

Mr. Rohan Laksiri telephoned me at 1.40. pm on Sunday 05.05.2023 and informed about an incident.

According to his story, he has been to the department office at/around 9.30 am to attend a BOR meeting of the FUTA starting at 10.00 am. As soon as he opened the door of his room, he smelled an unusual odor. He opened the windows and kept the door open to let the bad odor or smell go away. He checked the room and there was nothing unusual in the room. Door and windows were intact. There was no any water or liquids inside the room. His documents and books were in order. The computers were switched on and those worked normally. There was no power outage or failure. There was nothing burning. He called the security officer outside and informed him the problem. The SO had informed maintenance Dept and two staff members came and they also checked. According to Mr. Laksiri, they also said that there is some unusual smell. Then he called Prof Aruna Kumara. He also came and said there is an unusual smell and it is a chemical smell. He also informed the Dean about it. Dean apparently informed him to go home and **see a doctor if he has any problem**. Dean also apparently said that he will get the room cleaned up tomorrow (Monday). However, he joined the BOR meeting of FUTA and then he felt a headache and found it difficult to concentrate on the meeting. He informed the FUTA and went home. He joined the meeting from home. **At this point I said to Mr RL that the blame for this will come to me knowing the person.**

Then he telephoned VC and informed about the incident at 1.30 pm FOR THE FIRST TIME.

I listened to his story and requested him to send an email immediately informing the details of the incident in writing.

Soon after this Dean FMF also

Following events took place after that.

I rang DVC and informed him about the incident. He was asked to check it. He has been there inside the premises of UOR from morning to help/guide the logistics arrangements of the first year students of the FOS. He was there even at the time of my speaking to him. He had been to the girls hostel several times. The distance between the girl's hostel and the building where Mr. Rohan Laksiri's room is not even 10 meters. It is not possible to miss any suspicious activity is when a person goes to girls hostel many times during the day. He has not noticed any such abnormal activity. DVC's car was parked in front of portico and was easily visible. Even for many small things than this Mr RL used to speak to him.

However, DVC went back to that place and asked Mr. Laksiri to come. They opened the doors again. Same physical findings were seen and the smell according to Mr Laksiri was less. Then I instructed the DVC to seal the compound until next day. Prof Samantha Kumara also spoke to me at that time. **We spoke about the actions to be taken and at this time I said this is a well-planned act and the blame will come to me in order to get me ousted from the post for political reasons.**

Following observations need to be mentioned.

Mr Laksiri sent two emails second correcting the first report at 5.30pm.

This report did not contain the story of Prof Aruna Kumra.

I WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO FOLLOWING AREAS IN THIS MY STORY.

The incident was not reported until 1.30pm to the VC. It was reported after the said BOR meeting of the FUTA.

Mr. RL opened the windows and doors and allowed the gas to diffuse at that time without leaving immediately if it was a suspected chemical poison. He destroyed the evidence himself there.

The Private security officer has not reported the incident to the SI. If it was done it would have been communicated to the CSO, DVC and VC. This is a protocol violation. This is under investigation.

Reason to inform Prof Aruna Kumara to arrive is not known. I cannot verify that as it might be academic freedom.

I repeatedly asked about broken windows, glasses, chemical/water in the room. He denied having any of these.

The reasons to delay informing the VC is not known. I believe RL did it after the FUTA meeting. I do not want to interpret it.

The maintenance staff has not informed the SI as well. That is also a violation of protocol. That should be investigated.

The next day I had to address the first year students at FOM in the early morning and FOS first year students in late morning. I could come only after 1200noon. By this time Dean FMF has telephoned me to get his office opened to start work and many other academics were there not being able to get into offices.

We collectively inspected the entire surrounding. There was no smell except at a pipe line which drained from a toilet with a small leak. That was the smell of urine / feaces. Then we opened the office room side. There was no smell. Then we went to Mr. RL office site. There WAS NO SMELL from outside his office. I/We decided to open the two offices from either side. We opened these two offices and there was no smell. We all agreed about it. Then we decided to open RL office. It was a collective decision. Mr. RL opened his own door. Then the security officers went in. There was no smell. Then I went in. There was no smell. We checked his room. The room did not have well organized documents but these were not in disarray. There were several bottles. One was a perfume bottle. Two sanitizer bottles. There was a spray which Mr Laksiri said was PANGIRI. I sprayed a little to my hand and checked it smelled pangiri. There were no used cartridges for which I specially checked. At no point I sanitized or clean the room myself as stated in the social media nor instruct anybody to do that.

Then I instructed the CSO to submit written report about the incident and submit left. There were many people watching this. These include Dean FMF, AR FMF, PHI who was summoned by me for inspection, CSO, SI Saman, several security officers, many academics including a female academic, Private security OIC, (nearly 20 people)

Thereafter Mr RL has gone to police station and complained about this incident. I do not know the contents of the police complaint. Police has visited the scene two times including SOCO team (Scene of crime officers). I hope they will record statements from witnesses including me. I have instructed all the officers to facilitate and support the police investigation. DVC will handle that.

I DENY SPRAYING TOXIC GAS INTO Mr RL's ROOM AT ANY TIME. I DO NOT HAVE ANY INTENTION TO KILL ACADEMICS OR PEOPLE. THE TOXIC GASES TO KILL PEOPLE ARE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND THESE ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR ANYBODY TO BUY IN MARKET. I DENY DESTROYING ANY EVIDENCE. I BELIEVE THE POLICE WILL FIND THIS OUT. I WAS TOLD THAT SOCO TEAM EVEN CHECKED THE KEY HOLE. I DO NOT KNOW THE FINDINGS. POLICE INVESTIGATION WILL BE FULLY SUPPORTED BY ME. WHEN IT COMES TO MY TURN I WILL GIVE A STATEMENT MYSELF. I AM PREPARED TO GO TO JAIL IF

I HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG. I HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO BE COURAGEOUS TO TAKE A PUNISHMENT IF I HAD COURAGE TO DO SOMETHING WRONG.

