



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 22 January 2026

Name of Accused: Alejandro Juvenal Yagual Gonzalez, Luciano Enrique Mero Sanchez, Ramon Isidro Vega Parraga, Jonathan Javier Solorzano Bermello, Bainivalu Suguturaga and Munendra

Charges: Unlawful importation of illicit drugs
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs
Unlawful entry into Fiji
Serious Assault

Update:

Six accused persons have been charged in relation to the drug bust last Friday at Vatia waters which resulted in the seizure of cocaine weighing approximately 2,644.5 kilograms.

This matter was called today (22.01.26) for first call at the Rakiraki Magistrates Court.

The four Ecuadorian nationals have been charged with one count of unlawful importation of illicit drugs, one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs and one count of unlawful entry into Fiji.

The fifth accused person with one count of unlawful importation of illicit drugs, two counts of unlawful possession of illicit drugs and one count of serious assault, while the sixth accused person is charged with one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs and one count of serious assault.

The four Ecuadorian nationals have requested to engage the services of Legal Aid Commission while the two locals have sought to be medically examined which was granted by the court.

All accused persons have been remanded in custody.

The matter has been transferred to the Lautoka High Court for first call on 5 February 2026.

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