



# FICAC MEDIA STATISTICS UPDATE

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## FICAC Statistics – April Statistics

The Commissioner of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) has authorized the release of the following statistics for the reporting period from 1 to 30 April 2025. This summary outlines the number of complaints received, court cases concluded, and highlights the key activities undertaken by the Corruption Prevention Department during this period.

FICAC received and assessed a total of thirty-four (34) complaints during the reporting period, through its Legal & Prosecution Department. Of these, twenty-one (21) were determined to be non-corruption related and were subsequently referred to the appropriate authorities for further action. Thirteen (13) complaints were recommended for either preliminary or full investigations.

In comparison, during the same period last year, FICAC received ninety-one (91) complaints. Following assessment, fifty-one (51) of these were deemed corruption-related and recommended for either preliminary or full investigation, while forty (40) were classified as non-corruption matters and referred accordingly.

FICAC did not initiate any legal proceedings in March 2025.

A total of seven (7) cases were disposed of from the Courts for the reporting period and the details of those cases are as follows:

- i. *FICAC vs. Inosi Tauvoli* – Accused was convicted after trial and sentenced to three (3) years imprisonment of which two (2) years to be served at a correction facility and the remainder one (1) year is suspended for three (3) years. Accused is eligible for non-parole after serving twenty (20) months in the correction facility.
- ii. *FICAC vs. Mohammed Zakariyya and William Pawa Tuiono* – Case was withdrawn under Section 169(2)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.



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- iii. *FICAC vs. Maciu Vakatawa Gaunatalei and William Pawa Tuiono* - Case was withdrawn under Section 169(2)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- iv. *FICAC vs. Prem Wati and William Pawa Tuiono* - Case was withdrawn under Section 169(2)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- v. *FICAC vs. Jonasa Delai* - Case was withdrawn under Section 169(2)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- vi. *FICAC vs. Benjamin Padarath* - Case was withdrawn under Section 169(2)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.
- vii. *FICAC vs. Nilesh Lal* - Case was withdrawn under Section 169(2)(b)(ii) of the Criminal Procedure Act due to unavailability of witnesses and consequent thorough re-assessment of the matter has shown FICAC will not be able to proceed with prosecution.

Additionally, FICAC appeared as the respondent in two appellate matters:

- i. *Nikolau Nawaikula vs. FICAC* - The application for Leave to appeal on the basis of appeal grounds 1,2,3,4 and 5 was refused to the effect that the Applicants summons is dismissed accordingly.
- ii. *Shalendra Kumar vs. FICAC* - The appeal against conviction is dismissed. The appeal against sentence is allowed. The learned Magistrate's sentence is quashed. Accused is sentenced to 2 ½ years' imprisonment with a non-parole period of one (1) year ten (10) months. The sentence is to commence from 19 February 2024. Thirty (30) days have been given to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

In addition to its reactive functions, FICAC remains deeply committed to fulfilling its mandate through proactive measures. The Commission places strong emphasis on anti-corruption awareness and education, ensuring that these preventive efforts are effectively implemented to foster a culture of integrity across all levels of society.



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The Proactive arm of FICAC, the Corruption Prevention Department conducted a total of thirty-two (32) awareness session, two (2) workshops and two (2) surveys to five hundred and twenty-five participants for the reporting period 1 – 30 April 2025.

No.	Name of Anti-Corruption Training	Targeted Participants	No. Sessions/Workshops Conducted	No. of Participants
1.	Anti-Corruption Awareness	Public Sector	13	108
2.		Private Sector	3	18
3.		Teachers	1	7
4.		Tertiary	2	104
5.		Communities	13	241
6.	Ethics, Values & Anti-Bribery Workshop	Public Sector	2	43
7.	Ethics and Integrity Assessment Methodology – Phase 1 (Surveys 1 & 2)	Public Sector	2	4

FICAC encourages all members of the public to report any corruption-related complaints by calling our toll-free number **1322** or email us on [info@ficac.org.fj](mailto:info@ficac.org.fj). For inquiries regarding corruption prevention training or to learn more about our educational initiatives, please feel free to contact us at **3310290**.

Together, we can work towards a corruption-free Fiji.

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