



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 26 June 2025

Name of Accused: Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and Mohammed Saneem

Charge: Abuse of Office (x1)
Receiving a corrupt benefit (x1)

Update:

This matter was called today (26.6.25) for first mention at the Suva High Court before Chief Justice Salesi Temo.

It is alleged that Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum between June 30th and July 12th in 2022, whilst being the Acting Prime Minister, signed a Deed of Variation and Addendum between the Government and the then Supervisor of Elections, Mohammed Saneem and that the approval for the government to pay the taxes of Mohammed Saneem was done without the proper approval of the Constitutional Offices Commission and the President of Fiji.

It is alleged that between the 1st of June 2022 and the 31st of July 2022, while being employed as the Supervisor of Elections, Mohammed Saneem without lawful authority and reasonable excuse, asked for, and obtained a benefit for himself, that is, the approval and payment/waiver of tax of more than \$55,000 that was charged on his back pay as a Supervisor of Elections.

The State has filed and served the Information and disclosures in the matter.

The Chief Justice has fixed the matter for trial from 15 September to 3 October 2025.

The matter has been adjourned to 16 July 2025 for plea, bail variation hearing and any pre-trial issues.

Bail has been extended for both accused persons.

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