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From left; COP23 President and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, young advocates on climate change Timoci Naulusala and Greta Thunberg and COP24 president and Poland's State Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Michał Kurtyka at the closing of the political phase Talanoa Dialogue in Katowice, Poland. Photo: ERONI VALILI

Stamp of approval

FIJI WELCOMES IPCC REPORT AT COP24

MARICA CAUCAU

FIJI at the recent 24th Session of Conference of Parties (COP24) welcomed the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report on 1.5 degree Celsius.

This statement by the outgoing COP23 President and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama received applause from leaders and those present at the closing of the Talanoa Dialogue's political phase.

"We must all accept the science, which is irrefutable. We accept science in virtually every single other form of human endeavour. So simple logic dictates that we must do it when the evidence of human-induced warming is so conclusive," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"I appeal to you all to join Fiji and the Marshall Islands as the first two nations to commit to raising our NDCs by 2020 and achieve net zero emissions by the middle of the century. If we can do it, so can you."

The Fijian Head of Government added that Fiji committed itself in Katowice to continue to lead the Talanoa Call to Action.

"We are proud and very gratified that this Pacific concept of inclusive decision-making has captured the imagination of the world," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"We are proud and very gratified that it has the support of not only a great number of national gov-

ernments that make up the Conference of the Parties but the members of the Grand Coalition that have been at the core of Fiji's COP23 Presidency – states, cities and regions, the private sector, civil society and faith-based organisations and billions of people around the world."

Prime Minister Bainimarama also reiterated his call on all the nations of the world to demonstrate the political will needed to overcome the immensity of the challenge being faced and to embrace the wonderful opportunities for growth and prosperity that will flow by working together to make the switch from dirty energy to clean energy.

Commending the Fijian Government and the people of Fiji, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that it's no coincidence that Fijians are the ones who established the process to discuss ambition to meet a 1.5 degree Celsius goal.

"I'd like to thank Fiji for initiating this Dialogue. Small Island States know better than any of us the importance of meeting that goal."

"As I said in my opening remarks, for people living on those islands, climate change isn't a theoretical exercise about the future - it's a matter of life and death today."

The Secretary General added that the IPCC Special Report is a stark acknowledgement of what the consequences of global warming beyond 1.5 degrees will mean for billions of people around the world, especially those who call small island states home.



Outgoing COP23 President Frank Bainimarama with COP24 President Michał Kurtyka at Katowice in Poland. Photo: ERONI VALILI



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Frank Bainimarama

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COP23 President and Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama

NUMBERS

\$2.2b

is the targeted revenue total for the Fijian Tourism industry by 2021. Revenue is now at **\$1.9b.**

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Fijian Government (@FijianGovt)

"Both terrorism and climate change are forces that no one nation can fight alone. Israel and Fiji proudly stand together in taking on these common enemies" These are the words of Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama as he met with his Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu.

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Fiji Pine Limited and Tropik Wood staff at the announcement of the company's \$1.3 million bonus by the Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum in Drasa, Lautoka.
Photo: LITIA VULAIDAUSIGA

A-G hails \$1.3m bonus payout for Fiji Pine

LITIA VULAIDAUSIGA

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum announced a bonus payment of \$1.3 million for Fiji Pine on December 6 after another successfully profitable year.

Cheers erupted at the company's main factory in Drasa, Lautoka, with the news being timely and much welcomed in the holiday season as each worker receives \$3000 each.

The A-G hailed the performance of Fiji Pine subsidiary, Tropik Wood, saying it had been a shining star in the Fijian economy over the past five years.

He also commended the leadership of executive chairman, Faiz Khan.

"I cannot over-emphasize the fact that under his leadership, Fiji Pine and Tropik Wood has had phenomenal success, and of course, it can be achieved with everybody coming together," the A-G noted.

He noted that up to 30 years ago, the company had the same resources but had not been able to achieve the successful output it now boasts.

Mr Khan said their operating profits 2018, a near perfect year, would rank Fiji Pine and Tropik Pine amongst the country's best financially performing companies.

"The employees of Fiji Pine and Tropik who have achieved \$35 million in operating profits deserve to get a record bonus payout this year," he said.

The company has made great strides since near insolvency threatened imminent closure just over seven years ago and now holds more than \$20 million in term deposits that is expected to grow to \$30m within a month.

Mr Khan also urged workers to avoid fake news that undermined the company's success, particularly on social media.

"Do not let people tell you that making record operating profits of around \$35m this

year from a persistent position of losses for Fiji Pine in the past is no achievement," he told workers.

"Do not let people tell you that paying a record \$7 million in bonuses to our landowner shareholders, from \$0 only five years ago, is like feeding scraps. You have achieved all this and many more without any Government subsidies. Seven and a half years ago we decided to throw a \$10 million bailout grant paper done by our predecessors in the rubbish bin because here we believe that subsidies are inherently bad for the long term."

Mr Khan noted that upon a healthy financial position, Fiji Pine had managed to start paying off an interest-free \$12 million Government debt borrowed in the 1990's.

The past seven and a half years has also seen the company renew around 25,000 hectares of expiring leases and replant all available productive land with pine.

Fiji Ports shares profit with staff

AZARIA FAREEN

CHRISTMAS came early for more than 400 employees of Fiji Ports Terminal Limited (FPTL) as they were informed of a bonus payout of a total \$376,000 for the financial year 2017.

While announcing the bonus, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum commended the efforts of the staff and management and encouraged they work hard and contribute towards the ongoing success of the company.

"You receive the bonus according to your individual performances. You have a unique situation which has never happened before in previous operations," the A-G said.

"The economy is getting very so-



Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum with Fiji Ports Terminal Limited workers after the announcement of their bonus payout.
Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

phisticated and has been great for the past nine years but we want to continue to grow the economy for the years to come and in order for us to do that we need to be able to ensure that we do the right things in the right places within the economy."

"The Government is working very hard to work with this organization to ensure we turn Fiji into a transnational hub. We are looking at opportunities, perhaps to relocate the port and in the long term we will have a much bigger

port, much bigger facility with more space so a lot more ships can come to Fiji," the A-G added. FPTL Board chairman, Has-mukh Patel said the bonus payout is in addition to the \$428,248 performance payout made in October this year and is in recognition of the significant contribution made by the employees towards improving port efficiencies and productivity.

"Fiji Ports Terminal Limited enjoyed its desired height of success during 2018 and is well on

the path to undertake greater challenges even to rise even further in 2019 and this will only be possible with the untiring support, commitment, and willingness of our entire dedicated workforce," Mr Patel said.

"In order to achieve this, the company will once again invest in new technologies, new machines, and continue with upgrading the skills of our human capital with a wide range of training programs, to be conducted both, locally and overseas."

Fiji moves towards cashless society

AZARIA FAREEN

FIJI is heading towards cashless and paperless banking system.

This is after the announcement of the introduction of a waiver for Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale (EFTPOS) fee that will come into effect from January 1st 2019.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum made this announcement in partnership with the Association of Banks in Fiji (ABIF) heads, in a bid to provide greater convenience to customers.

“Following consultations with the banks, we had announced in the budget that we would like to completely eradicate the fees that are charged when using ATM cards at a point of sale machine,” the A-G said.

“The idea is that we want you to be able to buy more goods with your ATM cards and to encourage an environment where the fees are reasonable or there are no fees at all.”

ABIF chairman Rakesh Ram said this initiative will allow customers to carry less cash and provide the ease of making payments much quicker and easier.

The Government has also offered to pay 50 per cent of the cost to purchase EFTPOS machines for small businesses which will enable banks to increase the number of EFTPOS in sub rural and rural areas to ensure that everyone has access to electronic transactions.

Currently the EFTPOS purchase transaction fee is 40 cents per transaction or free if purchasing a minimum of \$10 worth of goods.



Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Fiji Airways chief executive officer and managing director, Andre Viljoen and staff welcome the new Boeing 737 MAX 8 named the Island of Kadavu. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Fiji Airways welcomes Island of Kadavu

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

ATORNEY-GENERAL Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has hailed the exceptional acquisition of five new Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircrafts by Fiji Airways, with the first touching down in Nadi on December 3 and named Island of Kadavu.

Officiating at the welcome ceremony, the A-G commended the airline Board and chairman for developing a fruitful partnership with the lease finance company and Boeing, one of the world's most notable aircraft manufacturers.

“You can see what Fiji Airways has been able to achieve in the last few years in particular of the last four years – the strengthening of the airline. And this can only be achieved because you have the right people in the right places doing the right job,” he noted.

“As we’ve said before, for an island country

which is dependant largely on tourism, contributes over 34 per cent towards our GDP (gross domestic product), we must have a strong national carrier because we must have control over our chain supply.

“If we don’t have a strong national carrier, we can actually have a very fragile tourism sector. If we don’t have a strong national carrier, we will then be beholden to those people who are not Fijians. It is very critical for us to understand that. It is very critical for us to understand that we can only achieve this if we have a strong economic base and a strong economic base can only be realized if we have long term vision.”

The acquisition of the new Boeing 737 MAX 8 fleet will give Fiji one of the youngest airlines in the world.

“This journey started in early 2016 with an extremely exhaustive procurement and selection process for a solution for the ‘renewal’ of

our aged narrowbody fleet,” said Fiji Airways chief executive officer and managing director, Andre Viljoen.

“This is a significant and long term decision for our airline, and therefore warranted a rigorous, thorough and transparent process to ensure we found the right solution for Fiji Airways and for Fiji,” he added.

Fierce competition between rival bidders and an extensive review and selection process achieved a ground-breaking package deal, which the airline says represented excellent value for their shareholders, customers and stakeholders.

With a tripartite package deal with Boeing, the leasing company GE Capital Aviation Services (GECAS) and engine manufacturer CFM International, the partnership includes a 12-year Sale and Leaseback financing arrangement.



Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama with his Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu, in Jerusalem. Photo: SUPPLIED

Fiji, Israeli PMs celebrate special bond

MARKING the end of an eventful tour of the Middle East, Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama met with his Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu, in Jerusalem.

The two leaders discussed Fiji's outsized global leadership in preserving peace and protecting the climate.

Prime Minister Netanyahu thanked Prime Minister Bainimarama for the longstanding contribution that Fiji has made towards United Nations Peacekeeping in the region, and said that he looks forward to visiting Fiji in the future.

The two leaders discussed growing bilateral relations and the strengthening bond between Israel and Fiji and Prime Minister Bainimarama thanked Israel for its support in

its ongoing fight against climate change.

