



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

Date: 19 March 2026

Name of Accused: Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama & Sitiveni Qiliho

Charges: Inciting to mutiny (x2)

Update:

The former Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama and former COMPOL Sitiveni Qiliho charged with inciting to mutiny appeared in the Suva Magistrates' Court this morning (19.03.26).

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 State served full disclosures.

Both accused persons have pleaded not guilty to their charges.

Matter has been adjourned to 6 May 2026 for Pre-trial Conference and to fix a trial date. The accused persons bail has been further extended.

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