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Date: 17 January 2017

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:

This matter was called for bail variation hearing today (17.01.17) at the Suva High Court before Justice Thushara Rajasinghe.

The Publisher of The Fiji Times Ltd, Mr Hank 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.

Mr Arts' bail variation application to allow him to travel to New Zealand was heard this morning (17.01.17) by Justice Rajasinghe.

The matter has been adjourned to 25 January 2017 for bail variation ruling.

Bail has been extended.

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