



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 31 August 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. Ilisapeci Natau

**Charge:** Sedition contrary to section 67 (1) (a) of the Crimes Act 2009.

### **Update**

This matter was called today (31.08.17) for Ruling on No Case to Answer application at the Lautoka High Court before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

All accused persons were present in court.

The sixteen accused persons in this matter are 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.

Justice Aluthge ruled that there was a case to answer for all accused persons except Illisapeci Natau. She was acquitted accordingly.

The trial will continue on Monday 4 September 2017.

All accused persons are on bail.

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