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SUSPECTS IN THE FISHROT BRIBERY SCANDALS IN CUSTODY

The six suspects including former Fisheries Minister Bernhard Esau and Ricardo Gustavo who were arrested last week in connection with the fishrot bribery scandals remain in custody. The Former Justice Minister Sakeus Shanghala and ex-Investec Asset Management Namibia Managing Director James Hatuikulipi were arrested Wednesday, 27 November 2019 by the Anti-Corruption Commission in conjunction with the Namibian Police, while Tamson Hatuikulipi and Pius Mwatelulo handed themselves in and were later detained to face charges relating to corruption, money laundering and fraud.

They are being charged for contravening section 43(1) read with section 46(b) (in respect of former Fisheries Minister Bernhard Esau) and, section 33(b) read with section 46(b) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2003 (Act No. 8 of 2003) (in respect of former Justice Minister Sakeus Shanghala, James Nependa Hatuikulipi, Tamson Tangeni Hatuikulipi, Ricardo Jorge Gustavo & Pius Natangwe Mwatelulo.

The suspects all face charges for contravening section 4 & 6 of Prevention of organized crime Act, 2004 (ACT NO. 29 of 2004), and Fraud.

They appeared in the Windhoek Magistrates Court today, 28 November 2019 and the case was remanded to 29 November 2019 for bail application.

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