



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 14 October 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:**

This matter was called for first mention today (14.10.16) at the Suva High Court before Justice Priyantha Fernando.

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.

Josaia Waqabaca, Anare Ravula, Fred Wesley and Hank Arts have pleaded not guilty to the offence.

Plea for The Fiji Times Ltd has been deferred due to the absence of an authorised director in Court.

The matter has been adjourned to 28 October 2016.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

**-Ends-**