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Date: 19 January 2018

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 (19.01.18) for mention 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 trial date for the accused persons has been brought forward to 30 April – 4 May 2018 from 4 – 8 June 2018.

The matter has been adjourned for mention on 5 February 2018.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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