“Both terrorism and climate change are forces that no one nation can fight alone,” the Fijian Head of Government said.

“Israel and Fiji proudly stand together in taking on these common enemies — battles that are absolutely critical to preserving and protecting this beautiful planet that we have been blessed with.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama shared warm wishes on behalf of all Fijians, who he says share a special bond with Israel because so many Fijian troops and their families have spent time in the country and share lasting memories and friendships with the Israeli people.

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PM emphasises South-South ties in COP23 success

PRASHILA DEVI

THE South-South Co-operation on Climate Change with countries like China and India was pivotal in the success of Fiji's presidency of the 23rd session of Conference of Parties (COP23).

The outgoing COP23 President, Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, while addressing the High-Level Forum on South-South Co-operation hosted by China, hailed the important role these two Asian economic giants played in drawing global attention to the potentials this cooperation plays in the climate struggle.

In acknowledging the two countries, Prime Minister Bainimarama said, "It was a south-south transfer



Outgoing COP23 President and Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama with People's Republic of China's special representative on Climate Change Xie Zhenhua during the High-Level Forum on South-South Co-operation. Photo: ERONI VALILI

of resources that helped enable Fiji to become the first Small Island Developing State to preside over the UN climate negotiations".

For too long, he emphasised, the focus has been on the North in terms of technology and technology where global conversation about climate action was concerned as it was "assumed that all the answers to the big questions lie in the north, among the developed nations".

"While we have concentrated

political and diplomatic effort to move finance and technology from north to south, the fact is that in the real economy, technology, finance and human resources are moving from south to south in very large volumes," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"And this is leading to geopolitical shifts in influence that some may find uncomfortable but is the new reality and should be embraced for the opportunities it offers to billions of people around

the world."

In highlighting the initiatives these two countries have taken, Prime Minister Bainimarama said China's Belt and Road Strategy is a massive investment in infrastructure in the future global economy that the countries in the Pacific welcome.

"We very much hope that a principal focus of this strategy will be to help us all develop net zero emission and more climate resilient economies and societies."

India's move towards solar energy, the outgoing COP23 President said, holds out the prospect that coal consumption will decline, providing not only clean energy but improving air quality and the standard of public health.

"We no longer look to the north for all the answers because we have a great deal of them in the south. By continuing to strengthen our own cooperation, we can do a great deal to improve our own contribution to the climate struggle," Prime Minister Bainimarama concluded.

Pavilion showcases climate smart technologies

RUPENI VATUBULI

THE Koronivia Workplan aims to identify, develop and implement effective strategies for climate change resilience through adaptation and mitigation within the agricultural sector.

At the opening of the Pacific and Koronivia Pavilion at 24th session of Conference of Parties (COP24), Fiji's high-level Champion for Global Climate Action, Minister for Defence and National Security Inia Seruiratu said this Koronivia Pavilion will showcase many innovative climate smart technologies and approaches in the agriculture sector and these innovations will help strengthen the Koronivia Workplan and contribute to its implementation.

"For those of you who may be wondering where the word 'Koronivia' comes from, it is the name of the place outside Suva where for many years, the Fijian Government has had an agricultural research and training station and where many prominent Pacific agriculturists received their first training."

"So it is fitting that the Koronivia Joint Work Plan on Agriculture is named after this site given its history in developing new innovations and strengthening capacities of small island developing countries," Minister Seruiratu said.

Another focus of the pavilion was the ocean as during COP23 last year, the Oceans Pathway Partnership was launched and Fiji together with Sweden are currently co-chairing this.

The overall purpose of this partnership is to strengthen the link between the ocean and climate.

Events in this pavilion highlighted the ocean-climate nexus and the different partners showcased the scientific, social, ecological and economic implications of this relationship.

All of it critically important for Pacific Islanders, especially given how its people are culturally and economically connected to the ocean.

Minister Seruiratu thanked the Government of New Zealand, for their financial assistance and for the support of their staff that has made this pavilion possible.

He also thanked the New Zealand Government for their own commitment to the climate struggle - for truly standing shoulder to shoulder with their island neighbours, especially under the government of Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Fiji praised for sharing talanoa dialogue



Fiji's youngest advocate on climate change Timoci Naulusala hammers down the COP24 gavel at the closing of the political phase Talanoa Dialogue while President COP24 Michał Kurtyka (standing) and Greta Thunberg (right) look on. Photo: ERONI VALILI

MARICA CAUCAU

F IJI has been praised for its role in initiating the Talanoa Dialogue concept into climate negotiations.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa praised the Fijian Government and the outgoing COP23 (23rd session of Conference of Parties) President, Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama for sharing the talanoa dialogue initiative.

Speaking in Poland during the COP24 talanoa dialogue political phase opening, Ms Espinosa said that the talanoa dialogue is a grand conversation which is not in the ambit of formal negotiation process but is just as vital to the future success of the fight against climate change.

"The talanoa dialogue has exceeded our ex-

pectations and reflects the voices of the thousands who have participated in it. We have heard voices from the world, regional governments' representatives, private sector companies, research community including in an important way UNFCCC in its 1.5 special report, private investors, citizens and many others.

Ms Espinosa added that the talanoa dialogue "has allowed us to hear the stories, the experiences, the hopes the dreams and yes, propose solutions to climate change from people throughout the people in their words."

COP23 President and Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, while co-chairing the Talanoa Dialogue, said that he has been very encouraged to see the talanoa dialogue finding its way to the climate change process.

"Most people will agree with me that in embracing the Pacific concept of talanoa, we have created an exclusive space for the exchange of

ideas and a genuine process of learning from each other.

"It is certainly clear that this novel approach has been widely welcomed and I would like to thank you all for this and to urge you to approach the talanoa today in this spirit."

He also acknowledged the inclusion and participation of non party stakeholders in the dialogue.

"This has opened up this process and brings us a fresh opportunity to draw on a wider range of experiences and inspiring climate action," PM Bainimarama said.

The dialogue is a mandated process by Parties to take stock of collective efforts to reduce emissions and build greater resilience, in line with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and to prepare updated or new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) by 2020.



Access to climate funds 'critical for Pacific'

NANISE NEIMILA

“ACCESS to adaptation finance is a critical priority for climate vulnerable nations everywhere and I will add Fiji's voice to the call to urgently scale up that access and give this issue a greater focus.”

This was highlighted by outgoing president of the 23rd session of the Conference of Parties (COP23), Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama while speaking at the COP24 event focused on “Adaptation Fund Contributor Dialogue and Reflection from Developing Countries” in Katowice, Poland.

“I think we can all agree that we need to summon the political will to do a lot more than we have, given the escalating nature of the climate threat. And I very much hope we can see a clear move in that direction here at COP24.”

“As COP23 President, Fiji was pleased to oversee the historic decision that the Adaptation Fund ‘shall’ serve the Paris Agreement. But we need more ambition to make climate

finance available to meet the goals of the Agreement, just as we need more ambition in our Nationally Determined Contributions to meet the 1.5 degree warming target. And the world must make it a particular priority to free up the finance needed by the climate vulnerable to boost adaptation and resilience measures under their NDCs.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that the one thing that is common with many other nations and Fiji, being no different, is having to adjust to a frightening new era of extreme weather events, rising seas and changes to agriculture that threaten every sector of its economy and putting development at great risk.

“Last year, we were fortunate that the Adaptation Fund Board approved a project in Fiji for adaptation and resilience building in informal urban settlements along riverbanks and coastal land.”

“These settlements - without the protection of our stronger building codes - are especially vulnerable. More than US\$4.2 million

(FJ\$8.921m) was allocated for the project with UN-Habitat and I know I speak for the affected communities in warmly thanking the fund and all those committed to the success of this project.”

He urged leaders to come to a collective realisation that many more projects like this remain to be funded, not just in Fiji, but all around the world.

“And as I said in Bonn back in May, we must as a matter of urgency increase the pool of finance available for this purpose and ensure that it actually flows to those communities in need.”

“We must also ensure that public finance leverages private finance for adaptation and that the conditions exist for private sector investment to flow in a way that allows rapid transformation of our countries in line with our NDCs. Because all around us is evidence that the threat to the peoples and economies of vulnerable nations is increasing year by year.”



Outgoing COP23 president and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama.

PM: Fiji's commitment total, absolute

RUPENI VATUBULI

“FIJI has become one of the first two nations to commit to raising the ambition of our NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) by 2020 and to reach net zero emissions by mid-century.”

“And we are appealing to all nations to do the same.”

This was the call from the outgoing 23rd Conference of Parties President, Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama as he gave his National Statement at COP24.

“We have a Low Emission Development Strategy that we are launching at COP24 next week. This involves an economy-wide assessment of emission sources. As some of you will know, our current emissions in Fiji are negligible – point zero, zero, six (.006) per cent of total global emissions but we nevertheless believe that we must lead the world by example,” the outgoing COP23 President said.

He highlighted that his government has approved a Low Emission Development Strategy that will make Fiji the 11th nation to have submitted such a plan to the UN in line with Article 4 of the Paris Agreement.

Prime Minister Bainimarama also said that Fiji has also become the first Small Island Developing State (PSID) to include wetlands in the strategy.

This involves the preservation and restoration of mangroves, which are vital to the wellbeing of coastal communities and the overall emissions reduction effort.

Furthermore, the Fijian Prime Minister said they have also formulated Fiji's first ever National Adaptation Plan to boost Fiji's resilience to the climate threat.

He later launched this plan at COP24.

“We will need greater ambition, greater investment and greater action from all countries if we are to, as we must, limit average global warming to 1.5 degrees above the pre-industrial age. Fiji will do its part, others must too” concluded the outgoing COP23 President.”



Outgoing COP23 president and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama with panel members during the COP24 Adaptation Fund Contributor Dialogue and Reflections from Developing Countries Katowice, Poland. Photo: ERONI VALILI

‘Only right that Fiji gets recognition’

MARICA CAUCAU

“IT is only right that Fiji should receive global recognition as a powerful advocate and champion on oceans and climate change issues.”

This statement was made by the Commonwealth Secretary General, Patricia Scotland at the recent closing of the Koronivia and Pacific Pavilion in Katowice, Poland.

“It is right that Fiji should receive global recognition as a powerful advocate and champion on oceans and climate change issues particularly on behalf of small and vulnerable states so many of which are members of the Commonwealth,” Baroness Scotland said.

“The Oceans Pathway's talanoa dialogues have captured the imagination and the attention of many and innovative approaches for moving us forward towards implementation of the Paris Agreement.”

