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Name of Matter: State-v-Ratu Inoke Tasere and Ors

Name of Accused Persons:

1. Ratu Inoke Tasere
2. Jimi Koroibete
3. Seru Kunalagi
4. Adi Cuvu Gavidu Atama
5. Ulaiasi Rabua Tuivono
6. Peniasi Naqau
7. Semi Tanikili
8. Ratu Osea Bolawaqatabu
9. Ratu Tevita Khaikhainabokolawale Makutu
10. Mosese Navaci
11. Eroni Rikoriko
12. Alifereti Nakuinivou
13. Alifereti Gonewai
14. Jorama Ratulevu

Charges: Two counts, each, of sedition under section 67 (1) (a) of the Crimes Act 2009.

Update

This matter was called for Judgment today (09.11.17) at the Lautoka High Court before Justice Sunil Sharma.

All accused persons were present in court.

All fourteen accused persons in this matter are charged with two counts of sedition in relation to the Nadroga Navosa sovereign Christian state matter.

Justice Sharma found all accused persons except for Ratu Osea Bolawaqatabu guilty on all counts of sedition and convicted them accordingly. However, Justice Sharma found Ratu Osea Bolawatabu guilty for only one count of sedition and not the other count.

The matter has been adjourned to 24 November for sentence hearing.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons except for Ulaiasi Rabua Tuivono who is a serving prisoner.

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