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SECOND GROUP CHARGED WITH SEDITION

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has decided to charge another 16 people with sedition under section 67 (1) (a) and inciting communal antagonism under 65(2) (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 Nadroga-Navosa district last year.

The sixteen people charged are:

Ratu Inoke Tasere, Jimi Koroibete, Seru Kunalagi, Adi Cuvu Gavidu Atama, Ulaiasi Rabua Tuivono, Peniasi Naqau, Semi Tanikili, Ratu Osea Bolawaqatabu, Ratu Tevita Khaikhainabokolawale Makutu, Mosese Navaci, Eroni Rikoriko, Alifereti Nakuinivou, Alifereti Gonewai, Raicula Rokovou, Adi Vasemaca Veikunekibulu Gonewai and Jorama Ratulevu.

The sixteen were produced at the Nadi Magistrates' Court this afternoon (17.8.15) and were remanded in custody.

Mr Pryde said, "At this stage there is no evidence to suggest this matter is related to the other group from Ra that was also charged with sedition last month. Nor are these matters related to members of an alleged para-military style training group that have also been charged with sedition."

To date, a total of 60 people have been charged with sedition in three separate matters.

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