



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **Court acquits Minister Bala**

The Lautoka Magistrates' Court has acquitted Minister for Local Government Parveen Kumar Bala this morning (22.07.16).

Parveen Kumar Bala was charged with one count of dangerous driving occasioning death.

He was alleged to have driven a motor vehicle in a dangerous manner that caused the death of Puna Chand in Lautoka in 2013.

Magistrate Rangajeeva Wimalasena ruled that there was no case to answer and acquitted the Minister accordingly.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, will consider the Ruling and make a decision on whether to appeal the decision next week.

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