She added that the talanoa dialogue is a shining example of how the diversity and knowledge of the Commonwealth family can be harnessed and draw together the understanding of what is working most successfully in a broad range of settings to develop the approaches but also helping identify better what does not.

“Many of those settings and much of the understanding arises from the experience of many of the Commonwealth nations including

Fiji that are amongst countries that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and so this issue remains a primary concern to us all,” Baroness Scotland said.

“So the Commonwealth Secretariat has a long and pioneering record of amplifying the voices of small and vulnerable states notably through our programmes on climate finance, climate law, ocean governance and its use.”

Sharing similar sentiments on the important role that Fiji plays on the global state, Prime Minister for Cook Islands, Henry Puna said that the word talanoa is strongly becoming part of the international vocabulary.

“Fiji has been steadfast in managing this ship with great skills

through some turbulent waters. And now we are where we are today. Talanoa represents one of the strongest traditions of the Pacific, not just for Fiji but it is Fiji's gift to the world.

“It is lovely to hear speakers talk about the talanoa process. For me what talanoa has done is bring all the non-parties members of the UNFCCC closer to the party. And it has bridged that gap. They are not strangers anymore and we are all are part of the same family.

The Cook Islands Prime Minister also acknowledged his Fijian counterpart, Frank Bainimarama and the people of Fiji for the talanoa legacy.

“May the talanoa spirit live forever.”



Bainimarama calls on OECD to end coal use

PRASHILA DEVI

FIJIAN Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama has called on Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member countries to phase out the use of coal by 2030.

The outgoing president of the 23rd session of Conference of Parties (COP23), in his final press conference on the sidelines of the COP24 in Katowice, Poland, called on other countries to also do the same by 2040.

In making several recommendations on behalf of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) which Fiji currently chairs, Prime Minister Bainimarama, together with Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna, laid out the need for action on several fronts with the hopes that it will make its way into the outcome document for COP24.

There are 36 OECD member countries including Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, United States, Poland and many more developed countries.

He said, "There must be no expansion of existing coal mines or the creation of new ones, we affirm that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement are the key international legal instruments to address climate change".

The COP23 president reiterated that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees centigrade remains feasible and urged all parties to act now.

"We are deeply alarmed at the growing number of people displaced by the impacts of climate change, while we acknowledge that the global compact for migration recognises climate change as a driver of displacement and migration, we call for an international legal regime and support framework based on human rights to protect people displaced by climate change," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

He also welcomed the Samoa Declaration on Climate Change in the context of sustainable development for SIDS and the Boe Declaration endorsed in Nauru which reasserts that climate change represents the single greatest threat to our livelihoods security and well being of the peoples of the Pacific.

On the other aspects of the climate negotiations, Prime Minister Bainimarama said in terms of supporting the pre 2020 ambition, it is critically important that the talanoa dialogue delivers a decision that mandates the increase in ambitions of all Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Prime Minister Bainimarama also called for the appointment of a special representative of the United Nations secretary-general on Climate and Security.

"We firmly believe that the cop24 in Katowice Poland is a pivotal moment in human history, the world must take heed of the IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 degrees centigrade above pre-industrial levels and take dramatic and urgent steps to decarbonise the global economy and assist those at the front line of climate change impact."

"Our future is at stake and we only have 12 years."

PM launches Fijian plan at COP24

MARICA CAUCAU

FIJI'S National Adaptation Plan that was recently launched by Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama in Katowice, Poland guides the efforts of the Fijian government in relation to resilience building and adaptation planning.

Director Climate Change Unit and Fiji's Head of Delegation to the COP 24 meeting, Nilesch Prakash said that the Plan is a direct response to the Paris Agreement.

"I think what is critical for the National Adaptation Plan is that we are not only looking at sectoral intervention but we are looking at our institutions, our systems of governance to ensure that these are all geared to have sustainable action on the various sectors.

"It is critical that we communicate as a climate vulnerable nation and that as we communicate our efforts on adaptation and resilience building it is very important that we articulate what adaptation priorities are."

Mr Prakash added that one of the first steps of communicating what the adaptation needs are could become the basis for



COP23 President and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama and Director Climate Change Unit and Fiji's Head of Delegation to the COP24 meeting, Nilesch Prakash (fourth from left), at the launch of the Fiji's National Adaptation Plan in Katowice, Poland. Photo: ERONI VALILI

Fiji requesting for grant funding, mobilisation of data and financial resources from the Green Climate Fund.

NAP Consultant Dr Andrew Fenton said that the NAP's vision is a climate resilience development pathway which enables Fiji to anticipate, reduce and manage environmental climate risks caused by climate variability and change.

"Within the NAP process we considered adaptation as synonymous with climate resilient development," Dr Fenton said.

"The NAP is not only focussing on trying to improve our capacity to access international climate finance. It's about looking more broadly at the financial system and see how that might be incentivised in investments in climate risky areas."



Fiji's National Adaptation Plan was launched by the COP23 President and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama in Katowice, Poland. Photo: ERONI VALILI

Agriculture, health top adaptation plan

NANISE NEIMILA

KEY areas of focus for Fiji's National Adaptation Plan will be agriculture, fisheries, biodiversity, health and a range of adaptation action in all of the communities, from cities to small rural and maritime communities.

This was echoed by outgoing

President of the 23rd session of Conference of Parties (COP23), Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama while launching Fiji's National Adaptation Plan in Katowice, Poland last week.

This adaptation plans will include building sea walls and relocating communities threatened by rising seas to strengthening infrastructure through improved building codes to withstand the extreme weather events that are becoming more frequent and intense.

"As many of you know, Tropical Cyclone Winston killed 44 of our people, left many thousands homeless, devastated our infrastructure and caused losses equal to one third of our GDP."

"Even almost three years on,

we are still yet to fully recover. But above all, Winston has taught us all a lesson and has had an indelible impact on the national psyche. We know that because of the stronger and more frequent storms caused by climate change, it is only a matter of time before Fiji is struck again."

"The threat to our people and our economy is now an ever present danger even outside the traditional cyclone season. So we know that we must be prepared for any contingency. And that also applies to the rising seas that are forcing us to relocate entire communities and the changes to agriculture – like increased salinity – that pose a threat to our food security and

the livelihoods of our people."

Prime Minister Bainimarama told leaders that all countries need a fivefold increase in climate ambition - five times more action - if they were to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above that of the pre-industrial age and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

"So I appeal to the world to follow the lead taken by Fiji and the Marshall Islands as the first two nations to commit to increasing their NDCs by 2020. As I keep saying, if we can do it, so can you. I'm very pleased to see that Canada and Jamaica are already committing themselves to raising their own NDCs."



Outgoing COP23 President, Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama congratulates COP24 President, Poland's State Secretary in the Ministry of Energy, Michal Kurtyka as Fiji's Chief Negotiator, Ambassador Luke Daunivalu (first from right), looks on. Photo: ERONI VALILI

Climate champs role 'to quicken COP24 action'

MARICA CAUCAU

THE mandated role of the High-Level Champions is to catalyze climate action and mobilize non-party stakeholders in the lead up to 2020.

Fiji Climate Champion for its presidency of COP23, Minister for Defence and National Security Inia Seruiratu made this statement at the opening of the High Level Stocktake on Pre-2020 ambition and implementation opening in Katowice, Poland.

Fiji's Climate Champion said that there were two important requirements that needed to be recognised.

"Firstly in order to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement we need to take climate action as early as possible. Swift actions are urgently needed in this pre-2020 period to set the foundation for the realisation of the Paris goals," Minister Seruiratu said.

"And now with the release of the IPCC Special Report, the urgency to act is even greater if we are to keep global warming to within 1.5 degrees Celsius – and we from small developing island countries insist on this.

"The report is indicating that we do not have time to waste; and while the work ahead is immense, it is not impossible."

The second requirement, Minister Seruiratu said was the need for engagement of non-Party Stakeholders to achieve the scale of climate action needed to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and more specifically to keep on the pathway to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Minister Seruiratu added that this year, non-Party stakeholders' contributions were expanded by the opportunity to make submissions to the Talanoa Dialogue, and through various events such as the Regional Climate Weeks in Africa, in Asia-Pacific; and in Latin America and the Caribbean.

COP24 President Michel Kurtyka said that at last year's COP23, all parties shared the view that the Pre 2020 implementation and



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ambition are of utmost importance and it was for this reason the COP meeting mandated that this important stocktake of Pre 2020 ambition be convened by the Presidency at COP24.

"The objective of this stocktake is to facilitate the continuation of the consideration by parties' efforts in relation to the implementation and ambition in the pre-2020 period.

We also want to create a more coherent understanding of the work of the UNFCCC. I hope that during this high level part we will reflect on the Pre- 2020 implementation and ambition that we will discuss the efforts of parties to mitigate the emission of greenhouse gases and their provision of support for climate efforts up to 2020 and ways to enhance efforts."

Climate negotiator sets focus on targets

MARICA CAUCAU

FIIJI'S focus at the 24th Session of Conference of Parties meeting this year concentrated on a number of areas which included ensuring the elements of the Paris Agreement Work programme being finalised.

Discussions at the United Nations Climate Change Conference saw the development of the Paris Agreement Rulebook that brings the Paris Agreement to life, outlining how climate action will be carried out and accounted for by all Parties to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Fiji's Chief Negotiator, Ambassador Luke Daunivalu said that this involved the elements of finance, how countries, particularly Small Island Developing States are assisted in their mitigation and adaptation efforts.

"Another important element is on adaptation. The third element is mitigation. These are things that the countries are doing which needs to have some critical guidance or rules as the word has been used to inform the efforts by countries, in adaptation efforts as well as in reducing carbon emissions," Ambassador Daunivalu said.

"There is also an important element which is transparency, how those who provide finance and support in relation to building assistance to developing countries especially can share that information. On the other hand how these recipients can also report on the support that they have received."

This included guidelines on how national commitments made to reduce greenhouse emissions were going to be tracked as well as communicating the climate actions at national level.

The Chief Negotiator added that Fiji's negotiators were also involved in work that related to the utilisation of funding or technical assistance and other assistance received in addressing climate change.

"For the Fiji delegation, it's about ensuring that our interests are taken into account during the negotiations so it is not only focussed on operationalising the Paris Agreement," Ambassador Daunivalu said.

"We want a set of guidelines or rules that can be implanted and embraced by all parties involved. This is due to the fact that the stakes are high for island countries and island communities. It is our livelihood that is at stake here."

tion's 193 member state countries," he said.

