

COMMUNIQUE

POLICE v SHOWKUTALLY SOODHUN

(Before the Intermediate Court – Cause No. : 733/18)

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) has taken cognizance of the judgment delivered by the learned Magistrate in the above matter.

The ODPP takes note of the fact that the learned Magistrate concurred with all the views of the Prosecution on issues of law. However, she found the main witness for the Prosecution, on whom the case of the Prosecution essentially rested, not to be a reliable witness. The learned Magistrate has made a number of findings of fact to conclude that it would be unsafe to rely on the testimony of that witness to convict Honourable Showkutally Soodhun.

The ODPP has not found these findings of fact to be unreasonable or perverse so as to warrant an appeal.

In these circumstances, the ODPP has today advised the Commissioner of Police that there should be no further action in this matter.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

4 October 2019