



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

**Date:** 19 February 2026

**Name of Accused:** Josia Voreqe Bainimarama & Sitiveni Qiliho

**Charges:** Inciting to mutiny (x2)

**Update:**

The former Prime Minister Josia Voreqe Bainimarama and former COMPOL Sitiveni Qiliho have been charged with inciting to mutiny contrary to section 72(1) (b) of the Crimes Act.

This matter was called today (19.02.26) for first call at the Suva Magistrates' Court before Magistrate Yogesh Prasad.

For count one, it is alleged that between 1 January and 31 July 2023, the former PM sent Viber messages to Brigadier General Manoa Gadai in his attempt to incite him to take over command and overthrow the authority of the Commander of Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) Major General Jone Kalouniwai.

For count two, it is alleged that between 1 July and 31 July 2023, the former PM and former COMPOL spoke to several senior officers of the RFMF in their joint effort to incite them to unlawfully arrest and take over the authority of the Commander of RFMF Major General Jone Kalouniwai.

The accused persons were granted bail under strict bail conditions. A stop departure order was also issued.

The State requested time to provide full set of disclosures to the Defence.

Matter has been adjourned to 5 March 2026.

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