

## **ODPP MEDIA UPDATE**

## Church founder and pastor sentenced for Rape

The founder and pastor of Back to Eden Church Ministry has been sentenced to 14 years and 2 months imprisonment by the Suva High Court.

Iowane Vakadranu, 75, charged with four counts of rape appeared before Judge Justice Vinsent Perera today (05.10.16).

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 opinion and convicted the pastor last week.

Iowane Vakadranu will be eligible for parole after serving 12 years and 2 months imprisonment sentence.

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