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ALLEGED REBEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS NEED TO BE RESTRICTED

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) is concerned that public discussions in the media on an alleged “rebel” group in Ra Province will prejudice a fair trial if the matter comes before the court.

In relation to an article published in the Fiji Sun today (15.5.15) Mr Pryde said,

“The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has received the Police file on this matter and a decision on what charges, if any, will be made next week. In the meantime, public discussion in the media on this issue should be limited. This is to ensure that people that may be subject to criminal charges are afforded a fair hearing through the courts and not the media.”

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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.