



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 29 November 2017

**Name of Matter:** State-v- Josaia Waqabaca & Ors

**Name of Accused:** Josaia Waqabaca, Anare Ravula, Fred Wesley, Hank Arts & Fiji Times Ltd

**Charge:** Sedition contrary to section 67 (1) (a) of the Crimes Act 2009 (Josaia Waqabaca);  
Sedition contrary to section 67 (1) (c) read with section 45 of the Crimes Act 2009  
(Anare Ravula and Fred Wesley);  
Sedition contrary to section 67 (1) (c) of the Crimes Act 2009 (Hank Arts);  
Sedition contrary to section 67 (1) (c) read with section 51 of the Crimes Act 2009  
(Fiji Times Ltd).

**Update:**

This matter was called today (29.11.17) for Ruling on the Amended Information at the Suva High Court before Justice Thushara Rajasinghe.

It is alleged that Josaia Waqabaca, Anare Ravula, Fred Wesley, Hank Arts, and the Fiji Times Ltd made, or caused to be published, a seditious statement in the Nai Lalakai newspaper.

Justice Rajasinghe dismissed the Defence objection to the Amended Information.

All accused persons pleaded not guilty to their respective charges.

A new trial date has been set for 11 December 2017 upon the request of one of the Defence Counsel.

The matter has been adjourned for a Pre Trial Conference on 1 December 2017.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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