



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – March 2023

The following data is authorised for release by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and relates to the number of formal indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Courts of Fiji by the Director of Public Prosecutions throughout the month. This data is confined to incidents of serious crimes other than sexual violence offences which are recorded and published separately. This data also includes offences committed by police officers.

There were 58 people charged with a total of 87 counts of separate incidents in March. The offences were murder (8), incitement to commit murder (1), attempted murder (2) aggravated robbery (9), incitement to commit robbery (1), aggravated burglary (17), attempted aggravated burglary (1), theft (17), bribery of public officials (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (3), serious assault (4), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (4), arson (2), attempt to commit arson (2), criminal intimidation (2), counterfeiting notes (8) and uttering counterfeiting notes (4).

There were 44 victims of the 87 counts of separate incidents. There were six incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 58 accused persons, 10 were juveniles. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, burglary, aggravated burglary and theft offences.

There was one incident where a 42-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 41-year-old wife. The accused was also charged with one count of incitement to commit murder, one count of incitement to commit robbery and one count of arson.

In another incident, a 28-year-old woman was charged with the murder of her new born baby.

A 31-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 37-year-old man. The accused allegedly punched the victim several times which resulted in the victim's death.

In another incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 36-year-old man. The accused assaulted the victim several times which resulted in the victim's death.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 20-year-old man while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 24-year-old man.

In another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 36-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 59-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 32-year-old man. The accused was also charged with two counts of attempted murder of a 48-year-old man and a 40-year-old man.

A 27-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and criminally intimidating his 27-year-old wife.

In another incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 29-year-old de facto partner, however, this matter was withdrawn after the victim left the country and could not be contacted.

There was one incident where a 36-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm and criminally intimidating his 27-year-old cousin.

A 30-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 39-year-old man while in another incident, a 41-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 36-year-old man.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$60 to \$8,362 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, carjacking, day and night street robberies.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man and a 52-year-old man were charged for bribing two public officials. The accused persons were also charged with serious assault for resisting arrest.

A 29-year-old man was charged with eight counts of counterfeiting notes and four counts of uttering counterfeiting notes.

A 37-year-old man was charged with arson while in another incident a 28-year-old woman was charged for attempting to set fire to her home.

Six cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence and victim leaving the country without any contact.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics March 2023* for a break-down of these statistics.

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) March 2023					
	Total No. of Counts	Total No. of accused persons	Total No. of victims	No. of Nolle Prosequi filed	Incidents involving domestic relations	No. of Police officers charged
Murder	8	8	8	0	2	0
Incitement to commit murder	1	1	1	0	0	0
Attempted murder	2	1	2	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	9	13	11	3	0	0
Incitement to commit robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	17	27	16	0	0	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	1	2	1	1	0	0
Theft	17	25	15	0	0	0
Bribery of public officials	2	2	2	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	3	2	2	1	2	0
Serious assault	4	4	5	0	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	4	3	3	0	1	0
Arson	2	2	2	0	1	0
Attempt to commit arson	2	2	2	0	1	0
Criminal intimidation	2	2	2	0	2	0
Counterfeiting notes	8	1	0	0	0	0
Uttering counterfeiting notes	4	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	87	58*	44*	6	6*	0
Source: ODPP Fiji						

* Please note that a number of accused persons may also have been charged with other serious offences. Similarly, a number of victims for one crime have also been victims of other serious crimes. Statistics on Sexual violence offences are recorded and published separately.

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