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Case 1: Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and Mohammed Saneem

Charges:

- 1 count of abuse of office
- 1 count of receiving a corrupt benefit

Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and Mohammed Saneem appeared for their judgment at the Suva High Court before Chief Justice Salesi Temo this morning (26.6.26).

It was alleged that Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum between June 30th and July 12th in 2022, whilst being the Acting Prime Minister, signed a Deed of Variation and Addendum between the Government and the then Supervisor of Elections, Mohammed Saneem and that the approval for the government to pay the taxes of Mohammed Saneem was done without the proper approval of the Constitutional Offices Commission and the President of Fiji.

It was alleged that between the 1st of June 2022 and the 31st of July 2022, while being employed as the Supervisor of Elections, Mohammed Saneem without lawful authority and reasonable excuse, asked for, and obtained a benefit for himself, that is, the approval and payment/waiver of tax of more than \$55,000 that was charged on his back pay as a Supervisor of Elections.

In his judgment delivered today, the Chief Justice found both accused persons not guilty and acquitted them accordingly.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions will now carefully review the judgment before determining whether there are sufficient legal grounds to appeal the acquittals.

Case 2: Aisake Lovobalavu Jnr

Charge:

- 1 count of manslaughter

Aisake Lovobalavu Jnr charged in connection with the death of a 30-year-old man appeared at Suva High Court on Thursday (25.6.26) before Justice Pita Bulamainivalu.

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

The State served a copy of the proposed Admitted Facts to the Defence.

The Court has given further time to the Defence to peruse the proposed Admitted Facts and respond.

The matter was adjourned to 15 July 2026 for further Pre-Trial Conference. The accused person's bail was further extended.

Case 3: State v Imran Kahn

Charge:

- **Unlawful possession of illicit drugs.**

Imran Khan charged and convicted for one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs appeared in the Suva Magistrates' Court earlier this week before Resident Magistrate Yogesh Prasad.

Imran Khan was convicted last week for unlawful possession of illicit drugs after he was found with 4.1364 grams of methamphetamine in 2023.

The matter was called for sentencing and mitigation submissions and both the State and Defence presented their submissions in court.

The State is seeking a custodial sentence while the Defence is seeking a suspended sentence.

Imran Khan will be sentenced on 30 June 2026. The accused was further remanded in custody.

Case 4: State v Samuela Dasalusalu

Charge:

- **Murder**

Samuela Dasalusalu charged with the murder of a 16-year-old girl appeared in the Suva High Court on Thursday (25.6.26) before Justice Pita Bulamainivalu.

It is alleged that in December 2025, the accused struck a 16-year-old girl with a cane knife when the victim had gone to a village shop to purchase a packet of juice.

The Court had previously ordered a further psychiatric evaluation of the accused before a plea could be taken.

The psychiatric report was presented in Court and indicates that the accused remains unfit to take a plea or stand trial.

The State sought further time to consider and confirm its position in light of the report.

The matter has been adjourned to 9 July 2026. The accused remains in custody.

Case 5: State v Joshua Rahman**Charge:**

- 1 count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs

Joshua Rahman, whose conviction and sentence for unlawful possession of illicit drugs were quashed and a retrial ordered, appeared at the Suva High Court earlier this week before Justice Thushara Rajasinghe for mention.

The accused was previously convicted and sentenced to 23 years' imprisonment, with a non-parole period of 14 years, for the unlawful possession of 39.5 kilograms of cocaine.

The State submitted a bail report to the court, and Justice Rajasinghe directed the State to include information on whether the accused has complied with all bail conditions.

The State also informed the court that its appeal is scheduled to be called before the Supreme Court on 6 August 2026.

The matter was adjourned to 7 September 2026. The accused's bail was further extended.

Case 6: State-v- Imran Khan**Charge:**

- 1 count of contravention of restraining order

Imran Khan, charged with one count of contravention of restraining order appeared at the Suva High Court this week before Justice Thushara Rajasinghe.

Between 16 September 2025 and 1 October 2025, the accused is alleged to have knowingly contravened a restraining order issued by the Civil High Court in 2023 by disposing of motor vehicle registration number KNGKHN through facilitating the transfer of said motor vehicle to his brother.

The accused had previously pleaded guilty, admitted the summary of facts, and was convicted accordingly.

Following a change of counsel, the accused applied to vacate his guilty plea, contending that he did not fully understand the nature of the charge and the consequences of his plea.

The State opposed the application, submitting that the accused had been represented by counsel who had discussed the case with him. The State also submitted that the accused had admitted to pleading voluntarily and with full knowledge of its implications.

The Court heard submissions from both parties on the relevant legal principles and authorities.

In the meantime, both counsel have been directed to prepare and file their sentencing and mitigation submissions.

The Court will deliver its ruling on 9 July 2026 on whether the guilty plea and conviction will be set aside or not. Should this application be refused, sentencing will proceed on 14 July 2026 as previously scheduled.

The accused was further remanded in custody.