Human rights are at the heart of the United Nation's sustainable development goals - a set of 17 ambitious goals to transform human society into a sustainable one by the year 2030.

"I think we all need to put our shoulders against the wheel and work together to make sure that no human beings are left behind as we move forward towards a sustainable future," he said.

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Christmas treat for Golden Age Home residents

Fifty-eight senior citizens living at the Golden Age Home in Samabula, Suva, were treated to a special Christmas party by the Minister for Women, Children, Social Welfare and Poverty Alleviation, Mereseini Vuniwaqa, last week. The party was special because one of Fiji's oldest citizens is a

resident of the Golden Age Home. She is 102-year-old Benina Ciriavesi, who hails from Gau in Lomaiviti. Ciriavesi was given a special garland by the ministry and also assisted Minister Vuniwaqa to cut their 2018 Christmas Party cake.

Photo: SOLO LEWANAVANUA



President Konrote visits Lomani Au Home

Fijian President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konusi Konrote along with his wife, First Lady Sarote Konrote, visited Lomani Au Children's Home at Nukubalavu in Savusavu last week.

The purpose of the visit was to spread the Christmas cheer and handover Christmas hampers to the 16 children staying at the home. It has been a tradition for the Head of State to visit the homes and children in the Central and Western divisions. This time around he visited the Northern Division.

Photo: JOSIA RALAGO



AIRPORTS FIJI RECEIVES BONUS

Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum announced bonus payouts to staff of Fiji Airports Limited last week. The announcement came after a record profit by the state-owned enterprise in the current financial year.

In announcing the bonus, A-G applauded the staff for their commitment and highlighted that Fiji Airports was the flagship public enterprise in the country.

Photo: ISAAC LAL



Fiji Ports welcomes bonus payment

Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum announced the bonus payout for staff and management for Fiji Ports Terminal Limited last week.

Speaking at the event, the A-G commended the efforts of the employees and encouraged them to work hard. "This is the second time we are meeting this year and I think this is quite a unique situation where the staff are paid net profit after tax," the A-G said.

Photo: AZARIA FAREEN





Ministry licenses 57 to operate chainsaws

JOSAIA RALAGO

Fifty-seven Fijians in Wailevu District, Cakaudrove are now certified to operate chainsaws after a basic training course by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in coordination with the Ministry of Forests.

A representative from the Ministry of Forests, Ilaisa Mataqeledra, during their certificate awards urged the trainees to make good use of the knowledge that they have acquired over the two week training.

“You have been taught on how to chop down trees the proper way, and we will return after a year for a test before you would be given

your licences,” Mr Mataqeledra said.

“With this certificate you can carry out your practical during tree-felling exercise in your homes, village and to even do practical work with a logging company.”

He added it was important that a person should be certified first prior to operating chainsaws for tree-felling activities because of the risk it poses.

Mr Mataqeledra said this was important because there had been a lot of injuries from tree-felling activities over the years.

One of the trainees, Natua Villager Semesa Taukena said the training was an enlightening and a useful one especially for farmers in the

area.

“Sometime we need to clear land for farming, chop down trees to build homes in the village, or use chainsaws to chop firewood as well,” Mr Taukena said.

“This training has taught us the safety procedures to be followed during tree felling exercises and handling of the chainsaw.”

“We have witnessed people being injured in the forest while cutting down trees but this training will ensure that it does not happen to any of us.”

The training was held at Vunidawamoli, Wailevu West in Cakaudrove and was funded by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.



Katagtau Pene (left), with his son Emmanuel Pene. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

Graduate nurse thanks Govt for TELS

JOSAIA RALAGO

EMMANUEL Pene smiled his brightest saying it felt like he was walking on air as he went up the stage to receive his Bachelors in Nursing Science degree during the graduation ceremony this month.

The bubbly 23-year-old was amongst 92 equally excited graduates of the TISI Sangam College of Nursing and Health Care that graduated after three year of studies.

“I am so happy that I have successfully completed this course. Now I am a step closer to achieving my dreams of becoming a nurse to serve the people of Fiji and hopefully, one day, I will get to serve the people on my island home,” a beaming Mr Pene said.

The Itumuta native of Rotuma said his dream of becoming a nurse originated from when he was young and witnessed the lack of medical staff to serve the people on island.

“There were a lot of people but there were not enough medical officers. And when I was in Form 5 (Year 11) my grandfather asked me to choose this path so I could help address this problem,” Mr Pene said.

He held on to this plea from his elder, worked hard through high school and finally managed to get a place at the nursing institution in Labasa.

“It was my first time in Labasa where I have no family but I was ready to leave Rotuma,” Mr Pene said.

“So I left and have been in Labasa studying for the past three years and today I have succeeded.

“I want to thank the Government for the Tertiary Loans Scheme (TELS) which eased the burden from my shoulders of having to worry about my tuition and living allowance.”

“If it was not for the scheme, I do not know whether I would have been able to make it this far or not.”

Mr Pene said young Fijians from low income backgrounds could now pursue higher education and be something in life through TELS.

He added that with these opportunities in place, a student still needed to work hard to achieve their dreams.



Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa and Permanent Secretary for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Dr Josefa Koroivueta with landowners and stakeholders during the official opening of Natuvu Park in Savusavu. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

Park empowers northern rural women

JOSAIA RALAGO

THE opening of Natuvu Park in Savusavu is expected to elevate the lives of women and families in Cakaudrove, says the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa.

The park, which was opened by Minister Vuniwaqa this month, will provide a space to women artisans from all over the province to sell their handicrafts every Saturday.

“The economic empowerment of women can elevate the lives of families, communities and of a nation, if we’re given the right platform, and this is the right platform,” she said.

“I know this will elevate the lives of the Cakaudrove people to another level, especially the women. And on that note I would like to thank most sincerely the Cakaudrove Provincial Holdings Company for the visionary leadership to be able to allocate a part



Minister Vuniwaqa thanked Cakaudrove Provincial Holdings Company for the visionary leadership to be able to allocate a part of their land to the women of the province. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

of your land to the women of the province.”

Minister Vuniwaqa said this would help overcome one of the major challenges they faced which was finding a market.

“As the Minister for Women, I have seen that the greatest challenge that we women face in economic empowerment is not the

lack of resources or skills, but the market,” Minister Vuniwaqa said.

“I know that we will be better able to optimize the benefits we can derive from the market we have here in town with the establishment of Natuvu Park.”

“A lot of women are still looking for markets, for space to be able sell their handicrafts, and here in

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Mereseini Vuniwaqa.
Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation

Cakaudrove we have been given this on a silver platter so let’s take advantage of it with both hands and run with it.”

She also reminded the women that they were the custodians of their traditional artefacts and this was a way to ensure that heritage does not phase out.



Act 'aims to protect all Fijians'

RUPENI VATUBULI

“The objective of the Online Safety Act is to promote a responsible online behaviour and online safety.”

These were the words of the Attorney-General and Minister for Communication Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum as he closed the 20th Attorney-General Conference.

The A-G said the Act will promote a safe online culture and environment that addresses cyber bullying, cyber stalking, internet trolling and exposure to offensive or harmful content particularly in respect of children.

It will also deter harm caused to individuals by electronic communications and provide an efficient means of redress of such individuals.

“Some countries in Europe, mandate that these companies be registered in their jurisdiction so they can regulate them. It is not affront on free speech but it’s actually to get some form of basic behaviour that protects the rights of people,” the A-G said.

Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission director Ashwin Raj, speaking at one of the sessions of the conference that focused on social media with the theme ‘Troll Hunting in the 21st Century’, said the freedom of speech, expression and publication is not an absolute right and consistent with international human rights law.

“The state has a constitutional obligation to authorize justifiable limitations in the interests of the protection and maintenance of the right to reputation, privacy, dignity, the right to be protected against advocacy

of hatred including hate speech on any of the prohibited grounds of discrimination prescribed under section 26 of the Fijian Constitution,” Mr Raj said.

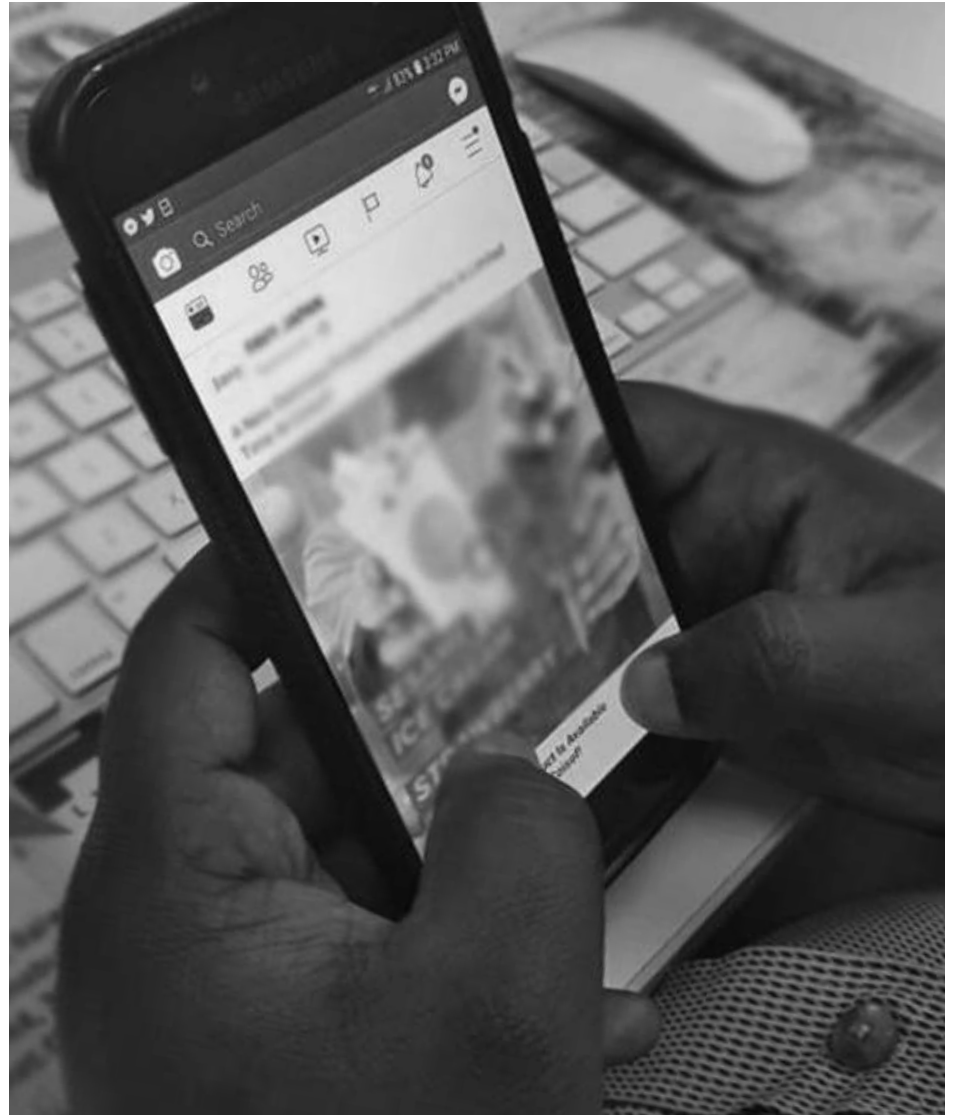
He said there were certain circumstances under which the exercise of freedom of expression cannot be justified especially when it comes to the breach of someone’s right to privacy.

