for resignation of FHRC Director Shaista Shameem. Resulted from her advice to the public to censor what they said against the military because their rights were limited</p>	<p>Fiji Times 30/12/06</p> <p>Personal testimony from Commissioner Ali</p>	<p>Freedom of expression</p>	<p><i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 30</p> <p><i>UDHR</i> Art. 19</p> <p>ICCPR art 19</p>	<p>Human Rights Commissioner Shamima A has said that she will demand Dr. Shameem's resignation & if this fails, she will dismiss Shameem</p>
31/12/07	<p>SDL national director Peceli Kinuwai was reportedly contacted by the military at</p>	<p>Fiji Times paper & online 02/01/06 Fiji TV One</p>	<p>Freedom of opinion and expression</p>	<p>Fiji Const. Art. 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 37</p>	

	<p>4pm to head to the military camp at Nabua. Peceli asked the he be picked up instead from Kalabu Police Post and spent 8 hours in detention at the military camp in Nabua. He was released at 3 a.m. in the morning (of 01/01/07). He was quoted in the Fiji times to not have been subject to harassment or torture and given food which he did not touch. According to the Times, Peceli has been cautioned 5 times for speaking on behalf of the SDL Party. Peceli was detained by the military in response to a his ‘thanking the majority that is, some silent 500,000 who gave us [SDL] the mandate to run the Government for their prayers and continued support for the party’ on National TV (TV One).</p>	Online 3/01/07	<p>Freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention Right to personal liberty Right of detained to be treated with humanity & respect for human dignity</p>	<p>UDHR Art 3, 5, 9,12, 18, 19 ICCPR arts 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19</p>	
02/01/07	Sugar Cane Growers Council CEO in Lautoka Jagannath	TV One News 02/01/07	Right to work and	Fiji Const s.23, 25	Mr. Sami wrote a media report about the incident.

	Sami was reported to be ordered out of his office by military personnel and his staff was threatened that they would be taken in to the military camp if they fail to report to the military if Mr. Sami turns up at the office. This move was made because Bainimarama claims he had sacked MR Sami along with 7 other government-appointed councilors the previous week.	Fiji Times 03/01/07	Right to personal liberty Freedom from arbitrary interference upon honour and reputation Freedom from cruel and degrading treatment	UDHR Art 5,12,23 ICESCR art 6	
03/01/07	Media statements by Police claim that there have been reduction in crime rates as a result of increased military presence. UN Security crime reports show otherwise with approximately 17 reported crimes from 22 nd – the 29 th Dec 2007	Police statements in Fiji Times 03.01.07 UN security report.			
03/01/07	Reports of “daily” round ups of persons taken to QEB by the military in response to public complaints about crime ranging	Anecdotal reporting Personal testimony of Soldier S	Freedom from unreasonable searches & seizure	Fiji Constitution art 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 37	

	<p>youth being drunk and disorderly, spitting at shopkeepers, loitering, letter writers criticizing the military, a mentally disturbed man who did not pay his internet fees at a suburb near the Suva CBD. Most of the younger soldiers are reported to be assaulting arrested and detained persons without any reason.</p>	<p>No media reports of these events and no statements from FHRC as to the number of these sorts of incidences which may be occurring.</p>	<p>Personal Liberty Right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty Freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment Right to privacy Freedom from arbitrary arrest/interference Right of detained to be treated with humanity & respect for human dignity</p>	<p>UDHR Art 3, 5, 9, 12, 18, 19 ICCPR arts 5, 7, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19</p>	
03/03/07	<p>Chief Justice Daniel Fatiaki and Chief Magistrate Naomi Lomaiviti were sent on leave (with full pay) by the army. Bainimarama announced that this was because it was</p>	<p>TV One News 3/01/07 Fiji Times 4/01/07 (No. 04)</p>	<p>Right to not be subject to arbitrary interference and attacks on honour and</p>	<p>Fiji Constitution art 118, 132 UDHR Art 12,</p>	<p>The two judicial officers have been forced to go on compulsory leave. It is not clear who signed their leave letters.</p>

