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Case 1: State v-Neil Sharma, Voreqe Bainimarama and Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum

Charges:

- 4 counts of abuse of office
- 1 count of Breach of trust by person employed in the public service
- 1 count of Obstructing the course of justice

Former Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, former Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and former Minister for Health Dr Neil Sharma appeared before the High Court this week.

The former Health Minister Neil Sharma is charged with two counts of abuse of office and two count of breach of trust by person employed in the public service. The former Prime Minister, Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama is charged with one count of abuse of office while the former Attorney General is charged with one count of abuse of office and one count of obstructing the course of justice.

It is alleged that the accused persons failed to comply with the statutory requirements for tender process as stipulated under the 2010 Procurement Regulations while granting tenders involving the procurement of medical equipment by the Ministry of Health in 2011.

The State had earlier closed its case, and the matter was called for no case to answer submissions.

The State opposed no-case-to-answer submissions filed by the three accused, arguing that evidence from 14 prosecution witnesses was sufficient for the charges to proceed.

The Defence, however, argued that the State had failed to prove the charges and had not presented sufficient evidence therefore submitting that their clients should have no case to answer.

Justice Usaia Ratuveli will deliver his ruling on the no-case-to-answer submissions on **October 1, 2026**.

Case 2: State-v-Joshua Rahman

Charge:

- 1 count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs

The Supreme Court heard cross-appeals involving Fiji-Canadian national Joshua Rahman at the Veiuoto Court Complex in Suva last week.

Joshua Rahman 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. He then appealed his conviction and sentence. The Court of Appeal subsequently quashed the conviction and sentence and ordered a retrial.

The State has appealed the Court of Appeal's decision, seeking to have the accused's conviction and sentence reinstated.

Joshua Rahman had also filed an appeal against the Court of Appeal's decision ordering a retrial following the quashing of his conviction and sentence.

Both parties made submissions before the Supreme Court presided over by Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court Salesi Temo, together with Justice Anthony Gates and Justice William Young.

Following the hearing, the Court indicated that its ruling will be delivered on notice

Case 3: State-v-Saimoni Rokotunidau

Charges:

- 1 count of attempted murder
- 1 count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs

Saimoni Rokotunidau is charged with one count of attempted murder of a police officer has his bail revoked after he failed to appear in court.

The accused is charged with the attempted murder and one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs. It is alleged that the accused persons attempted to murder a police officer who was manning a roadblock on 26 April 2026.

The accused was granted bail earlier, however, he failed to appear in court on two occasions. He was arrested after a bench warrant was issued and produced in court.

The accused bail was therefore revoked and he was further charged with one count of absconding bail.

The matter is adjourned to **25 August 2026**.

Case 4: State-v-Joshua Ravula, Gina Choi and others

Charges:

- Unlawful possession of illicit drugs
- Unlawful supply of illicit drugs
- Possession of property suspected to be proceeds of crime

The accused persons charged in relation to drug case appeared in the Suva Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Josua Ravula is charged with the unlawful possession of 42.295 grams of methamphetamine. Ginna Choi, and Peniassi Delai are charged with the unlawful possession of 0.345 grams of methamphetamine.

Gina Choi is additionally charged with the possession of FJD\$977.60, PHP200 and USD\$4.00, suspected to be proceeds of crime.

Dai Ming Hui, Yu Yanfeng and Zhou Lan are charged with the unlawful possession of 39.509 grams of methamphetamine. Yu Yanfeng is additionally charged with the unlawful dealings with other persons for the transport and supply of methamphetamine and possession of FJD\$906.25, suspected to be proceeds of crime. Zhou Lan is additionally charged with the possession of FJD\$7,180.00, USD\$60.00, HKD\$1,520.00 and RMB¥1,600, suspected to be proceeds of crime.

The court ruled that all six accused persons have a case to answer. The matter has been adjourned to **20 August 2026** for mention.

There were two other accused persons in this matter. Lagomarcino Baules and Qing Qing Yin who had earlier pleaded guilty and are currently serving sentence.