



ODPP Weekly Court Bulletin

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Case 1: State v Voreqe Bainimarama & 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 in the Suva High Court this morning (17.7.26)

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 court has fixed the trial date from 5 April to 7 May 2027.

The matter is adjourned to 24 November 2026 for final Pre-trial conference.

Both accused persons bail was further extended.

Case 2: State v Torika Tabua

Charges:

- 1 count of trafficking in person

Torika Tabua charged with one count of trafficking in person appeared in the Lautoka High Court yesterday (17.07.26).

It is alleged that the accused was offered a job through Facebook which she declined and then referred the opportunity to the victim and facilitated her exit from Fiji to Egypt for employment as a babysitter, while being reckless as to whether the victim would be exploited.

The alleged incident occurred between 1 January and 17 June 2022 in Nadi.

The State had earlier filed the Information and the accused had pleaded not guilty.

Pre-trial Conference documents have been filed and served.

The court fixed the trial date from 22- 26 March 2027.

Matter was adjourned for Pre-trial hearing on 15 October 2026. The accused person's bail was extended.

Case 3: State-v- Ananaisa Ono Jr

Charge:

- 1 count of murder

Ananaisa Ono Jr charged with the murder of a 55-year-old man appeared in the Labasa High Court.

It is alleged that the 26 year-old accused person murdered the victim with a kitchen knife following payment dispute after sexual services. The alleged offence took place on 3 May 2026 in Labasa.

The State had filed the Information and the accused had pleaded not guilty.

The matter is adjourned to 28 August 2026 for Pre-trial Conference.

The accused was further remanded in custody.

Case 4: State-v- JM

Charges:

- 1 count of rape
- 3 counts of sexual assault

JM charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl appeared in the Lautoka High Court.

The accused is alleged to have raped and sexually assaulted his neighbor in January this year.

The State had earlier filed the Information and the accused had pleaded not guilty.

The court has set a trial date between 7 -11 December 20226.

The accused was further remanded in custody.

Case 5: State-v- Isaia Ledua

Charges:

- 1 count of attempted aggravated burglary
- 1 count of damaging property

Isaia Ledua charged with the attempted aggravated burglary at RFMF appeared in the Suva High Court.

It is alleged that between 8 and 9 April 2026, the accused attempted to break into the RFMF Ammunition Magazine building in Nabua and between the same days allegedly damaged the door lock keypad.

The State had earlier filed the Information and the matter was for plea, however, the Defence was not ready for plea.

The Defence informed the court that they will be making legal representation to the State in terms of the charge as they are of the view that it is defective.

The matter is adjourned to 23 July 2026 for plea.

The accused bail was extended.