	<p>‘necessary to facilitate a full, proper and unrestricted inquiry into the judiciary and the judicial system as a whole.’ It was reported that the military had asked that Justice Connors and Justice Gates handle management of High Court Files and Magistrate .and Magistrate Ajmal Khan to handle magistrate files accordingly.</p>	<p>www.fijilive.com 4/01/07</p>	<p>reputation Independence of the Judiciary</p>	<p>ICCPR 17</p>	
<p>03 – 05/01/07</p>	<p>A pastor and two youths from Nakaulevu Village, Nakelo taken into QEB – “arrested” by the military and assaulted. No reports issued</p>	<p>Fiji Times 7/01/07</p>	<p>Freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment Right to privacy Freedom from arbitrary arrest/ interference Liberty Right of detained to be treated with humanity &</p>	<p>Fiji Constitution art 23, 25, 26, 27, 37 UDHR Art 3, 5, 9,12, 18, ICCPR arts 5, 7, 9, 10, 17, 18</p>	

			respect for human dignity		
4/01/07	Fiji Human Rights Commission Director releases a 32 page paper on legal, Constitutional and human rights issues in regards to the coup. The Report basically supports the military takeover and justifies the actions by the RFMF. In addition it attacks the position of NGOs vis-à-vis the takeover and also questions the role of observers during the 2006 elections. Furthermore, it states that the military had overthrown an undemocratic government & the General Elections of 2001 & 2006 were both illegal	Fiji Times 5/01/07 Daily Post 5/01/07	Democratic right to take part in government Freedom of Association	UDHR art 20, 21 ICCPR art 22	The only constitutionally appointed Commissioner left (the others have resigned), Shamima Ali has disassociated herself from the report & has said that the report represents Shameem's personal opinions (reported on the 6 Jan in all newspapers). The report by Dr Shameen has been criticized widely by various organizations including the Fiji Law Society, prominent lawyer civil society organizations etc.
4/01/07	Statement from the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre re; increased numbers of cases reported to the Crisis Centre of violence against women by the military and those turned away	Statement by Shamima Ali	Right to liberty & security of the person Freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman or	Fiji Constitution ss 38(2) UDHR arts 3, 5, 7, 9, 12	

	from the FHRC		degrading treatment Equality before the law & freedom from discrimination Right of detained to be treated with humanity & respect for human dignity	ICCPR arts 7, 9, 10, 17,	
4/01/07	Bainimarama announces that he is handing over executive authority of the country to Ratu Josefa Iloilo.	Fijilive 4/01/07 Fiji Times online 4/01/07	Removal of Democracy, Rule of Law and the Bill of Rights	UDHR art 21 ICCPR 25(a)	
04/01/06	Military has sent the Chief Justice Daniel Fatiaki and the Chief Magistrate Naomi Lomaiviti on paid leave in order to “facilitate a full proper and unrestricted inquiry into the judiciary and the judicial system as a whole”. The Chief Justice later stated that he was given the choice of	04/01/07 Fiji Times 04/01/07 Daily Post 07/01/07 Fiji Times	Independence of the Judiciary Appointment of Judges	Fiji Constitution Art 118, 132	

	whether to go on full paid leave or be dismissed.				
5/12/06	Ratu Josefa Iloilo swears in Frank Bainimarama as the interim Prime Minister of Fiji	Fiji village, Fiji times on line, PacNews 5/12/06	Prime Minister to be chosen from Members of Parliament Right to choose our government	Fiji Const art 98 UDHR art 21 ICCPR 25(b)	
5/12/06 See up date 11/01/06	A man held in military custody was confirmed dead this morning. Nimilote Verebasaga of Nakaulevu Village in Nakelo had visible injuries. He was arrested at 5:41 am on January 5 th , he was taken from his home to QEB, and no reason for the arrest was given. At 11:30 am his body was taken to CWM hospital. Relatives who identified the body said it was bruised and blood was still oozing from his head. No one at the CWM hospital was willing to go on record to discuss the death. RFMF stated that the man had injuries prior	PacNews 5/01/07 6/01/07 Daily Post 7/01/07 Daily Post 7/01.07 Fiji Times 6/01/07 Fiji Times	Right to Life Freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment Rights of arrested & detained persons Right of detained to be treated with humanity & respect for human dignity	Fiji Constitution arts 22, 25, 27 UDHR arts 3, 5 ICCPR arts 6, 7, 10	

