



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 21 September 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 plea this morning (21.09.16) 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 Defence sought further time to read through the disclosures before the accused persons can take the plea.

The State had no objections to the Defence application.

The Court granted 14 days to the Defence and the matter has been adjourned to 6 October 2016 for plea.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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