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### **ODPP launches Advanced National Prosecution Course**

The Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Elizabeth Rice, officially launched the ODPP Advanced National Prosecution Course for summary prosecutors this morning (01.07.19) at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.

The Advanced National Prosecution Course is an intensive six-week course and is designed to further hone prosecutors trial preparation skills and advocacy at the bar table.

There are 30 participants from the Fiji Police Summary Prosecutions Division who had all successfully completed the ODPP Basic Prosecution Course held earlier this year.

ADPP Ms Rice encouraged the participants to understand the fundamentals of criminal prosecution and to adhere to the relevant lessons during the six-week course.

Ms Rice said, “This course is designed to help summary prosecutors understand the current common law positions on sentencing tariffs, rules of evidence and other subjects of fundamental importance as well as to teach trial advocacy skills through case scenarios and moot courts.”

The Advanced National Prosecution Course is a combination of theory and practical work which will run from 1 July to 9 August 2019 and is open to all summary criminal prosecutors.

ODPP Principal Legal Officer Mr Yogesh Prasad is facilitating the course.

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**NB:** *Pictures attached.*



*Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Elizabeth Rice, addresses the participants during the official opening ceremony of the 2019 Advanced National Prosecution Course this morning (01.07.19) at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.*



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*Participants of the ODPP Advanced National Prosecutions Course during the official opening ceremony this morning (01.07.19) at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.*



*Front row (fifth from left) The Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Elizabeth Rice, Course facilitator, ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Mr Yogesh Prasad with 2019 ODPP Advanced National Prosecution Course participants at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.*

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