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CHARGES LAID AGAINST FIJI TIMES

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has today sanctioned the filing of charges against the Fiji Times Limited and its 6 directors for breaches of the Media Industry Development Decree 2010.

The charges allege that the Fiji Times Limited and its directors breached section 38 and section 43 (1) of the Decree by failing to ensure that all its Directors were Fiji citizens permanently residing in Fiji.

The particulars of the charge are that:

FIJI TIMES LIMITED, a media organisation duly registered with the Media Industry Development Authority together with **MAHENDRA PATEL, KIRITBHAI PATEL, RAJESH PATEL, MANU PATEL, BHUPENDRA PATEL and JINESH PATEL** being Directors of the **FIJI TIMES LIMITED** between the 1st day of January 2012 and the 31st day of December 2012, at Suva in the Central Division, failed to ensure that all its Directors were Fiji citizens permanently residing in Fiji.

The matter will be listed for first mention on Friday 22 March 2013.

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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.