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Date: 13 October 2016

Name of Matter: State-v- Hank Arts

Name of Accused: Hank Arts

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 bail variation ruling this morning (13.10.16) at the Suva Magistrates' Court.

The Fiji Times Publisher Hank Arts made a bail variation application to allow him to travel overseas.

Magistrate Shageeth Somaratne in his ruling refused Mr Arts' application to travel overseas.

He ruled that Mr Arts who is charged with three others be present in the country for the matter when it is called in the Suva High Court.

It is alleged that Hank Arts with three others, Josaia Waqabaca, Anare Ravula, Fred Wesley, 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.

This matter will be called for first mention tomorrow (14.10.16) at the Suva High Court.

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