These circumstances, Mr Raj highlighted, includes disclosure and abuse of personal data, cyber bullying and circulation of intimate visual recordings including images of victims of violence and unforeseen tragedies and calamities including those of children, the surge in advocacy of hatred through speech acts that are unabashedly misogynist, homophobic, racist and exploit communal differences.

In the Act, a person who posts an electronic communication with the intention to cause harm to an individual; would cause harm to an ordinary reasonable individual in the position of the individual; or causes harm to the individual, commits an offence.

A person who commits this offence is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or a prison term not exceeding five years or both for an individual; and in the case of a body corporate, a fine not exceeding \$100,000, and for a director, chief executive officer, manager or officer in charge for the time being, to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of prison not exceeding seven years, or both.

The Act becomes effective from January 1st next year.



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Photo: RUPENI VATUBULI

Rights-based approach to help squatters

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

WITH the inevitability of squatting, the Fijian Government aims to foster partnerships with squatters and continue with a rights based approach.

This was noted by Permanent Secretary for Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Waterways and Environment, Joshua Wycliffe at the 20th Attorney-General’s Conference, under the session, Building the cities of tomorrow: town planning, affordable housing, rights of squatters, decentralization of services, green cities and reducing our carbon footprint.

“The Fijian Government is taking an enabling approach, where instead of taking a confrontationist attitude, we strive to create an enabling environment, under which people, using and generating their own resources, could find unique local solutions for their housing and shelter needs,” Mr Wycliffe said.

He said previous approaches had been premised on the notion of removing squatter settlements, which had often resulted in evictions and relocating squatters to remote locations.

“But the rights based approach is very different; it builds upon the strengths of the informal settlements as resulting as a sys-

tematic issue and supports and enables residencies to become full participants in the upgrading. The success stems from the basis of international human rights obligations, particularly those flowing from the right to housing and covers a number of areas, including the right to participation, access to justice, environmental justice and human rights.”

Presently, the Ministry of Local Government and Ministry of Housing and Community Development with United Nations Habitat have been collaborating on the Participatory Informal Settlements Upgrading Program and the Cities and Climate Change Initiative, with a proposal to build resilience in some of the most vulnerable informal settlements, developed after Tropical Cyclone Winston in 2016.

Mr Wycliffe also noted the Adaptation Fund Program in Fiji, a fund under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that has agreed to fund the initiative with USD \$4.2 million (FJ\$8.9m).

“At the core of the project are 16 informal settlements in Nadi, Lami, Lautoka and Sigatoka,” he said.

“Over the next four years the communities will be supported to prioritize their resilience pro-

jects such as drainage, access roads and bridges, flood protection. In addition they will receive capacity development to support resilience livelihoods and the implementation and maintenance of the infrastructure projects. The Ministry will work with Live and Learn Environmental Education to support the communities.”

He added that specific support would be availed to the most vulnerable community members, such as children, the elderly, people living with disabilities and in many cases, women.

“Out of the total of US\$4.2m, US\$2.6m (FJ\$5.512m) will directly support community infrastructure.

Community resilience is not possible in isolation. The project also supports the local governments in the four towns by establishing local resilience officers, the development of hazards maps and town wide climate action plans,” the Permanent Secretary highlighted.

He noted that the project not only aimed to support the most vulnerable communities through infrastructure projects, but to integrate them into the informal settlements upgrading work of the Government by regularizing the tenure system.



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FROM LEFT: Chief Justice Anthony Gates, Director of Public Prosecution Christopher Pryde, Director of Financial Intelligence Unit Razim Buksh, Australian High Commissioner John Feakes and Accident Compensation Commission Fiji chief executive officer Parvez Akbar at the InterContinental Fiji Resort. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

Fiji to set up arbitration centre

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

ATTORNEY-GENERAL, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has announced the upcoming establishment of an arbitration centre.

While closing the 20th Attorney-General's Conference at Natadola, the A-G urged legal practitioners to upskill themselves in arbitration, particularly as Fiji continues to grow as a regional hub for the Pacific.

"From an economic perspective, about 150 countries have actually ratified this law and most of them are trading partners, so until now we have not been part of this," he said.

"We now need to make ourselves part of this particular arbitration

process and by way of announcement we'd like to say that working with the Judiciary, we will set up an arbitration centre separate to the mediation centre and you'll see some changes in that respect in the next few months."

"Singapore is an arbitration hub and all of the legal profession, judiciary, the industries and commercial sectors all came together to make Singapore a hub. There's a lot of word going around; Australia has recently announced \$2 billion that they'll give out by way of soft loan to the Pacific island countries. Some companies may be given a contract to build a sea-wall in Tuvalu and Kiribati. Have you thought about representing clients in those countries? Have you thought about Fiji as an arbi-

tration hub? These are some of the things we want you to consider," he told hundreds of lawyers and invited guests at the conference.

Chief Justice, Judge Anthony Gates also noted the necessity of connecting with the system of international arbitration overseas for applications or enforcements within local courts, competently and swiftly.

Speaking on the topic "Are you ready for International Arbitration," he indicated that the Pacific was not entirely removed from looming trade wars, fluctuating oil prices and collapsing stock markets.

"We have to seek investors where we may, and to trade where we can," he said.

"The risk takers will come from

more sophisticated jurisdictions who need the re-assurance of trading with a country with competent courts and dispute resolution systems, and where court orders can be and will be enforced. They look for the Rule of Law and equality of treatment for foreign trader and local dealer or supplier alike. Contracts are to be enforced and so too arbitration awards," he emphasized.

The Chief Justice noted that while some parties may seek to avoid implementing arbitration referral clauses in their contracts, such clauses should be enforced in their contracts -unless there were proper reasons for not doing so- as the 'Rule of Law' demands.

"For international commercial parties who have become entan-

gled in a dispute, international arbitration is to be preferred to a civil suit through the courts for several substantial and valid reasons.

These, he pointed out, include speed, expertise, confidentiality, neutrality and worldwide ease of enforceability of foreign arbitral awards.

"On that last advantage it is now the case that more than 150 countries have ratified the Convention, including all significant trading states and most major developing states. All of Fiji's major trading partners have signed up."

The 20th A-G's Conference was attended by some 500 legal practitioners from December 7th -8th, 2018.

UN special rapporteur commends Fiji

AZARIA FAREEN

Fiji has been commended for its exemplary consideration and respect accorded to its citizens by recognizing basic human rights as stipulated in the constitution.

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Environment, Dr David Boyd relayed this while speaking at the 20th Attorney-General's Conference on the topic "The Interdependence Between Human Rights and the Environment - Right to Life, Health, Food, Water and Sanitation."

Dr Boyd highlighted the two main aspects of his job: to serve as an advocate for people's right to live in an ecologically balanced environment and the other is to serve as a watchdog.

"In my role as an advocate, I present reports to the Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly on an annual basis and in my role as

a watchdog I carry out two-country mission each year. This is my first country mission to Fiji and it is an honour to be here to talk about the intersection of Human Rights and the Environment," he said.

"I was really delighted in 2013 when Fiji included article 40 in the Constitution, which says, "Everyone has the right to a clean and healthy environment including the right to protect nature for the benefit of present and future generations".

The special rapporteur presented examples on cases relating to violations of human rights in some countries and ratification of human rights laws in the Asia-Pacific countries.

Dr Boyd states that constitutional recognition of the right to a healthy environment has had a transformative impact on laws, decision making on jurisprudence and on people's lives.

"If we take countries that not only have the right to healthy environ-

ment either in their constitutions or in regional human rights treaties or in national legislations, we get the 155 of the United Nation's 193 member state countries," he said.

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United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment Mr David Boyd presented as a key speaker at the conference. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN



President commends compensation scheme

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

A SUM of \$1.2 million has been paid out to the families of victims since the inception of the Accident Compensation Act 2017 in January this year.

While opening the 20th Attorney-General's Conference on December 7th, the President, Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote commended the Act for the financial security it has given to grieving families in their personal loss and strife.

He also commended other legislative changes that have greatly benefited Fijians, such as the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2018 and the Fair Share of Mineral Resources Act 2018 that were passed in Parliament, as well as other amended laws.

"Fijians with disabilities are protected more than ever and empowered to live out

their lives and participate in our economic development without fear of discrimination."

The President added that landowners were tapping into a guaranteed fair share of the lucrative mining industry, which was advancing the national economy and allowing more Fijians to tap into the potential their land holds.

He commended the unprecedented expansion of Legal Aid services, which is due to further expand throughout the country in the new year.

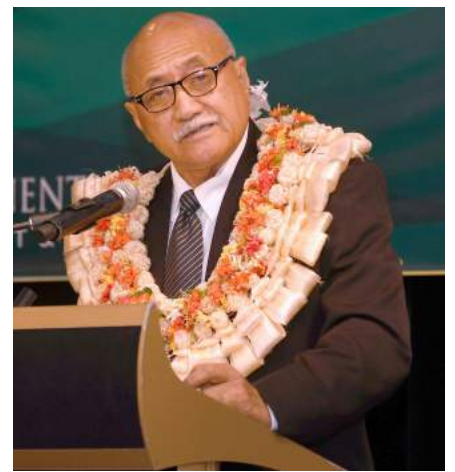
"We've opened another five offices this year, increasing the number of offices where Fijians can access the law throughout Fiji to 15. This number is scheduled to increase to 21 legal aid offices within the next seven months. In the past year alone, over 40,000 low-income Fijians have taken

advantage of a wide range of free services that these offices provide."

He said these tens of thousands of Fijians who were previously unrepresented and left alone without knowing the benefits that law could afford, now accessed free consultation in the areas of family, criminal and civil law, in addition to free legal advice assisting with document witnessing, dealing with probate matters, and helping them navigate landlord-tenant issues.

