

## **ODPP MEDIA UPDATE**

## 4.1 plus tonne drugs successfully destroyed

The 4.1 tonnes of illicit drugs seized in the case of State-v-Justin Ho and others were successfully destroyed this week at the Dignified Crematorium in Davuilevu.

The Fiji Police Force under heavy police and military presence concluded the destruction process this afternoon (28.02.25). The destruction of the illicit drugs namely methamphetamine started from Monday 24 February 2025. This was in accordance with the order issued by the Lautoka High Court in December last year.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in consultation with the Commissioner of Police had made an application to the court to destroy the drugs.

The State had made an application to the court and expressed their "opinion that the physical preservation of all the illicit drugs is not necessary for the purpose of court proceedings and that the seized drugs cannot be safely, securely or conveniently stored until the final determination of the case."

The Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr John Rabuku in his appearance before the Lautoka High Court this morning, has advised the court of the progress and completion of the drug destruction process.

He has also informed the court that a copy of the video recording and the drug destruction report will be filed in court in due course.

The case of State-v-Justin Ho and others will be called on 17 March 2025 to check on the second phase voir dire disclosures, pre-trial conference documents and the final amended Information.

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**NB:** Pictures below.



The Fiji Police Force Officers at the Davuilevu Dignified Crematorium conducting the final phase of the 4.1 tonnes of drug destruction process this morning (28.02.25).





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 $\textit{The 4.1 tonnes of illicit drug (methamphetamine) was successfully destroyed at the \textit{Davuilevu Dignified Crematorium.} \\$