



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 27 November 2017

Name of Matter: State – 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 (27.11.17) 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.

The hearing on the objections to the Amended Information was completed this morning and the Ruling will be delivered on 29 November 2017.

A Pre Trial Conference has been set for 1 December 2017 and the trial date has been fixed from 5 to 15 December 2017.

Bail has been extended to all accused person.

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