



CHRISTIAN LAWYERS CENTRE LEGAL LINK



Motto: "Defending the Rights of Vulnerable Groups in Society"

MEDIA UPDATE

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POSITION STATEMENT OF LEGAL LINK REGARDING THE FINDINGS OF ACC ON ITS INVESTIGATION OF PARLIAMENT OVER ALLEGED CORRUPTION AND MISUSE OF CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

"While it is true that the prosecution of such a huge number of Parliamentarians by the ACC might have produced hardship to the work of Parliament and further undermine state governance and legislative proceedings, it would have been prudent, measured and reasonable however, for ACC to have required from Members of Parliament a full refund of the monies given to them that they were unable to account for, or expended in ways that were inimical to the object and purpose of the funds.

That the ACC was unable to settle for the latter at the very least, even in the face of pregnant evidence of corruption as revealed in their investigative report and findings, puts the ACC in a bad light and further reinforce the perception of selective justice in the institution's fight against corruption in the country.

While we take cognisance of the immense achievements of the ACC under Francis Ben Kaifala, it is also vital to pinpoint that on this exceptional situation, the ACC, in their quest towards giving a deadly blow to parliamentary corruption in the country threw away both the bathwater and the baby.

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