



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 15 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 (15.08.17) at the Lautoka High Court before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

All accused persons were present in court.

The sixteen accused persons in this matter are 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.

The Defence made an application to have a Voir Dire hearing into certain of the documents relied on by the State.

Justice Aluthge dismissed the application and ordered the trial to proceed.

The trial starts tomorrow (16.08.17) at the Lautoka High Court.

All accused persons are on bail.

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