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PRESS RELEASE

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship is outraged by recent reports of the beating of an alleged homosexual man at the University of Technology by security personnel yesterday. This act of violence is absolutely unacceptable.

The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship emphatically denounces all acts of violence. While we are in disagreement with the homosexual lifestyle, at the same time, we will not tolerate violence against anyone. There is a growing danger of mob violence and mob rule in this country which needs our urgent attention. As a society we need to learn to express ourselves in acceptable speech form rather than in violent action. It is possible to disagree without being violent. Our citizens need to learn not to take the law into their own hands.

The law affords protection to all victims of violence. We therefore urge the authorities to thoroughly and promptly investigate this incident. Such immaturity and barbarism cannot be tolerated. This type of behavior is an affront and embarrassment to all peace-loving Jamaicans.

We have had sight of a statement issued by the Jamaica Coalition for a Healthy Society of even date on this matter. We whole-heartedly support that statement.


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