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ALLEGED REBEL GROUP TO BE CHARGED

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has decided to charge 17 people including three chiefs for sedition under section 65 (2) (a) and inciting communal antagonism under 67 (1) (a) of the Crimes Decree 2009.

The decision to charge follows an investigation by Police into certain activities by a group of individuals in the Ra district last year.

The seventeen people charged are:

Ratu Epli Niudamu, Sailasa Wairoaroa Malani, Sereima Adidave Rokodi, Nanise Kasami Nagusuca, Waisea Duailima, Isikeli Waisega Kabakoro, Laisiasa Mocevakaca, Emosi Toga, Waisake Racaca, Samuela Ligabalavu, Mikaele Gonerara, Seini Raiko, Josefa Natau, Sulueti Lotu Waqalala, Ulaiyasi Rabua Tuivomo, Apolosi Qalilawa, and Ilisapeci Natau.

Mr Pryde said,

“In addition to charges being brought against these named individuals, further charges may be brought against other people who allegedly masterminded this operation, including people that may have since left the country.”

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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.