

ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

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Case 1: Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama and Sitiveni Qiliho

Charges:

- 2 counts of inciting to mutiny

The former Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama and former COMPOL Sitiveni Qiliho charged with inciting to mutiny contrary to section 72(1) (b) and section 46 of the Crimes Act appeared for first call at the Suva High Court today (5.6.26).

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 filed and served the Information.

Both the accused pleaded not guilty to the respective charges.

The matter is adjourned to 17 July 2026. The accused persons bail was further extended.

Case 2: Jekope Nakula, Macui Tuira and Ors

Charges:

- Acts intended to cause grievous harm

Four police officers charged for allegedly assaulting a man during a drug raid in 2024 appeared for first call at the Suva High Court, however the matter was remitted to Magistrate court under extended jurisdiction

Jekope Nakula, Maciu Tuira, Tokoni Nemia and Unaisi Naqiri are charged with one count of act intended to cause grievous harm.

The matter will be called before Magistrate Charles Ratakele on 16 June 2026. The accused persons have been further remanded in custody.

Case 3: Komal Sapna Singh & Susana Radinivulagi

Charges:

- 1 count of manslaughter
- 1 count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty

Komal Sapna Singh and Susana Radinivulagi, charged in relation to the death of 3-year-old Elijah Jibola, appeared in the Lautoka High Court earlier this week.

Komal Singh is charged with one count of manslaughter. It is alleged that on 29 January 2026 she allegedly driving a motor vehicle in Sigatoka in a reckless manner that caused the death of the victim who was crossing the road at the time of incident.

Susana Radinivulagi was also charged with one count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty. It is alleged that on the same day the accused neglected to supervise the child in the course of her duty which led to the victim's death,

The matter was for plea. Susana Radinivulagi pleaded guilty while Komal Singh pleaded not guilty.

The matter is adjourned to 14 June 2026 for Summary of facts and Pre-trial conference.

The accused persons bail was further extended.

Case 4: State-v-Fonta Laszlo

Charge:

- 1 count of unlawful importation of illicit drugs
- 1 count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs

Hungarian national, Fonta Laszlo charged with the unlawful importation and unlawful possession of illicit drugs appeared in the Lautoka High Court earlier this week.

It is alleged that on 17 April 2026, the accused unlawfully imported and possessed 4869.7 grams of methamphetamine.

The accused was intercepted by authorities at Nadi International Airport, where screening of his passenger baggage allegedly revealed drugs concealed within the luggage.

The State filed and served disclosures but sought additional time to file the Information.

Counsel for the accused raised concerns regarding the accused's medical condition, noting that the accused would be responsible for the costs associated with his surgery. Defence Counsel also informed the Court that they had been unable to obtain instructions from the accused in remand, as their interpreter was not permitted entry into the remand facility.

The Court advised that arrangements would be made for a suitable interpreter to assist the accused. In the meantime, the Court indicated that Defence Counsel may use the court premises to obtain instructions from the accused.

The matter was adjourned to 16 June 2026, and the accused was further remanded in custody.

Case 5: State-v- Savenaca Damuni, Vinay Prakash and Sushila Devi

Charge:

- 1 count of manslaughter arising from breach of duty
- 1 count of corporate manslaughter

A father and two company directors charged in relation to the death of a 6-year-old boy at a timber yard appeared at the Suva High Court last week.

Savenaca Damuni is charged with manslaughter arising from breach of duty. It is alleged that he failed to take necessary precautions by allowing his six-year-old son to stand on the blade of a forklift while it was in operation. The child allegedly fell from the forklift and came underneath the vehicle, resulting in his death.

Vinay Prakash Chandra and Sushila Devi, directors of Raviravi Investment Timber & Hardware (PTE) Ltd, are alleged to have permitted their employee, Savenaca Damuni, to operate a forklift despite knowing that he did not possess a valid licence to operate an industrial truck, and that such negligence contributed to the child's death.

The alleged incident occurred on 2 May 2023 at a timber yard in Vatuwaqa, Suva.

The matter was for plea. Savenaca Damuni pleaded guilty while Vinay Chandra and Sushila Devi pleaded not guilty.

The matter was adjourned for summary of facts on 11 June 2026.

All accused persons bail was further extended.

Case 6: State-v-Alexander Leweniqila, Manoa Vakavunivalu and Aisake Lovobalavu

Charge:

- 1 count of manslaughter

Alexander Leweniqila, Manoa Vakavunivalu and Aisake Lovobalavu charged in connection with the death of a 30-year-old man appeared at the Suva High Court last week.

It is alleged that on 15 March 2026, the accused persons assaulted a 30-year-old man, resulting in his death.

The State filed and served the Information (charged amended to manslaughter from murder) against Aisake Lovobalavu who pleaded not guilty to the charge.

A discontinuance (Nolle Prosequi) was filed against Alexander Leweniqila, Manoa Vakavunivalu and the two were discharged by court accordingly.

The matter has been adjourned to 25 June 2026 and bail for Aisake Lovobalavu was extended.