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DPP TO WITHDRAW CHARGES AGAINST UNIONISTS

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has decided to withdraw unlawful strike charges against trade unionists Daniel Urai, Peni Finau, Sikeli Gavidi, Isei Levula, Merewai Vocevoce, and Akariva Nawai.

The six accused are members of the National Union of Hospitality, Catering and Tourism Industries Employees Union and were charged in the Magistrates' Court under section 177 (d) of the Employment Relations Promulgation 2007 in relation to an alleged unlawful strike at the Sheraton Fiji Resort on 31 December 2013.

“I have reviewed the charges and the evidence and I am satisfied that no offence was committed. Accordingly, we will be filing a withdrawal of these charges when the matter is next called in court”, Mr Pryde said.

The matter will next be called in the Nadi Magistrates' Court on 17 March 2014.

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The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is an independent office established under section 117 of the 2013 Fijian Constitution. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is motivated by the principle that it is in the interests of justice that the guilty be brought to justice and the innocent are not wrongly convicted.