



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 16 March 2017

Name of Matter: State -v- Ratu Epeli Niudamu & Others

Name of Accused: 1. Ratu Epeli Niudamu

2. Sailasa Wairoaroa Malani
3. Sereima Adidave Rokodi
4. Nanise Kasami Nagusuca
5. Waisea Duailima
6. Isikeli Waisega Kabakoro
7. Laisiasa Mocevakaca
8. Emosi Toga
9. Waisake Racaca
10. Samuela Ligabalavu
11. Mikaele Gonerara
12. Josefa Natau
13. Sulueti Lotu Waqalala
14. Ulaiyasi Rabua Tuivomo
15. Apolosi Qalilawa
16. Iisapeci Natau

Charge: One count each of sedition contrary to section 67 (1) (a) of the Crimes Act 2009.

Update

This matter was called today (16.03.17) at the Lautoka High Court before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

All accused persons were present in court.

The sixteen accused persons in this matter are now charged with sedition in relation to the alleged Ra sovereign Christian state matter. All accused persons are charged with two counts each of sedition except Nanise Kasami Nagusuca and Waisea Duailima who are charged with four counts each of sedition.

All accused persons pleaded not guilty to the amended information.

The matter has been set for trial from 14th August to 1 September 2017.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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