



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 30 November 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 (30.11.16) 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 State has been given time to file their Voir Dire disclosures and the matter will be called again on 30 January 2017.

The Fiji Times Publisher Hank Arts also filed a bail variation application in Court this morning and the State has been given time to 8 December 2016 to file its response.

A hearing date on the bail application will be decided on 8 December 2016.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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