"This achievement is equally as important as new parliamentary Acts; because in the end, the laws are passed to protect the most vulnerable among us would not be worth the paper they're written on if they aren't wielded on behalf of those who need it."

Around 500 lawyers attended the 20th Attorney-General's Conference from December 7-8 in Natadola.



President Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote.
Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

Konrote praises A-G's conference milestone

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

THE President, Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote opened the 20th Attorney-General's Conference in Natadola recently and highlighted the importance of this premier gathering of legal practitioners and the legally curious.

"This event serves as a meeting of the minds- minds that belong to some of our region's most forward-thinking and influential experts in law, society and business," President Konrote said.

The Head of State personally congratulated the Attorney-General, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and his staff for the conference's two decade milestone, noting that year after year, the gathering had existed on the cutting edge of change and development and glimpsed a preview of the Fiji of tomorrow.

"That kind of foresight is incredibly valuable in an evolving legal environment and can help you map out your own plans to move forward in your professional lives and when I say "evolving", that evolution, that growth has been incredibly evident over the past year," President Konrote told attendees.

Drawing back to the conference's inception two decades ago, he noted the weak implementation of laws at the time, limited infrastructure and the virtual non-existence of telecommunications outside urban centres.

President Konrote noted the great strides made since, with Fiji now leading global platforms with presidencies of COP23 and the United Nations General Assembly and chairmanships of the Group of 77 Plus China (G77), World Bank Small States Forum and Commonwealth Telecommunications Organizations as well as co-hosting the first UN Ocean Conference and being the first Pacific Island country elected to the UN Human Rights Council.

He noted that the country's global amplification had been spread further than at any point in national history, with legal practitioners playing important roles in this endeavour.

"And you, as members of the legal fraternity, are the standard-bearers of the new laws in these areas that help Fiji lead from the front and prove that our talk is more than just talk, it is real and tangible action."

President Konrote said the new era of Fijian prominence was one of visionary leadership from the front.



From left: Director for Environment Sandeep Singh, Chairman for the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission Justice Kamal Kumar, Head of Regional Delegation, International Committee on Red Cross Alfred Grimm and United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment David Boyd at the InterContinental Fiji Resort. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

Drone technology eyed to monitor environment

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

THE Department of Environment is engaging with international partners in the hope of quickly transitioning to landfill technology that could be future-orientated, with drone technology to carry out some of its protection mandates, such as monitoring work. Speaking at the 20th Attorney-General's Conference, Director for Environment Sandeep Singh also confirmed that the department was in the process of identifying priority areas of intervention.

"We have also recently identified 78 areas inshore and 20 areas offshore as special and or

unique marine areas for Fiji," she said as a panellist on the session; "The interdependence between human rights and the environment: right to life, health, food, water and sanitation".

She reported that over half of Fiji's population relied on subsistence fishing for their food, which she said was worth indicatively up to \$59 million per year, based on data from the 2013/2014 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Management in Pacific Island Countries (MACBIO).

"In Fiji alone, coral reefs and mangroves provide more than

\$21.2 million in coastal protection value per year," Ms Singh said, while citing figures from the IUCN and MACBIO.

The Director highlighted the Constitutional right of Fijians to a healthy and clean environment that includes the right to a protected natural world for present and future generations through legislative and other means.

"The Government is very conscious of the impacts from environmental degradation, waste and pollution and climate change," Ms Singh noted.

"Apart from the protection of rights through suitable legal frameworks, the Government has also specifically allocated resources to protect the

environmental-linked rights. In this year's budget Government has allocated approximately \$11.225m towards environment protection and enforcement related activities. The Government has also been successful in securing funds through the various development partners as well."

Ms Singh said the strong-willed action of the Fijian Government had gone a long way in halting environment degradation and that many environmentalists and citizens were appreciative.

The Attorney-General's Conference was held at the InterContinental Fiji Resort and Spa from December 7th-8th, 2018.

Call to add value, quality to visitor experience

PRASHILA DEVI

“THE true essence of tourism lies in realising that our obligations as host in ensuring that hard-earned money and time a tourist commits after making the decision to travel to Fiji is well spent and worthwhile.”

This was the food for thought directed at participants at the 2018 Tourism Fiji's Industry Day held in Suva by the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Mr Shaheen Ali last week.

Despite being held away from the tourism hotspot, the Western Division, the event still attracted leaders and major players from the industry to come under one roof to discuss marketing strategies on how best to promote Fiji as a destination amongst other issues.

“The vision, as stated in the Fijian Tourism 2021, is making tourism a \$2.2 billion industry, we will reach there before 2021, in fact it's already \$1.9bn as a revenue we earn together as a sector and we can achieve this by focusing on providing quality service and attracting higher yield from visitors,” Mr Ali explained.

“Our focus is not to grow the sector by increasing numbers but increasing value, quality and generating higher returns.”

He asked the participants to ponder, during their discussions, on whether they were making the right decisions for the people who choose to spend their disposable income and spare time—both highly priced in this day and age—in Fiji, worthwhile.

“This industry day, as we hear Tourism Fiji's marketing plans for next year, we owe it to ourselves and to our guests to do all we can as hosts to deliver this “value” to our visitors.”

On the figures, Mr Ali said tourism earnings over the past four years, from 2014 to 2017, had increased by 27 per cent while visitor arrivals had increased by 22 per cent, an indication that there was more earning than the visitor arrivals.

To grow the industry, he urged the stakeholders to go through the Fijian Tourism 2021 strategies and identify where and how they can assist the Fijian Government in its implementation.

Mr Ali also emphasised to these key industry stakeholders on the need to keep sustainability in the focus during their discussions as adverse weather has a direct impact on tourism.

A similar Industry Day was held at the Intercontinental Resort in Natadola last week.

Govt boosts exchange with 15th world congress

AZARIA FAREEN

THE announcement of the 15th Annual World Exchange Congress to be held in Fiji in May 2020 will bring together more than 500 attendees representing the entire Exchange ecosystem.

This was highlighted by the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum as he stressed the Government's support in this major initiative.

“The Government is here to develop the stock market in Fiji. We have a very small exchange but we believe that there is a lot of potential and that is why we provide a number of tax incentives and various other incentives are put in place to get a number of good companies to be listed on the South Pacific Stock Exchange

(SPSE),” the A-G said. “Be assured that the Government is behind the SPSE in hosting this and there are a number of Government ministries and agencies that will work together with them including Tourism Fiji to ensure that the visitors who come to Fiji have an enjoyable experience and it also gives us an opportunity to be able to showcase the potential in Fiji itself, not just from our stock market perspective but also our tourism perspective.”

“This is also very timely because 2020 is that we will have our 50 years of independence,” the AG added.

The 2020 Congress Agreement was signed between the South Pacific Stock Exchange and Terrapinn Holdings Limited.

SPSE chief executive officer, Krishika Narayan said; “Hosting this high profiled event reit-

erates the fact that we are well placed in the pathway to gain greater international acceptance and SPSE being the host for the Congress would further elevate our position and visibility and also enhance our prominence amongst other market players in the capital market and greater financial market”.

Managing Director for Terrapinn Holdings Limited, Sean Willis, said the company has 14 years of experience at the forefront of the financial market ecosystem, developing strategic partnerships with emerging and frontier exchanges, clearing houses and regulators around the world.

The congress will focus on topics such as new technology, new customers, new revenue streams, Exchange evolution, regional collaboration and cybersecurity.



Assistant Commissioner of Police Internal Affairs Tevita Waqabaca (with garland), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) representative Regina Rohrbach (second from right), with participants at the Narcotics workshop. Photo: RUPENI VATUBULI

Workshop highlights Fiji's war on drugs

RUPENI VATUBULI

“DRUG circulation methods are expanding and diversifying at a rapid pace. If we do not find ways to stay ahead of this devastating yet lucrative market - we are going to put the lives of people at a great risk.”

These are the words of Assistant Commissioner of Police Internal Affairs Mr Tevita Waqabaca at the three-day Narcotics workshop held last week.

ACP Waqabaca said the Pacific is no longer free from the harmful effects of drugs and Fijians were under the false impression that they are far away from the major drug markets.

“The drug market is diversifying and manufacturers and its dealers are becoming more innovative in trying to find ways to evade the long arm of the law. In Fiji's context, marijuana and

methamphetamine are the two main drugs of consumption - we cannot completely rule out the possibility of these synthesised drugs entering our borders,” he said.

“Strengthening international relations through the sharing of intelligence and information is critical if we are to have an impact on the war against drugs. Our borders are being used as transit points and through the sharing of information, we have also intercepted and seized large consignment of drugs from other countries.”

ACP Waqabaca said the fact that cartels were bold enough to transfer drugs through Fijian waters - to continuously reinforce the need to work together.

UNODC representative Regina Rohrbach, who facilitated the workshop, said the three day workshop aimed to have a very thorough overview of where the

International Drug Framework stands, what provisions have been implemented internationally and then identify how the stakeholders can make those provisions useful to Fiji.

“Through international cooperation we can help address and combat the world drug problem. Drugs have an origin and a destination but in between they also have been trafficked across other countries and it's not that one country can combat this problem alone - so you need cooperation from countries which drugs originate from and are going to,” Mrs Rohrbach said.

She also highlighted that drug control system needs to be balanced to be successful in order to combat trafficking and ensure the people that are affected by drugs or dependent on it have a reasonable chance to get their lives back on track and get good treatment.



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PRESIDENT APPLAUDS CAREGIVERS DURING VISIT



President Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote and his wife the First Lady Sarote Konrote bring Christmas cheer and smile to an elderly during their visit at Golden Age Home in Labasa last week. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

PRAISE

JOSAIA RALAGO

THE President Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote has applauded individuals who provide care for children and senior citizens placed in various homes around the country.

The Head of State made the comments while visiting the Lomani Au Home in Savusavu and Golden Age Home in Labasa last week.

Lomani Au Home is a shelter for children between ages of seven

months old to 17 years and currently houses 16 children.

The visit by President Konrote and his wife, the First Lady Sarote Konrote, brought Christmas cheer and enthusiastic smiles on the faces of the children and the staff.

And while speaking to the residents and the caregivers, he commended the dedication and love showered by the staff to the children.

"Thank you, all of you for looking after the children. I know it is

not easy," President Konrote said.

He said the purpose of the visit was "to spread the love as we head towards Christmas".

"We've been doing this ever since I assumed office. We have been to the Central and Western Division and this year we have decided to come up North."

