

Enjoining order restrains bank workers from taking trade union action

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Notice of enjoining order issued by Colombo District Judge A. W. A. Salam restraining bank employees

from engaging in any trade union action was served on the Ceylon Bank Employees Union by the Fiscal with the assistance of the Police on Wednesday evening.

Court issued the enjoining order, as a sequel to an application by banks through their counsel attorney-at-law G. G. Arulpragasam.

Hatton National Bank, Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Habib Bank and State Bank of India are the plaintiffs in the case.

The application was supported by President's Counsel Romesh de Silva.

The plaint sought a declaration that the plaintiffs are obliged to properly adhere to the collective agreement which states that they shall not engage in trade

union action during the pendency of the agreement.

President's Counsel Romesh de Silva with Hiran de Alwis and Surath Kaldera, instructed by G. G. Arulpragasam, appeared for the plaintiff banks.

Legal sources said that any trade union action by the Ceylon Bank Employees Union in contravention of the enjoining order, would be tantamount to contempt of court.

If anyone is found