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Kamikamica case to proceed to trial

By ROSALIA TUI

THE High Court in Suva yesterday dismissed an application by former Cabinet minister Manoa Kamikamica to permanently stay criminal proceedings against him.

Justice Siainiu Fa'alogo Bull ruled the application was without merit, stating the grounds for a permanent stay had not been established.

The decision clears the way for the case, brought by the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption, to proceed to trial.

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Former deputy prime minister Manoa Kamikamica at the High Court in Suva yesterday.

Picture: LITIA RITOVA



Mother seeks answers

By JAKE WISE

A MOTHER is demanding answers after her 20-year-old son was allegedly forced into a fight, then beaten by several youths when they discovered he was wearing a military vest.

Joketama Mocolutu was admitted to hospital last weekend with injuries to his head and jaw following the alleged attack in Nabua, Suva.

Emele Wainiqolo told this newspaper the incident occurred around 7pm when her son and his cousin were sent to a nearby shop to buy food.

Police say a report has been lodged and investigations are continuing.

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FAMILIES OF 9 MISSING FISHERMEN PREPARE FOR FAREWELL RITES

Facing reality

By ROSALIA TUI

FAMILIES of the nine men lost at sea near Kadavu are now facing a heartbreaking truth.

Their loved ones are not coming back.

They have begun preparations for the traditional "Burua" farewell rites, but grief hangs heavy over the families, many still struggling to accept the sudden loss.

"It is all happening so fast that I don't believe they are really gone," said Asena Vakaruru, wife of one of the men.

A memorial mass will be held at Raiwaqa Catholic Church at 9am on Friday.

The fishermen, from Nanuku settlement in Vatuwaqa, Suva, left for Kadavu on April 22 for a fishing trip and were to return a day later.

