



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 16 September 2015

**Name of Matter:** State-v-Ratu Inoke Tasere & Ors

**Names of Accused Persons:**

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| 1. Ratu Inoke Tasere      | 9. Ratu Tevita Khaikhainabokolawale    |
| 2. Jimi Koroibete         | Makutu                                 |
| 3. Seru Kunalagi          | 10. Moses Navaci                       |
| 4. Adi Cuvu Gavidi Atama  | 11. Eroni Rikoriko                     |
| 5. Ulaiasi Rabua Tuivono  | 12. Alifereti Nakuinivou               |
| 6. Peniasi Naqau          | 13. Alifereti Gonewai                  |
| 7. Semi Tanikili          | 14. Raicula Rokovou                    |
| 8. Ratu Osea Bolawaqatabu | 15. Adi Vasemaca Veikunekibulu Gonewai |
|                           | 16. Jorama Ratulevu                    |

**Charges:** One count, each, of sedition under section 67 (1) (a) and one count, each, of inciting communal antagonism under 65(2) (a) of the Crimes Decree 2009.

**Update:**

This matter was called at the Lautoka High Court for Voir Dire. All accused persons were present from remand.

The defence sought time from the Court to file their voir dire grounds.

The Court has adjourned the matter to 23 September 2015 for defence to provide their voir dire grounds.

A ruling on an application made by the defence with regard to unlawful detention of accused persons, Adi Cuvu Atama and Adi Vasemaca Veikunekibulu, has been adjourned to 23 September 2015.

The State informed the Court that it had received a signed remand warrant extension from the

court registry with a next mention date which was acceptable to the State as sufficient for extending the warrant till the next mention date.

The ruling on an application made by the defence with regard to violation of human rights of accused persons, Ratu Tevita Makutu, Ulaiasi Rabua Tuivomo and Penasi Naqau, has also been adjourned to 23 September 2015 for the State to file an affidavit on the remand conditions at the Naboro Maximum Prison.

The State sought time from the Court to enable it to be a position to properly inform the court to make its decision on the ruling. The same was granted by the Court.

In another application made by the defence for a bail review of the accused persons, a hearing has been scheduled for 18 September 2015.

All accused have been further remanded.

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