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## A vacation from workers' rights

Bula!

For many of us Fiji is a remote island paradise on the other side of the world.

It is famous for sandy white beaches, blue waters, palm trees, sunshine and smiling faces.

But **behind the island beauty lies a much uglier reality.**

That's why I'm writing to ask for your help.



Since Commodore Frank Bainimarama seized power of the South Pacific nation in 2006, the regime has systematically stripped workers of their wages and conditions.

Now, over 60 per cent of Fijian wage earners are living below the poverty line, hotel workers earn less than \$3 an hour, and workers vocal in opposition to the regime have been threatened and assaulted.

**We can support the people of Fiji get their island paradise back.**

**Take action and tell your government** - and Frank Bainimarama - that we won't stand for human rights being abused.

The Fijian regime relies on our tourist dollars so it needs to know we're watching – and we need to

tell our government to take action.

**Show your support for the people of Fiji by [joining the campaign today](#).**

**Thought Fiji was paradise? Think again.**

Almost 700,000 people visited Fiji in 2011 – almost three-quarters of those visits were for a holiday.

If you're thinking of a holiday to Fiji, make sure you know the facts about the real situation before booking your ticket.

And send a message to the Fiji regime that your visit to their country is not an endorsement of the brutal crackdown on workers' rights.

**[Join the call for human rights in Fiji.](#)**

In solidarity,

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