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Date: 17 August 2015

Name of Matter: State-v-Timoci Nagata, Pita Camaimoala Vakatawa and Saimoni Nacolawa

Names of Accused Persons: Timoci Nagata, Pita Camaimoala Vakatawa and Saimoni Nacolawa

Charges: Sedition contrary to section 67 (1) (b) and inciting communal antagonism, contrary to section 65 (1) (b) of the Crimes Decree 2009.

Update:

This matter was called for mention at the Tavua Magistrates' Court today (17.08.15). All accused persons were present with their legal counsel.

The Defence Counsel made a bail application for accused, Saimoni Nacolawa, citing medical grounds. The court informed the defence that it needed to make a formal bail application since the court had not granted him leave to apply for bail.

Defence then requested for a court order allowing Nacolawa to be taken for medical examination based on the grounds he had raised earlier. The court ordered that Nacolawa be taken for a medical examination.

The court also put to all accused persons their right to choose whether they will be tried in the Magistrates' or the High Court since the charges are Indictable but triable summarily. All accused persons opted for High Court trials.

Matter has been transferred to the Lautoka High Court for mention on 1 September 2015. All accused persons have been remanded in custody.

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