MY REQUEST TO ALL OF YOU IS GIVEN BELOW.

All of you are academics and supposed to be intelligent people. Please behave intelligently and listen all sides of the story. Then make your judgement and act on your own. If you are doing it for political reasons, please say so. Do not make false allegations against me. I am trained to save lives and not destroy lives. I am a doctor before Vice Chancellor. I have never harmed any child intentionally in my life as a doctor.

The information below which most of you are unaware in the past would help you to make judgements.

- 1. Mr RL made a similar complaint on threat to his life when Prof Susirith Mendis was VC and Prof Gamini Senanayaka was DVC that somebody entered his room in BQ in the night and big show was done this way with no result.**
- 2. I have the letters by TAs and Email by Mr RL to show the current story. This was shown to security committee yesterday.**
- 3. Mr RL left his office room at 9.45pm on 4.2.2023 on the day before the incident as per records at the main gate and keeps both keys of his office room in his possession. So, whatever that happened in between 9.45pm on 4.2.2023 and 9.30 am on 5.2.2023.**
- 4. Many times security has told me that Mr RL leaves office very late and brings outsiders in his car after hours. For that kind of situation interference by security officers is difficult and causes unpleasant experiences**
- 5. Mr RL was compelled to pay Rs 2.8 million rupees for his incomplete PhD recently by me after more than 10 years. If his promotion was delayed by 13 years by VCs I was not in office as VC for 13 years. Obviously he did not pay for depreciation of rupee and interest for that money. There is no way for UOR to get the time lost and another person trained with a PhD for that period. So, paying the bond actually does provide compensation for losses to UOR.**
- 6. I have evidence to show that during my tenure in office, many times I have written to him asking him to submit the PhD certificate for promotion. As late as June 2022 he wrote back to say that he is still doing his PhD. But in July he paid the bond in full when, we have to write a report to Parliament with his name included as a bond violator and he is FUTA secretary. I called him into my office and told him that this will happen and avoid it. Then he paid it.**

The social media and FUTA position

Lies run Sprints- 100M and Truth run Marathons.

There is a huge social media campaign full of LIES against me by FUTA led by Dr Nirmal Ranjith Devasiri(NRD) and Prof Upul Abeyratna. I am not prepared to respond to all these.

I have nothing personal against NRD. But I am aware that he burnt Tamil shops in 1983 for JVP which he has openly admitted and I communicated to him through Mr RL that NRD should put up at least one house for a homeless Tamil family before taking up politics for which he apparently laughed.

Prof Upul Abeyratna is well known to entire UOR and I saw many academics of UOR behind him in a video clip stating very ugly lies about me. One was that, a son of an academic lost his limb because of me. This refers to Prof Saman Wijeratna who was interdicted for financial fraud of an NSF grant. His son fell from a train and had to get his right lower limb amputated. I was up beyond midnight ringing doctors and receiving calls from academic staff and Prof Saman Wijeratna to resolve the issue on that fateful day. I cannot tell this TRUTH to civil society of this country.

CONCLUSION

I do not believe this is just an incident. I believe this was a planned act by Mr RL for his politics of FSP. Others who came to the meeting and shouted like Prof Nilantha Lakshman has recently spoken on political platform of JVP at Weligama. This is a planned attack on me to OUST me from the VC post. I was told that FUTA handed over a letter to UGC to remove me from VC post. (This is informal information) Prof UA demands my remanding on the video clip a place I am yet to go but prepared to go even for no reason to ensure smooth running of judicial procedure if RL really complains that he suspects that I am going to kill him. I will never use my civil powers and connections to misdirect legal action against me unlike many others who are protesting against me.

I earned this VC post for the second term on marks. I do not believe it is a political appointment anymore. If it is a political reason all Teacher associations must inform me about it. Then it is easy. If their desire is to have control of the UOR by the political elements then I will not give in easily.

FUTURE DIRECTION

I understand that the academic community of many faculties will go on strike against me. All placards against the Tax reforms will be against me today (10.02.2023). I have no issue as this is not the first time. However, telling a lie one million times will not make it true. I never poisoned RLs room. Smell is a perception. If somebody says my room is smelly I could check and agree or disagree with it. However, I will never be able to say that other person does not have a smell. It is like pain. A doctor can say there is nothing wrong with your arm but can never say that a person who complaint that there is a pain, there is no pain and it is a lie. But it could be.

The plan by FUTA is to get the non-academic staff to join them and then for the IUSF to join them against me. All this will happen. It will disrupt the education of your

students in UOR. If you are powerful enough to remove me I will go happily certainly not with REGRETS. I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG IN THIS PLACE AND POST. IF IT S A VICTORY FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT COMPLETE PhDs and BECOME BOND VIOLATORS AND OTHER WHO FACE INQUIRIES FOR EXAMINATION REGULATION VIOLATIONS THIS UOR WILL LOSE THE SERVICES OF A TOUGH ADMINISTRATOR WHO TRIED TO PUT THIS SYSTEM RIGHT.

I wrote this long letter because there is no other way to communicate with all of you through your unions. If you want to meet me in small groups for discussions on this please write to me on my email. If you have questions regarding this also please send your questions on email. I will respond ASAP.

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