	to him being taken to camp. Former Opposition leader, plus the man's family call for full investigations				
06/01/07	Fiji RFMF takes over Vatukoula Gold Mine complex to guard it. The Army has removed documents and computers which they state are needed for their investigations. The RFMF stated that their security at the complex was necessary in order to ensure the safety of mine explosives.	Fiji Times 08/01/07 Fiji TV broadcast 07/01/07	Freedom from unreasonable search & seizure Freedom from arbitrary interference Right not to be arbitrarily deprived of property	Fiji Const art 26, 40 UDHR art 12, 17 ICCPR art 17,	
7/01/07	US suspends all assistance to the Fiji Government	Fiji Times 7/01/07			
07/01/07	British Army Officer assault by military being investigated by the British High Commission in Suva. The officer and a friend, a local police officer were taken to QEB yesterday for questioning after a taxi driver accused them of making fun of the military. Their taxi driver reported their comments to a	Fiji Times 8/01/07	Right to liberty & security of the person Freedom from torture, cruel, inhuman & degrading treatment Freedom from arbitrary	Fiji Constitution art 23, 25, 26, 27, 37 UDHR Art 3, 5, 9, 12, 18, ICCPR arts 5, 7, 9, 10, 17	

	military check-point and the two were taken up for questioning. The British soldier has been medically declared unfit for duty travel. He was to return to the UK to continue his work on Wednesday the 10/01/06		interference Right to privacy Freedom from unreasonable search & seizure		
07/01/07	Former MP Mere Samisoni was taken into QEB by the military for questioning. The military spokesperson has reiterated that NGOs and political commentators should exercise caution when making public statements”	Fiji Times 8/01/06	Freedom from arbitrary interference Freedom from cruel, inhuman & degrading punishment Freedom of Expression/cons cience Freedom from unreasonable search & seizure Right to privacy	Fiji Const art 23, 25, 27, 30, 35, 37 UDHR 3, 5, 9, 12 & 19 ICCPR arts 5, 7, 9, 10, 17, 19	
09/01/07	On Monday Jan 8 th , six soldiers visited Mick Beddoes home in Nadi & warned him against making comments on the	Fiji Times Online 9 th Jan 2007 Fiji Sun Online 10 th Jan 2007	Freedom from arbitrary interference	Fiji Const 30 UDHR art 12 & 19	

	country's situation. They told him that they were acting under the orders of Col Pita Driti		Freedom of Expression	ICCPR arts 17 & 19	
10/01/07	1000 jobs lost since military take-over. The Fiji Employers Federation survey on employment disruptions revealed more than 1000 jobs lost in a period of not more than 2 months. The Federation recorded that 1098 employees lost their jobs which accounted for full time employees, part time and casual laborers. 90 Employers responded to the survey representing 66,108 employees.	Fiji Sun Online 10/01/07			
11/01/07	A man today claimed in court that he admitted to two incidents of violent robbery and unlawful use of a motor vehicle after being beaten by police and threatened to be taken to the	Fijivillage.com (3.59 p.m.)	Liberty & security of person Right of detained person	UDHR Art 3, 9 Fiji Const. s 23, 27 Const. Art. 27	

	<p>military camp.</p> <p>Penioni Nakaulevu pleaded not guilty to assaulting and robbing a man of \$80 cash, a mobile phone and a watch in Lami before making his getaway in the victim's vehicle on 24th November last year.</p> <p>He also faces charges for allegedly assaulting another man in Samabula on 3rd December last year before stealing his clothes, sandals, a DVD player and a Nokia mobile phone.</p> <p>It was alleged that he was mistreated by officers and forced to make certain admissions in his statement after being threatened to be taken up to the military camp.</p> <p>The case has been adjourned till</p>				
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	the 19th of next month for hearing.				
Updated (9.33am) 10/01/07	FORMER boxer Sunia Cama was taken to the military barracks on Tuesday morning for reasons he considers "not serious". He was dropped off at home after four hours.	Fiji times on line 11/12/07	Freedom from arbitrary interference	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, <i>UDHR</i> Art. 3,	
10/01/07	Overseas travel ban by the Military has been issued to immigration not to allow Imrana Jalal out of the country.	Telephone call 11/01/07	Freedom of Movement	<i>Fiji Const</i> art 34(3) UDHR art 13 ICCPR art 12	
11 /01/07 <i>See also</i> <i>27/12/06</i>	A person illegally detained stated that 2 mini vans and 2 trucks of soldiers turned up to take him to the camp the day that he was taken in. It traumatized his whole family and that his older son is still traumatized by the incident.	Personal Testimony 11/01/07	Freedom from arbitrary interference	<i>Fiji Const.</i> Art. 23, <i>UDHR</i> Art. 3,	
11/01/07	On the evening of 23 December 2006, 7 indigenous Fijian taxi drivers who are older men were drinking under a tree to	Third person testimony unsubstantiated 11/01/07	Freedom from arbitrary interference Freedom from	Art, 25 ICCP Art. 7 UDHR Art. 5 CAT Art. 2	

