



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – March 2026

The following data is authorised for release by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and relates to the number of formal indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Courts of Fiji by the Director of Public Prosecutions throughout the month.

This data is confined to incidents of serious sexual offences only.

Cases

There were 10 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 18 counts of sexual offences in March 2026.

Counts of offences

There were 11 counts rape, one count of attempted rape, two counts of defilement and four counts of sexual assault.

Accused and Victims

There were 12 accused persons charged with 18 counts of sexual offences. Of the 12 accused persons, one was a juvenile

There were 10 victims of whom four victims were under the age of 18 years. There were nine female victims and one male victim.

Domestic Incidents

There were three incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 36-year-old man was charged with one count of rape and four counts of sexual assault of his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

In another incident, a 40-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of his 16-year-old stepdaughter, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim could not be contacted or located to give evidence.

There was one incident, where a 67-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 55-year-old sister-in-law however, this matter was discontinued due to a false complaint.

Juvenile

A 17-year-old boy with an 18-year-old man and a 22-year-old man were charged with the rape of an 18-year-old girl from their village.

Other incidents

A 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 37-year-old co-worker.

In another incident, a 48-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 30-year-old woman. The accused is known to the victim's family. The accused was also charged with one count of assault causing actual bodily harm. ***(NB: The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately).***

There was one incident where 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 25-year-old man. Both the accused and the victim were cell mates at a police station when the alleged incident took place.

In another incident, a 31-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape of a 23-year-old woman. The alleged incident took place during a drinking party.

There were two incidents of defilement of a young person, however, both the cases were discontinued due to a false complaint and insufficient evidence.

Nolle Prosequi

Four cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence, unavailability of victims to give evidence during trial dates and false complaints.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences March 2026* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted rape	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	11	1	2	4	18
Total No. of Victims	7	2	1	1	10*
No. of Victims under 18 years	2	0	2	1	4*
Total No. of Accused Persons	9	1	2	1	12*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	3	0	0	1	3*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	2	0	4
No. of False Complaints	1	0	1	0	2

Source: ODPP Fiji

*** Please note that a number of rape victims as well as victims under the age of 18 years and victims in domestic relationship were also victims of other serious sexual offences. Similarly, a number of accused persons were also charged with more than one offence.**

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