



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 25 January 2017

Name of Matter: Hank Arts-v-State

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:

This matter was called for bail variation ruling today (25.01.17) at the Suva High Court.

The Publisher of the Fiji Times Ltd, Mr Hank Arts' bail variation application to allow him to travel to New Zealand was dismissed by Justice Thushara Rajasinghe.

Mr Arts is charged with Josaia Waqabaca, Anare Ravula, Fred Wesley, and the Fiji Times Ltd for inciting communal antagonism.

It is alleged that they 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.

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NB: A copy of the Ruling will be uploaded to the ODPP Website.