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ALI: ALLEGED TORTURE 'VERY DISTURBING'

FWCC claims rise in abuse

By FELIX CHAUDHARY

FIJI Women's Crisis Centre co-ordinator and former Fiji Human Rights Commission commissioner Shamima Ali said the alleged torture of nine youths from Waikubukubu Village in Tavua was "very disturbing".

She claimed the alleged torture in Tavua was not an isolated case and there had been an increase in the use of beatings, assaults and threats over the past few years.

"We are very concerned because these kinds of allegations and stories are escalating in numbers," she claimed.

Ms Ali claimed a lot of these types of incidents were not reported because of threats made by police.

"We applaud the courage of these nine

young men in choosing to come forward and tell their story. While it is good that they came out, it is equally important that they are protected by police." Ms Ali said the alleged Waikubukubu incident was also very worrying because it was allegedly carried out by officers the public turned to for protection.

Ms Ali added when she was with the Fiji Human Rights Commission about a decade ago, incidents such as the alleged torture in Tavua were investigated immediately.

"As soon as cases like these were reported, the commission on its own volition would begin its own investigations and I do hope the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission has already begun to look into the matter."

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Lawrence Rayawa gestures after winning the intermediate boys' 100m final during the Lelean Memorial School inter-house athletics competition at the ANZ Stadium in Suva yesterday. Picture: JOVESA NAISUA

LMS shifts focus to Triple N Zone

By MOIZ MUNIF

NAUCUKIDI was crowned the champions of the 2018 Lelean Memorial School (LMS) inter-house athletics competition at the ANZ Stadium in Suva yesterday.

Naucukidi bagged a total of 50 gold, 48 silver and 31 bronze

medals. Varani came in second followed by Mateinaniu and Bulu houses.

LMS now turns its focus to the Triple N Zone which is scheduled for March 15 at the ANZ Stadium in Suva.

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