	<p>celebrate Xmas (not sure whether at taxi base or not) They were taken in by soldiers to Colo i Suva, made to crawl on the ground and then stripped naked and made to hold each other's penises in a circle. They were released several hours later. They were told that they would be further consequences if this was reported. This information is unsubstantiated.</p> <p>A written personal statement from one of the taxi drivers would need to be retrieved on the basis that his identity and his confidence will be protected.</p> <p>It was mentioned (third party source) that the officer in charge at the scene of the incident is Lt. Siwatibau Rabuka</p>		<p>cruel, inhuman & degrading punishment</p> <p>Freedom of personal liberty</p>	<p><i>UDHR</i> Arts. 3, 12, 19 ICCPR 9, 17, 19</p>	
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11/01/07	<p>DISTINCTIVE dress and the use and manufacture of flags could be banned if interim Prime Minister Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama feels it is against public interest.</p> <p>Gazetted by the military government on December 5 and published on December 29, it said Commodore Bainimarama could prohibit the manufacture, sale and display of items including banners, badges, emblems devices, pictures, photographs uniform and distinctive dress.</p>	<p>Fiji Times On Line</p> <p>11/01/07</p>	Freedom of expression	Art. 30	
11/01/07	<p>Mr McKinnon has asked for restrotration of constitutional rule and democractic government.</p> <p>“The overthrow was a serious violation of the Commonwealth’s fundamental principles. So, too, was the suspension of Parliament. Until</p>	<p>PACNEWS online</p> <p>11/01/07</p>			

	constitutional democracy is restored, the people of Fiji continue to be denied their full and fundamental human rights, and the Commonwealth's principles continue to be violated.”				
Updated 12/01/07 (8.40 a.m.)	<p>In a police statement, a family member claims that Nimilote Verebasaga was wearing jeans when he was taken by a group of soldiers but when they went to see his body at the Suva Mortuary, his clothes were changed. The family members are also demanding an explanation from the military as to how Verebasaga died.</p> <p>When questioned by Village News as to how long it will take police to investigate the death, Superintendent Baleinuku replied that no timeframe has been set.</p>	<p>Fijivillage.com 12/01/07</p>	<p>Delay in investigation.</p>		<p>See also 5/12/06</p>

12/01/07	<p>Meanwhile, the Suva Yacht club murder file is still with the Director of Public Prosecutions.</p> <p>Divisional Crime Officer Southern Superintendent Ponsami Chetty confirms that they are yet to receive the DPP's advice before proceeding with the investigations.</p>	Village News online	Delay in investigations		See also 30/12/06
12/01/06	<p>Mohammed Atiq claims being beaten up by armed soldiers 11 Jan 2007 17:50:07 A New Zealand citizen, who's in the country to resolve his land issues, tonight claims, he was beaten up by armed soldiers.</p> <p>Mohammed Atiq of Auckland, claims he was punched, kicked and dragged by his feet by soldiers in full combat gear, and that his life was also threatened.</p> <p>Atiq says the incident happened after he harvested cane on the</p>	<p>Fiji TV News on 11/01/07</p> <p>[also see Fiji TV ONLINE]</p>	<p>(A)Right to personal liberty and security of the person</p> <p>(B) Right against arbitrary arrest or detention</p> <p>(C) Right to be free from cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment</p> <p>(B) Right of arrested & detained persons/ Right to</p>	<p>(A)CF – Art 23</p> <p>UDHR – Art 3</p> <p>ICCPR – Art 9</p> <p>(B) CF – Art 23</p> <p>UDHR – Art 9</p> <p>ICCPR – Art 9</p> <p>(C) CF – Art 25</p> <p>UDHR – Art 5</p>	

	<p>land on Sunday morning.</p> <p>The 60 year old claims, he was also dragged by his feet along the ground, resulting in this state of his back. He also showed us injuries to his arms, chest, and feet.</p> <p>He now has difficulty breathing and walking.</p> <p>He also claims his life was threatened.</p> <p>Police and Army spokesperson have said the incident will be investigated pending also medical reports.</p> <p>Atiq meanwhile wants action.</p>		<p>due process/natural justice</p>	<p>ICCPR – Art 7 CAT – Art 2</p>	
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