confirm any aspects of criminal illegality, charges shall be lodged against those identified as suspects.

It is a fact that this is not the first time that the Vanuatu Police Force and Customs departments have been abused by private individuals that are currently suspected and this is an unacceptable situation for these two Government services.

We appeal to all to remain calm and be patient and await the final outcomes of the ongoing Police investigations and until such time as the truth is fully established and the public advised accordingly.

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