



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 22 September 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

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

### **Update**

This matter was called for Judgment today (22.09.17) at the Lautoka High Court before Justice Aruna Aluthge.

All accused persons were present in court.

The fifteen 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 found all accused persons except Apolosi Qalilawa guilty on all counts of sedition and convicted them accordingly. However Justice Aluthge found Apolosi Qalilawa guilty for one count of sedition and not guilty for the other count of sedition.

The matter has been adjourned to 28 September 2017 for sentencing

All accused persons are on bail.

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**NB:** *A copy of the Judgment will be uploaded to the ODPP website once received from the Court.*