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'Redefining Prosecution in a modern courtroom'

The Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Mr Filimone Jitoko officially opened the two-day Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Annual Conference this morning (20.11.25) at Crowne Plaza, Nadi.

In his keynote address, Hon. Mr Jitoko emphasized the urgency and relevance of this year's theme. He stated that "*Redefining Prosecution in the Modern Courtroom*" is a powerful call to action for our time. It challenges us to move beyond tradition and ask a fundamental question: "What does it mean to be a prosecutor when crime has gone digital, when guilt crosses borders in an instant, and when new threats like climate change demand legal accountability?"

Reflecting on Fiji's evolving criminal justice system, Hon. Speaker highlighted "The pursuit of justice is a foundational pillar of our legal system. As a nation rich in cultural heritage and tradition, we now find ourselves charting a course through an increasingly complex global landscape; one shaped by digital transformation, transnational challenges, and the pressing realities of climate change.

The evolution of prosecutorial practice transcends the boundaries of legal reform—it is a matter of institutional stewardship. It demands coordinated engagement from lawmakers, public institutions, and civil society, to cultivate a justice system that is adaptive, robust, and rooted in public confidence."

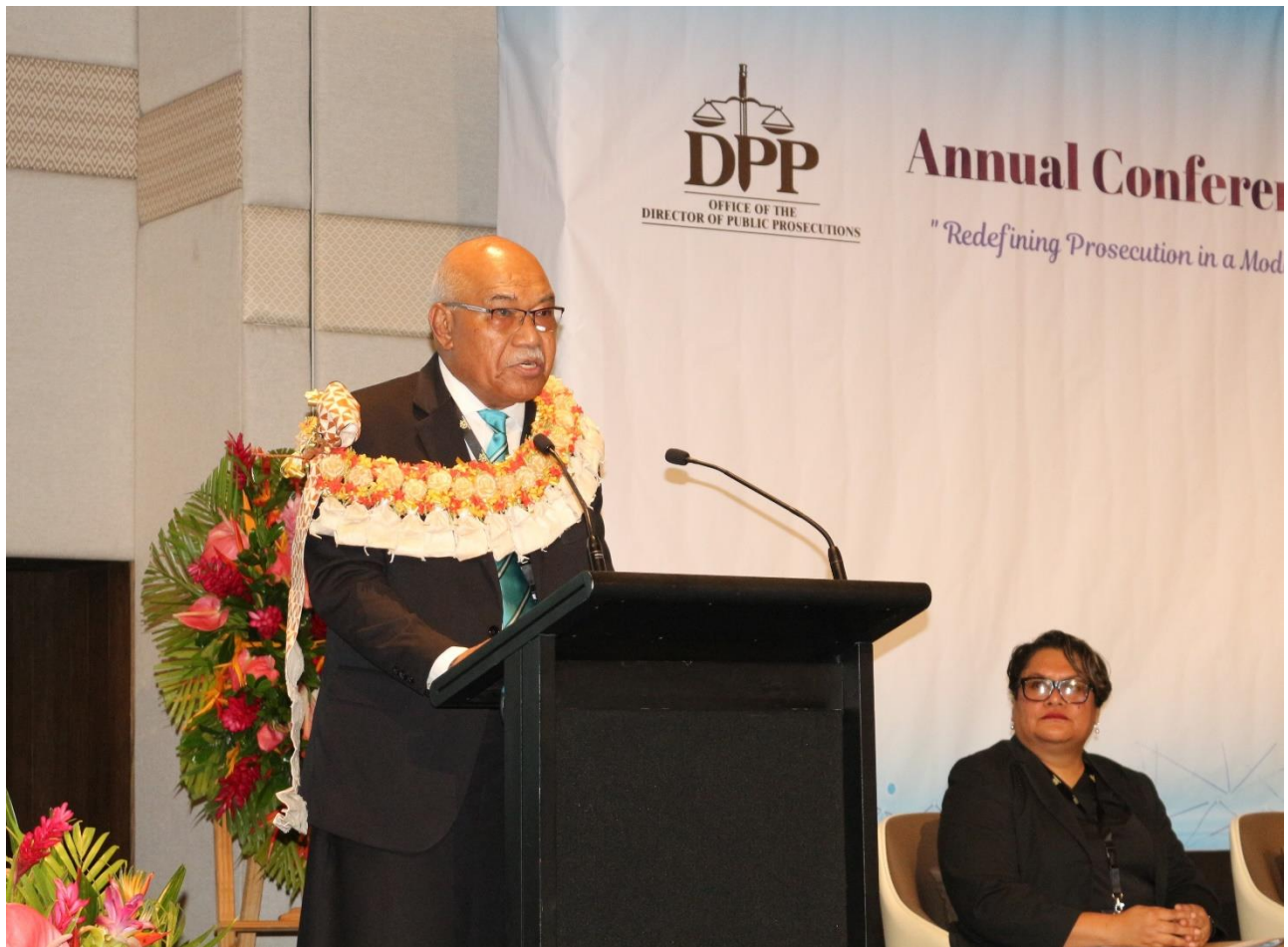
His address set a thought provoking tone for the conference, highlighting the essential role of prosecutors in safeguarding public trust and upholding the rule of law.

Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Nancy Tikoisuva, extended a warm welcome to over 160 attendees including speakers and encouraged participants to take full advantage of the sessions, noting that the conference promises to be "a productive forum rich in learning, collaboration, and forward-thinking dialogue."

This year's conference features a distinguished panel of speakers, including representatives from the Judiciary, the Permanent Secretary for Justice (Solomon Islands), and the Director of Public Prosecutions (Solomon Islands). The program is further enriched by contributions from several overseas experts, each offering valuable expertise and comparative insights into contemporary prosecution practices.

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Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Mr. Filimone Jitoko giving his keynote address during the opening of the two day ODPP Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza, Nadi this morning (20.11.25).



Over 160 participants are attending the two-day ODPP Annual Prosecution Conference with the theme 'Redefining Prosecution in a modern Courtroom' at the Crowne Plaza, Nadi.



Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Mr Filimone Jitoko with Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Nancy Tikoisuva at the ODPP Annual Conference at Crowne Plaza, Nadi this morning (20.11.25)



(L-R) Solomon Islands, Permanent Secretary of Justice, Mr George Hoa'au, Fiji's Chief Registrar, Mr Tomasi Bainivalu with DPP Solomon Islands, Mr Andrew Kelesi at the ODPP Annual Conference, this morning (20.11.25) in Nadi.



Deputy DPP, Mr John Rabuku (third from right), Assistant DPP, Ms Laisani Tabuakuro with lawyers from ODPP and private bar at the ODPP Annual Conference this morning (20.11.25).



ODPP Prosecutors at the two-day ODPP Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza, Nadi.



(seated L-R) DPP Solomons, Mr Andrew Kelesi (2nd), PS Justice, Solomon Islands Mr George Hoa'au, Acting DPP, Ms Nancy Tikoisuva, Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Mr Filimone Jitoko with distinguished judges, international speakers and participants from public and private bar at the ODPP Annual Conference in Nadi, today (20.11.25).

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is an independent office established under section 117 of the 2013 Fijian Constitution. The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is motivated by the principle that it is in the interests of justice that the guilty be brought to justice and the innocent are not wrongly convicted.