



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 11 May 2023

Name of Accused: Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama & Sitiveni Tukaituraga Qiliho

Charge: Abuse of office

Update:

This matter was called at the Suva Magistrates Court this morning (11.05.23) before RM Seini Puamau.

The former Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama and suspended Police Commissioner Sitiveni Qiliho are charged with one count each of abuse of office. The charges relate to a complaint laid with the police by the University of the South Pacific in 2019 in relation to the activities of former staff members.

They are alleged to have arbitrarily and in abuse of the authority of their respective offices directed for the termination of an active investigation.

Trial date has been fixed from 17 July to 28 July 2023.

The matter has been adjourned to 19 June for a Pre-Trial Conference (PTC).

Bail has been extended for both accused persons.

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