

THE recent violent bar brawl (*Cyprus Today*, July 18) is a shameful affair that has done nothing for the reputation of expats and the country's entertainment agency and there is a serious lack of acceptance of any responsibility.

The duo, part of the only entertainment agency in North Cyprus, clearly contravened their employment contract through their shameful behaviour. But despite the employers being present just after the attack the official response to the

Remembering who the victim is

incident is nothing but a comment confirming that the duo resigned two days after the incident and their bookings have been cancelled. An immediate dismissal would have been the appropriate and professional response.

The perpetrators themselves cite "bi-polar medication combined with alcohol as the catalyst of the incident", which serves no purpose other than as an

attempt to excuse disgraceful behaviour for which there is no excuse. Whilst I sympathise with anyone suffering from such a condition, let us not forget that one part of the duo is in fact a qualified nurse, who, above all professions, one would assume would have a greater understanding of the potential impact of this condition mixed with alcohol.

Commended that the duo have publicly apologised, however the apology is infiltrated with additional excuses and finger-pointing and therefore no more than a hollow attempt to move away from perpetrator to victim. Excusing the behaviour through stating that they have been targeted in a "vile campaign via an online forum" is misleading; there has never

been any such campaign, there is no witch hunt. However, anyone disagreeing with this has been subjected to finger-pointing and accusations of provocation, bullying, bigotry and homophobia.

For the record, before the fingers come out again, I am not an entertainer, legal or otherwise.

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(due to finger pointing)**

Editor's note: Agency manager Ken Hibbitt said: "I called Andrew and Glenn in to discuss disciplinary action but they pre-empted any decision on our part by resigning on the Thursday and leaving the country on the Friday."

"Previous disciplinary action against another performer was effected five days after he was called in to a meeting."