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Corruption claims ignored: TI chief

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Some of the levels of corruption cited by Auditor-General's reports have been ignored, says Transparency International Fiji chairman Hari Pal Singh.

Mr Singh said this sent a message to people that it was okay to indulge in corrupt practices because actions were not taken against them.

"Whether corruption was so serious to warrant an overthrow of an elected government is judgmental and TI Fiji would not like to make that judgement," he said.

Mr Singh said the military sought TI Fiji's help but that did not mean it supported the overthrow of government.

"On the question of getting proof, let me say until proven all these are allegations of corruption.

"It is not very easy to prove corruption, both parties are guilty of an offence, the giver and the taker. Now who will point the finger at whom? We need experts like forensic accountants and other experts to go behind the scenes to get evidence."



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