



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 7 July 2025

Name of Accused: Neil Prakash Sharma, Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama and Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum

Charge: Abuse of office x 2 (Neil Prakash Sharma)
Breach of trust by person employed in the public service x 2 (Neil Prakash Sharma)
Abuse of office x 1 (Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama)
Abuse of office x 1 (Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum)
Obstructing the course of justice x 1 (Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum)

Update:

This matter was called today (7.7.25) for mention at the Suva High Court before Justice Usaia Ratuveli.

The former Health Minister Neil Sharma is charged with two counts of abuse of office and two count of breach of trust by person employed in the public service. The former Prime Minister, Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama is charged with one count of abuse of office while the former Attorney General is charged with one count of abuse of office and one count of obstructing the course of justice.

It is alleged that the accused persons failed to comply with the statutory requirements for tender process as stipulated under the 2010 Procurement Regulations while granting tenders involving the procurement of medical equipment by the Ministry of Health in 2011.

All three accused persons maintained their Not Guilty plea.

Matter has been fixed for trial from 10-28 November 2025.

Bail has been extended for all three accused persons.

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