



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 27 July 2015

**Name of Matter:** State -v- Ratu Epeli Niudamu & Others

**Names of Accused Persons:**

Ratu Epeli Niudamu, Sailasa Wairoaroa Malani, Sereima Adidave Rokodi, Nanise Kasami Nagusuca, Waisea Duailima, Isikeli Waisega Kabakoro, Laisiasa Mocevakaca, Emosi Toga, Waisake Racaca, Samuela Ligabalavu, Mikaele Gonerara, Seini Raiko, Josefa Natau, Sulueti Lotu Waqalala, Ulaiyasi Rabua Tuivomo, Apolosi Qalilawa, and Ilisapeci Natau

**Charge:** Sedition under section 65 (2) (a) and inciting communal antagonism under 67 (1) (a) of the Crimes Decree 2009

**Update:**

Matter was called at the Lautoka Magistrates' Court today (27.07.15). All accused persons were present in court with their legal counsel.

The Defence counsel made an application to the court to have the matter transferred to the High Court.

The application was made on the ground that the charge was an Indictable one but triable summarily with the accused persons having the right to choose whether they will be tried in the Magistrates or the High Court.

Matter has been adjourned to 14 August 2015 for mention at the Lautoka High Court.

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