



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 24 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 Makutu |
| 2. Jimi Koroibete | 10. Mosese Navaci |
| 3. Seru Kunalagi | 11. Eroni Rikoriko |
| 4. Adi Cuvu Gavidi Atama | 12. Alifereti Nakuinivou |
| 5. Ulaiasi Rabua Tuivono | 13. Alifereti Gonewai |
| 6. Peniasi Naqau | 14. Raicula Rokovou |
| 7. Semi Tanikili | 15. Adi Vasemaca Veikunekibulu Gonewai |
| 8. Ratu Osea Bolawaqatabu | 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:

Matter was called at the Lautoka High Court yesterday (23.09.15).

The sixteen accused persons in this matter are charged with sedition and inciting communal antagonism in relation to the alleged Nadroga-Navosa sovereign Christian state matter.

The Defence informed the Court that their Voir Dire grounds are in relation to section 13 of the Constitution of the Republic of Fiji (Rights of Arrested and Detained Persons). The Court informed the Defence to file their grounds.

Court then set a Voir Dire trial date for next month (13-14 October 2015).

The hearing 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, was also

heard and the Court noted that the State had filed its Affidavit in response to the Motion. However, the Defence had not and the matter has been adjourned to 6 November 2015 for the Defence to file its Affidavit.

In another application made by the defence for a bail review of the accused persons, the bail review ruling has been scheduled for 25 September 2015.

All accused further remanded in custody.

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