The children had the golden opportunity to shake hands, speak to and the young ones were even carried by the Head of State.

President Konrote handed over a

Christmas hamper for the Home in his bid to spread the Christmas cheer.

The Head of State and the First Lady also visited the Golden Age Home in Labasa, moving some residents to tears as they welcomed them to their abode.

One of the residents, Daya Nand, 73, while speaking to President Konrote expressed his gratitude for the visit.

"I am so happy that you are here today, to come all the way to La-

basas to visit us," an emotional Mr Nand said.

And while speaking at the Home, President Konrote said it was our duty to look after our elders and commended the staff for looking after the senior citizens.

"I would like to thank the staff for your commitment in looking after our elders. At the end of the day, it is our duty to look after our elders," he said.

He also handed over a Christmas hamper for these homes.

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कर्मचारियों के
लिए बोनस की
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प्रधानमंत्री तथा कोप 23 के भुतपूर्व प्रधान, वॉरेनो बईनिमरामा ने हालही पोलैन्ड में कोप 24 के नए प्रधान को यह पद सौंपने के बाद सम्मेलन के सदस्यों के साथ। इस दौरान उन्होंने कई बड़ी सभाओं में हिस्सा लिया।

प्रधानमंत्री की माँग

संगीता लाल

कोप 23 के भुतपूर्व प्रधान तथा प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेनो बईनिमरामा ने कोप 24 की सभा में भाग ले रहे नेताओं से माँग की कि वे जलवायु परिवर्तन से

सीधे टक्कर लेने के लिए विज्ञान पर ध्यान दें और राजनीतिक इच्छाशक्ति बुलाए। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि समय हाथ से निकलता जा रहा है जबकि संयुक्त राष्ट्र के वातावरण कार्यक्रम द्वारा निकाली गई रिपोर्ट से यह बात

सामने आई है कि हमें अपना प्रयास पाँच गुना ज़्यादा बढ़ाना होगा। इस दौरान श्री बईनिमरामा ने कैलिफ़ोर्निया अमरिका के भुतपूर्व गवर्नर तथा अभिनेता श्री अनल्ड स्वाज़नेगर से मुलाकात की थी। इस

मुलाकात के दौरान श्री स्वाज़नेगर ने कोप 23 के प्रधान होने के दौरान उनकी नेतागिरी में तालानोआ बातचित के लिए श्री बईनिमरामा की प्रशंसा की। श्री बईनिमरामा ने भी कहा कि फीजी लगातार जलवायु परिवर्तन

वाले विषयों से आमने सामने निपटेंगे तथा उन्होंने फीजी द्वारा कोप 23 के प्रधान का पद सम्भालने के दौरान श्री स्वाज़नेगर की सहायता के लिए उन्हें धन्यवाद दिया।



भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री ने फीजी के प्रधानमंत्री को दी बधाई

रोनल देव

भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेनो बर्डिनिरामा को आम चुनाव में जीत हासिल करने और दोबारा प्रधानमंत्री चुने जाने के लिए बधाई दी है।

प्रधानमंत्री बर्डिनिरामा को दिए गए अपने बधाई के संदेश में प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने कहा कि भारत और फीजी पारम्परिक रूप से सम्मान, सद्भावना और समझ के आधार पर संबंधों का आनन्द ले रहे हैं।

“भारतीय सरकार तथा भारत की जनता की

ओर से मैं व्यक्तिगत तौर से आपको फीजी का प्रधानमंत्री चुने जाने के लिए हार्दिक बधाई दे रहा हूँ। आपकी नेतागिरी में फीजी की लगातार प्रगति और समृद्धि के लिए मैं शुभकामनाएं दे रहा हूँ,” हमारे बीच दोनों द्विपक्षीय और बहुपक्षीय संबंध काफी मज़बूत हैं तथा मुझे

भरोसा है कि आपकी नेतागिरी में यह संबंध और भी गहरा होगा,” प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने कहा। भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री ने आगे कहा कि भारत और फीजी महत्वपूर्ण मूल्य बाँटते हैं जो दोनों देशों के मज़बूत द्विपक्षीय संबंधों का समर्थन करते हैं।



फीजी के प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेनो बर्डिनिरामा जेरूसलम में इज़रैल के प्रधानमंत्री श्री बेन्जामिन नेतनयाहू से मुलाकात करते हुए।

फीजी की शान्ति सेवा की हुई तारीफ

रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेनो बर्डिनिरामा तथा इज़रैल के प्रधानमंत्री बेन्जामिन नेतनयाहू ने जेरूसलम में दोनों देशों के बीच खास रिश्ते पर बातचित की।

मध्यपूर्व में अपने दौर की समाप्ति पर श्री बर्डिनिरामा ने श्री नेतनयाहू के साथ शान्ति संरक्षण और जलवायु की रक्षा में फीजी के बाहरी वैश्विक अगुवाई पर बातें की। इस दौरान प्रधानमंत्री नेतनयाहू ने श्री बर्डिनिरामा को क्षेत्र में संयुक्त राष्ट्र शान्ति व्यवस्था के लिए फीजी द्वारा लम्बे समय तक योगदान देने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया, और कहा कि वो भविष्य में फीजी का दौरा करना चाहते हैं।

दोनों नेताओं ने द्विपक्षीय संबंध तथा फीजी और इज़रैल के बीच रिश्ता और मज़बूत करने पर भी चर्चा की जहाँ प्रधानमंत्री बर्डिनिरामा ने इज़रैल को

जलवायु परिवर्तन के खिलाफ लड़ाई में फीजी का लगातार समर्थन करने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया।

“आतंकवाद और जलवायु परिवर्तन ऐसी शक्तियाँ हैं जिनका मुकाबला अकेले नहीं किया जा सकता। इज़रैल और फीजी गर्व के साथ खड़े होकर इन दुश्मनों का सामना कर रहे हैं तथा यह ऐसी लड़ाई है जो खूबसूरत ग्रह को बचाने तथा संरक्षित करने के लिए बिल्कुल महत्वपूर्ण है जो हमें आशीर्वाद के रूप में दिया गया है,” श्री बर्डिनिरामा ने कहा।

प्रधानमंत्री ने श्री नेतनयाहू को सभी फीजीवासियों की ओर से शुभकामनाएं दी और कहा कि फीजीवासियों का इज़रैल के साथ खास रिश्ता है क्योंकि बहुत सारे फीजीयन सैनिकों और उनके परिवार वालों ने इज़रैल में समय बिताया है तथा इज़रैली लोगों के साथ उनकी दोस्ती और यादें जुड़ी हुई हैं।



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वॉरेनो बर्डिनिरामा,
फीजी के प्रधानमंत्री

छोटे और सुक्ष्म व्यापारिक क्षेत्र को मिली सहायता



भारतीय हाई कमिशनर श्री विश्वास सपकल मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार को चेक प्रदान करते हुए।

रोनल देव

भारतीय हाई कमिशन ने हालही में फीजी के इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड, टूरिज़्म, लौकल गवमन्ट, हाउजिंग तथा सामाजिक विकास मंत्रालय को दो मिलियन डॉलर से ज़्यादा लागत चेक प्रदान किया।

इस सहायता से फीजीवासियों को मंत्रालय के छोटे और सुक्ष्म व्यापारियों के ग्रांट के नीचे लाभ होगा।

मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने भारतीय सरकार को इस सहायता के लिए धन्यवाद दिया और कहा कि इससे छोटे और सुक्ष्म व्यापारिक क्षेत्र को बहुत फायदा होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि आने वाले साल में फीजी का छोटा और सुक्ष्म व्यापारिक क्षेत्र डिजिटल मंच पर जाएगा तथा यह एक मुख्य योजना है जिसपर वे गौर कर रहे हैं।

उन्होंने कहा कि वो देखना चाहते हैं कि कुछ प्रकृया निकाल दिए जाए जो उचित या योग्य नहीं है जिससे अर्जी लगाने वालों को और आसानी होगी।

“कभी-कभी छोटे और बड़े व्यापारी एक ही प्रकृया का इस्तेमाल करते हैं जबकि छोटे व्यापारियों को कभी-कभी उस स्तर पर स्वीकृति लेने की ज़रूरत नहीं होती है जितना कि बड़े व्यापारियों को,” मंत्री कुमार ने कहा।

उनके अनुसार यह सब योजना लागू करने में एक साल तक लग सकता है लेकिन इन्हें लागू करने के लिए इस क्षेत्र से जुड़े लोगों के साथ सभाएँ चल रही हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि यह लोग समझते हैं कि यह योजनाएँ क्यों शुरू हो रही हैं तथा यह कितनी ज़रूरी है।



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हाउजिंग तथा सामाजिक विकास मंत्री

अर्जी लगाना आसान बनाने तथा जल्द स्वीकृति लेने से और भी पुँजीपतियों को देश में आकर्षित किया जाएगा,” मंत्री कुमार ने कहा।

“भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के फीजी दौर से यह सहायता मु-मकिन हुआ है जहाँ उन्होंने इस क्षेत्र की मदद करने का वायदा किया था,” भारतीय हाई कमिशनर श्री विश्वास सपकल ने कहा। उन्होंने छोटे और सुक्ष्म व्यापारिक क्षेत्र के स्तर में सुधार लाने के लिए फीजी की सरकार की सराहना की है।



फीजी एर्यावैस के नए विमान, “आएलेन्ड ऑफ कन्दावू” के आने से फीजी एर्यावैस, दुनिया के बेहतर एर्यालाईन कम्पनियों के स्तर तक पहुँच गया है।

फीजी एर्यावैस ने किया नए विमान का स्वागत

रोनल देव

फीजी एर्यावैस ने हाल ही अपने नए विमान बोईन्ग मेक्स 8 का स्वागत अपने जहाजों से बेड़ा में किया। स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री, अटोनी जेनरल तथा सिविल अविएशन मंत्री अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम इस समारोह में मुख्य मेहमान थे। हवाई कम्पनी के चीफ एक्ज़ेक्टिव एन्ड्रे विलियम ने कहा कि यह

विमान उन्हें मिलने वाले पाँच में से पहला बोईन्ग मेक्स 8 है। बोईन्ग मेक्स 8 का नाम “आएलेन्ड ऑफ कन्दावू” रखा गया है जो वर्तमान में पाँच बोईन्ग 737 विमान की जगह लेगा। यह विमान सियेटल अमरिका से उड़ान भरकर आया था। स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री ने सफलता पूर्वक विमान हासिल करने के लिए फीजी एर्यावैस बोर्ड की सराहना की है। यह इतिहास में सबसे अच्छा

