Statement of facts by Mr KC, Senior Lecturer II at MCAST

Reference to reports about the aggression from a student (Student N) that I suffered at MCAST, as widely reported. I have been teaching for more than twenty years and this is the first incident of the kind. My role is to teach and educate students and I always do it to the best of my abilities.

Over the past four weeks, the class had to prepare and submit a class assignment as per procedure. Student N did not even print the front sheet which has been provided months before the assignment. He attended class and did not want to work. The situation got complicated when no one from his class wanted to work with him although I tried to encourage his peers- repeatedly to work with him. I also corresponded with student N to help him understand the task.

On the day of the incident, I asked Student N where his work was. He tried to be funny and said “it is on my laptop”. The work involved a class-based assignment which is handwritten. When I asked where the front sheet was, he said that he left it at home. I reminded him that this was the last day to finish off the work. Instead of apologising he started waving his hands saying 'għax int ilek tħawwad id-dati…xbajt tħawwad '. This was followed by swearing and using offensive language and that is when I then told him to leave the class. He remained seated and did not want to leave and what followed was the aggression and the name-calling and insults by student N.

I left class shaking and with blood dripping from my face and was assisted by the Institute Management. I attended a clinic for treatment and have a scheduled appointment at Mater Dei for scans to determine if there are hidden fractures. I have received ample support from my colleagues, students and management. I am an educator and I only want the best for my students including Student N. I pledge to MCAST to continue to provide him all support needed as I have provided him for the past months.