



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **Court convicts Church founder and pastor for Rape**

The founder and pastor of Back to Eden Church Ministry have been found guilty by the Suva High Court.

Iowane Vakadranu, 75, charged with four counts of rape appeared before Judge Justice Vinsent Perera this afternoon (26.09.16).

The offences took place between 1 October 2012 and 31 August 2015 in Labasa and Tailevu where the pastor raped two of his church members under false representation.

Justice Perera concurred with the assessors unanimous guilty opinion and convicted the accused.

The matter has been adjourned to 29 September 2016 for mitigation and sentencing submissions.

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