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## PRESS RELEASE

## **GMOA Counter Sues Five Doctors for Rs.500M Damages**

GMOA filed answer on 11th September in the Mount Lavinia DC court counter suing RS.500m damages against five doctors namely Dr. K.K.N.C. Premaratne, Dr. R.G. Saranapala, Dr. S. Sivapriyan, Dr. U.G.N. Abeyratne and Dr. S.P.N. Gunasekara for obtaining *ex-parte* Enjoining Order without any reasonable or probable ground and also for suppression and misrepresentation of material facts and also for abusing the process of court

The said five doctors of GMOA instituted action in the District Court of Mount Lavinia against GMOA and 15 other members including Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya the president of GMOA seeking a declaration that the election of electing the office bearers for the period of 2014/2015 held on 28th June 2014 is null and void and obtained an *ex parte* Enjoining Order restraining the office bearers of GMOA functioning.

In response to the said *ex parte* Enjoing Order the GMOA and the other 15 defendants filed objections and sought an order to set aside the ex parte enjoining order.

Having perused the plaint and the documents annexed to the plaint and also having perused the statement of objections and documents annexed thereto and having heard the lengthy submissions made by both parties the court came to a finding that the five doctors who instituted this action have abused the process of court and obtained *ex parte* Enjoining Order suppressing material facts and misleading court.

In the Order it is also stated that two proxies signed by two trustees namely DR.Lalantha Ranasinghe and DR.B.G.N Ratnasena on behalf of GMOA is not a valid proxy as the said doctors have not been authorized by the general committee to sign proxy and therefore the proxy given to Mrs. Chathurika Wijesinghe Attorney-at-Law was rejected by court and the proxy signed by DR.Paba Palihawadana and DR.Prasanna Bandara Dassanayake given to Mrs. S.D Arulpragasam Attorney-at-Law is a valid proxy

Court ordered to call this case on 13th November 2014 for replication

Mr. G.G. Arulpragasam Attorney-at-Law and Mr. Ravindranath Dabare Attorney-at-Law instructed by Mrs. S.D. Arulpragasam Attorney-at-Law appeared for GMOA and other 15 doctors.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary

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