



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 17 August 2016

Name of Matter: State-v- Fiji Times Ltd & Ors

Name of Accused: Josaia Waqabaca, Anare Ravula, Fred Wesley, Hank Arts & Fiji Times Ltd

Charge: Inciting communal antagonism contrary to section 65 (2) (a) (i) and section 53 (1) of the Crimes Decree

Update:

The matter was called for first mention this afternoon (17.08.16) at the Suva Magistrates' Court before Magistrate Shageeth Somaratne.

It is alleged that Josaia Waqabaca, Anare Ravula, Fred Wesley, Hank Arts, and the Fiji Times Ltd made, or caused to be published, a statement in the iTaukei language in Nai Lalakai newspaper that is likely to incite dislike, hatred, or antagonism of the Muslim community.

The State sought time to provide full disclosures and the same was granted.

All accused persons have been granted bail under strict conditions and they are to surrender their travel documents to Court.

The matter has been adjourned to 31 August 2016.

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