



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 28 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 mention today (28.10.16) 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.

The Fiji Times Ltd managing director pleaded not guilty on behalf of the media organisation in the written form.

The State sought time to prepare the proposed agreed facts.

The matter has been adjourned to 30 November 2016 for Pre Trial Conference.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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