



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 13 February 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 (13.02.18) 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 Defence counsel objected to the amended Information filed by the State.

The Defence counsel have been given time to file their submissions by 22 February 2018.

The matter has been adjourned for hearing on the defence objections on 1 March 2018.

Bail has been extended to all accused persons.

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