



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### Sayed-Khaiyum, Voss, Ali and Fiji Link charged

The Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Nancy Tikoisuva, has sanctioned charges against the former Attorney General and Minister for Civil Aviation, Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum, former Executive General of Corporate Affairs, Fiji Airways Shaenaz Voss, Fiji Airways General Manager Safety, Security and Quality, Sharun Ali and Fiji Airlines T/A Fiji Link.

Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum is charged with 11 counts of unlawful carriage of firearm on aircraft, 11 counts of receiving a corrupt benefit, 11 counts of breach of trust by person employed in the public service and 11 counts of abuse of office.

Shaenaz Voss is charged with three counts of giving a corrupt benefit and Sharun Ali is charged with 11 counts of giving a corrupt benefit. Additionally, Shaenaz Voss, Sharun Ali and Fiji Airline T/A Fiji Link are charged with five counts of breach of mandatory reporting of security occurrences and three counts of breach of airline security.

The accused persons are charged under the Civil Aviation (Security) Act 1994, Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 1994 and Crimes Act 2009.

The accused persons will be produced at the Nadi Magistrates' Court this afternoon (04.10.24) at 12pm.

#### \*Charges

Name	Charge	Particulars
Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum	UNLAWFUL CARRIAGE OF FIREARM ON AIRCRAFT: Contrary to section 13(1) (a) (2)(a)(3)(a)(4) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Act 1994. <b>(11 counts)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between February 4 to February 8, 2018 at Nadi whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried on board Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircrafts flying between Nausori and Nadi, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>on June 25, 2018 at Nadi, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircrafts flying between Nausori and Nadi, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>between February 22 to February 23, 2019 at Nadi whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircrafts flying between Nausori and Nadi, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military</li> </ul>

		<p>Forces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on March 3, 2019 at Nadi in whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircrafts flying between Nausori, Nadi and Labasa, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>• between November 7 to November 8, 2020 at Nadi in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircrafts flying between Nausori, Nadi and Labasa, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>• between December 22 to December 25, 2020 at Nausori in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircrafts flying between Nausori and Labasa, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>• on October 26, 2021 at Nadi in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircraft flying between Suva and Nadi, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>• on December 1, 2021 at Nadi in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircraft flying between Nausori and Nadi, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>• on June 30, 2022 at Labasa in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircraft flying between Nausori and Labasa, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>• on July 4, 2022 at Nadi in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircraft flying between Nausori and Nadi, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> <li>• on July 16, 2022 at Labasa in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji had with him, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, guns and bullets which he caused to be carried onboard Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link aircraft flying between Nausori and Nadi, by his bodyguards who were members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.</li> </ul>
	<p>RECEIVING A CORRUPT BENEFIT: Contrary to section 137 (1) (a) (ii) (b) of the Crimes Act 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(11 counts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the same dates and places as mentioned in the above particulars, Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, received a benefit for himself and his bodyguards to carry guns and bullets onboard Fiji Link flights, a benefit given by Shaenaz Begum Voss and Sharun Ali, as senior management officers of Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link, a</li> </ul>

