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FXI decries creeping assault on right to protect sources

The Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI), in a recent press statement, has applauded *The Daily Voice*'s news editor Gasant Abarder for his ethical stand in not testifying in the civil defamation case involving "Country Fair" poultry chain. According to the statement, "the FXI is disturbed to note that both Courts do not recognise that Abarder has a 'just excuse' not to testify'. The 'just excuse' is that journalists such as Abarder can refuse to testify lawfully so as not create the impression that they are extensions of the evidence-gathering process in court proceedings: this is precisely what Abardar will become if he is compelled to testify." For more, click <u>here</u>.

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