		<p>subsidiary company of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways, in which the Government of Fiji is the major shareholder and the receipt of the benefit would tend to influence him in the exercise of his official duty as a Minister.</p>
	<p>BREACH OF TRUST BY PERSON EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE: Contrary to section 200 of the Crimes Act 2009.</p> <p><b>(11 counts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the same dates and places as mentioned in the above particulars, Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji, in the discharge of his office committed a breach of trust affecting the public by unlawfully causing the carriage of guns and bullets on Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link flights without obtaining the proper approvals from the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji and the Commissioner of Police as required by law.</li> </ul>
	<p>ABUSE OF OFFICE: Contrary to section 139 of the Crimes Act 2009.</p> <p><b>(11 counts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the same dates and places as mentioned in the above particulars, Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum whilst being employed as a Minister of the Government of Fiji, recklessly caused the carriage of guns and bullets on Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link flights without obtaining the proper approvals from the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji and the Commissioner of Police as required by law which is prejudicial to the rights of Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the public.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shaenaz Begum Voss</b></p>	<p>GIVING A CORRUPT BENEFIT TO A PUBLIC OFFICIAL: Contrary to section 136(1)(a)(ii)(b) of the Crimes Act 2009.</p> <p><b>(3 counts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on October 8, 2018 at Labasa whilst being employed as the Executive General Manager of Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link without lawful authority or reasonable excuse caused a benefit to be provided to Sikeli Talala, a military official acting as a body guard for Minister Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum by allowing Sikeli Talala to carry guns and bullets onboard Fiji Link aircrafts without obtaining statutory approval and the receipt of the benefit would tend to influence Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum as a Minister of the Government of Fiji in the exercise of his duty.</li> <li>• between February 9 to June 22, 2021 at Nadi whilst being employed as the Executive General Manager of Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link without lawful authority or reasonable excuse caused a benefit to be provided to Minister Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and his bodyguards by allowing the carriage of guns and bullets onboard Fiji Link aircrafts without obtaining statutory approval and the receipt of the benefit would tend to influence Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum as a Minister of the Government of Fiji in the exercise of his duty.</li> <li>• between October 14 to October 25, 2021 at Nadi whilst being employed as the Executive General Manager of Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link without lawful authority or reasonable excuse caused a benefit to be provided to Minister Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and his bodyguards by allowing the carriage of guns and bullets onboard Fiji Link aircrafts without obtaining statutory approval and the receipt of the benefit would tend to influence Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum as a Minister of the Government of Fiji in the exercise of his duty.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shaenaz Begum Voss, Sharun Ali And Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link</b></p>	<p>BREACH OF MANDATORY REPORTING OF SECURITY OCCURENCES: Contrary to regulation 17A (1) (h) (9) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 1994.</p> <p><b>(5 counts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• between February 4 to February 8, 2018 at Nadi whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the operator- Fiji Link, intentionally failed to comply with mandatory reporting of security occurrences onboard its flight for the unlawful carriage of guns and bullets for Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji.</li> <li>• on June 25, 2018 at Nadi whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the operator- Fiji Link, intentionally failed to comply with mandatory reporting of security occurrences onboard its flight for the unlawful carriage of guns and bullets for Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji.</li> <li>• on October 8, 2018 at Nadi whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and</li> </ul>

		<p>Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the operator- Fiji Link, intentionally failed to comply with mandatory reporting of security occurrences onboard its flight for the unlawful carriage of guns and bullets for Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• between February 22 to February 23, 2019 at Nadi whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the operator- Fiji Link intentionally failed to comply with mandatory reporting of security occurrences onboard its flight for the unlawful carriage of guns and bullets for Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji.</li> <li>• on March 3, 2019 at Nadi whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the operator- Fiji Link, intentionally failed to comply with mandatory reporting of security occurrences onboard its flight for the unlawful carriage of guns and bullets for Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shaenaz Begum Voss, Sharun Ali And Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link</b></p>	<p>BREACH OF AIRLINE SECURITY PROGRAM: Contrary to regulation 8 and regulation 20 (1) (3) of the Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations 1994.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(3 counts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on October 8, 2018 at Nadi whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the operator- Fiji Link, a certified air operator by the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji, intentionally caused Fiji Link aircrafts to take off and land at Nausori International airport without statutory approval for the carriage of guns and bullets by the bodyguards of Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum who were Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) officers.</li> <li>• between February 9 to June 22, 2021 at Nadi in the Republic of Fiji, whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the corporation- Fiji Link, a certified air operator by the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji, intentionally caused Fiji Link aircrafts to take off and land at Nausori International airport without statutory approval for the carriage of guns and bullets by the bodyguards of Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum who were Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) officers.</li> <li>• between October 14 to October 26, 2021 at Nadi whilst being employed as senior management officers of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airways and Fiji Airlines Limited T/A Fiji Link and the corporation- Fiji Link, a certified air operator by the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji ,intentionally caused Fiji Link aircrafts to take off and land at Nausori International airport without statutory approval for the carriage of guns and bullets by the bodyguards of Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum who were Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) officers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sharun Ali</b></p>	<p>GIVING A CORRUPT BENEFIT TO A PUBLIC OFFICIAL: Contrary to section 136(1)(a)(ii)(b) of the Crimes Act 2009.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(11 counts)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• on July 4, 2022 at Nadi, whilst being employed as the General Manager of Safety, Security and Quality of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airway, the parent company of Fiji Link, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse caused a benefit to be provided to Minister Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and his bodyguards by allowing the carriage of guns and bullets onboard Fiji Link flights without obtaining statutory approval and the receipt of the benefit would tend to influence Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum as a Minister of the Government of Fiji in the exercise of his duty.</li> <li>• on July 16, 2022 at Nadi, whilst being employed as the General Manager of Safety, Security and Quality of Air Pacific Limited T/A Fiji Airway, the parent company of Fiji Link, without lawful authority or reasonable excuse caused a benefit to be provided to Minister Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and his bodyguards by allowing the carriage of guns and bullets onboard Fiji Link flights without obtaining statutory approval and the receipt of</li> </ul>

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