बिक्री होने वाला परिवहन विमान है तथा दुनिया भर में सौ से ज़्यादा ग्राहकों ने लगभग चार हजार आठ सौ विमानों के ओडर दिए हैं। विमान के सभी यात्री अपनी सीट पर लगे स्क्रीन के द्वारा फिल्मों, टी.वी शोस, संगीत तथा खेलकूद से मनोरंजन प्राप्त कर सकेंगे। पहली बार यात्री, विमान में तेज़ रफ़्तार से चलने वाले इंटरनेट सेवा से भी लाभ उठा सकेंगे।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ने कर्मचारियों को दी चुनौती

रोनल देव

स्वास्थ्य और मेडिकल सेविसस मंत्री डाक्टर इफिरेमी वाँगाईनवेते ने स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारियों को याद दिलाया है कि योग्य और कुशल स्वास्थ्य सेवा इंडस्ट्री मंत्रालय की प्राथमिकता होनी चाहिए।

उन्होंने मंत्रालय के कर्मचारियों को एक मज़बूत स्वास्थ्य सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए नई सुविधाओं की जानकारी देते हुए यह चुनौती दी। उन्होंने प्रकाश डाला कि उनकी पहली चिन्ता है कर्मचारियों के काम करने के लिए आरामदायक वातावरण बनाना ताकि वे अपने कर्तव्यों का पालन मेहनत और कुशलतापूर्वक कर सकें।

“मंत्रालय में सिनियर मैनेजर होने के नाते आपको इस बात का ध्यान रखना है कि स्वास्थ्य सुविधाएँ बनाई रखी जाए और संसाधन अच्छी हालत में हो ताकि लोग आर्कषित हो और स्वास्थ्य विभाग में नौकरी करना उनकी पहली पसन्द बने,” स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ने कहा।

उन्होंने स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारियों को आर्कषित किया है कि लोगों की ज़रूरतें पूरी करने के लिए स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं को और मज़बूत करना चाहिए।

“जबकि मैं आपकी कड़ी मेहनत की इज़्ज़त करता हूँ, मैं आपको याद दिलाता चाहता हूँ कि आपको अपने काम के साथ बहुत ही पेशेवर होना चाहिए जिससे मरीज़ों की उम्मीदें पूरी हो जो उन्होंने हमसे की हैं।

कृषि मंत्री ने नए बोहौल का किया उद्घाटन

रोनल देव

कृषि मंत्री, डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी ने सवालाउ, नान्दी में एक नए बो-हौल का उद्घाटन किया है जिससे अब वोतुआलेवू के पहाड़ी समुदाय के कम से कम सात घरों तक साफ पानी की व्यवस्था हो गई है।

ब्रिटिश अमेरिकन टोबैको ने इस योजना के लिए आर्थिक सहायता दी है जिसने प्रोजेक्ट अकुवा सुविधा के नीचे चार बो-हौल्स खोले हैं।

मंत्री रेड्डी ने कम्पनी की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि इस तरह प्रायवट सेक्टर के समर्थन और सहयोग से

फीजीयन सरकार बेहतर स्वास्थ्य और आर्थिक विकास लाने की अनुवाइ करती है।

“मैं अपने आपको उन समाजों में जाने के लिए अभारी महसूस करता हूँ जहाँ किसी योजना से तत्काल अंतर देखने को मिलता है,” मंत्री ने कहा।

मंत्री ने पीने के लिए स्वच्छ पानी के जीवन-परिवर्तन मूल्य पर गौर

किया जो कि फीजीयन सरकार के पाँच और बीस साल की विकास योजनाओं का हिस्सा है ताकि देश में सभी लोगों तक पीने के लिए साफ और सुरक्षित पानी और भी उचित स्वच्छा से प्रदान किया जा सके।

सवालाउ समाज के लोगों ने नए बो-हौल के उद्घाटन की सराहना की जिससे इस समाज में अधिक आर्थिक विकास होगा।

ब्रिटिश अमेरिकन टोबैको ने इस साल की शुरुआत में भारी अनुसंधान के बाद सउताम्बू कोरो में इस योजना की शुरुआत की थी तथा उनके साथ मिनरल रिसोसस विभाग तथा वोटर अथोरिटी ओफ फीजी ने काम किया था। इस योजना का उद्घाटन अटोनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम ने किया था। दूसरे बो-हौल का उद्घाटन मंत्री इनिया सेरुईरातु ने नवेयान्गो कोरो में किया था।

विमन, चिलरन और पोवेटी अले-विषन मंत्री मेरेसईनी वुनिवाँगा ने तीसरे बो-हौल का उद्घाटन वुनागोरू तथा कोरोउवा, सिं गातोका में किया था।



कृषि मंत्री प्रधान मंत्री, डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी हाल ही में वोतुआलेवू नान्दी के पहाड़ी समुदाय के लिए एक नए बोहोल का उद्घाटन करते हुए।



बीसवा अटोर्नी-जेनरल सम्मेलन

राष्ट्रपति चियोची कोनरोते ने बीसवे अटोर्नी-जेनरल सम्मेलन में भाग ले रहे सदस्यों से कहा कि पिछले सम्मेलन के बाद नए कानून लागू हुए तथा कुछ कानून बदले गए हैं। नतन्दोला में हुए इस सम्मेलन में उन्होंने प्रकाश डाला कि एक्सीडेंट कोम्पेन्सेशन एक्ट ने दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गए लोगों के परिवार वालों को एक दशमलौ दो (1.2) मिलियन डॉलर भर दिया है जिससे दुख की घड़ी में उन्हें कुछ सहारा मिला है। इस सम्मेलन में कानूनी विरादरी तथा आमंत्रित मेहमानों को मिलाकर चार सौ से ज्यादा लोगों ने भाग लिया था। सम्मेलन में मानव अधिकार और पर्यावरण के बीच परस्पर निर्भरता, इक्कीसवी सदी में जीवन, स्वास्थ्य, भोजन पानी और स्वच्छता पर बातें हुईं।



कोप 23 के भुतपूर्व प्रधान ने की विश्व नेताओं से बातचित

कोप 23 के भुतपूर्व प्रधान तथा प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेनो बर्डिनमरामा ने कोप 24 की सभा में भाग ले रहे नेताओं से माँग की कि वे जलवायु परिवर्तन से सीधे टक्कर ले। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि समय हाथ से निकलता जा रहा है जबकि संयुक्त राष्ट्र के वातावरण कार्य क्रम द्वारा निकाली गई रिपोर्ट से यह बात सामने आई है कि हमें अपना प्रयास पाँच गुना ज्यादा बढ़ाना होगा। इस दौरान श्री बर्डिनमरामा ने कैलिफोर्निया अमरिका के भुतपूर्व गवर्नर तथा अभिनेता श्री अनल्ड स्वाज़नेगर से मुलाकात की थी।



नए विमान का हुआ भव्य स्वागत

फीजी एर्रावैस ने हाल ही अपने नए विमान बोईंग मैक्स 8 का स्वागत नान्दी अंतराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर किया। बोईंग मैक्स 8 का नाम “आएलेन्ड ऑफ कन्दावू” रखा गया है जो वर्तमान में पाँच बोईंग 737 विमान की जगह लेगा। पहली बार यात्री, पेनासोनिक सिस्टम के द्वारा तीस हज़ार (30,000) फीट की उंचाई पर तेज़ रफ़्तार से चलने वाले इंटरनेट सेवा से भी लाभ उठा सकेंगे। इससे फीजी एर्रावैस दुनिया के बेहतर एर्रावैस कंपनियों के स्तर तक पहुँच गया है।





ज़हरीली मच्छली खाने से रहे सावधान

रोनल देव

फिशरीज़ मंत्रालय ने आम जनता को सलाह दी है कि वे कीसमस और नए साल के दौरान ज़हरीली मच्छली खाने से बचे।

मच्छलियों में यह ज़हर “काई” या छोटी मच्छलियाँ खाने से होता है तथा यहीं मच्छली खाने से लोगों पर बुरा असर पड़ता है। इस तरह की स्थिति प्रशान्त महासागर, भारतीय महासागर तथा कैरेबियन महासागर में पैदा हो सकती है।

आम जनता से माँग की गई है कि वे कुछ मच्छलियाँ खरीदते वक्त सावधानी बरते जिनमें ऑगो, दोनू सालोआ, दोकोनिवूदी, काके, बाती, दनिवा, सुमुसुमु, दाम्बेया तथा उतोउतो शामिल है क्यों कि इनमें ज़हर हो सकता है।

उन इलाकों की मच्छलियों में ज़्यादा करके ज़हर होता है जहाँ के पानी में लगातार काई की मात्रा बढ़ती जाती है तथा बंदरगाह वगैरह के पास भारी मात्रा में तेल वगैरह पानी में डाला जाता है।

ज़हरीली मच्छली खाने के दो से चौबीस घण्टे के अन्दर उसका ज़हर चढ़ने लगता है। इसके मुख्य चिन्ह है

उँगलियों, पैर की अंगुली, होंठ, मुँह तथा गले में सूजन, ठंडे पानी के संपर्क में जलन, और माँसपेशियों में दर्द, साथ ही जी मचलाना, उलटी, डायरिया तथा सिरदर्द होना।

लोगों से माँग की गई है कि वे डाक्टरों से सलाह ले अगर उन्हें वे इन लक्षणों का सामना कर रहे हो तथा इलाज होने के लगभग छः महीने बाद तक चट्टान यानि रीफ वाली मच्छली खाने से बचे।

फीजी पाईन के लिए बोनस की घोषणा



फीजी पाईन के कर्मचारियों के लिए इस साल का कीसमस खास रहेगा जिन्हें हालही में स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री तथा अटोनी जेनरल माननीय अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम ने तीन-तीन हज़ार डोलर का बोनस प्रदान किया।

रोनल देव

स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम ने हालही ड्रासा लौतोका में फीजी पाईन के कर्मचारियों के लिए एक दशमलौ तीन (1.3) मिलियन डोलर लागत बोनस की घोषणा की है।

उन्होंने फीजी पाईन बोर्ड तथा उनके कर्मचारियों के काम की सराहना की और कहा कि उनके मुनाफे ने एक रिकॉर्ड कायम किया है जिस वजह से हर एक कर्मचारी को बोनस के रूप में तीन हज़ार डोलर मिलेगा।

जनाब सैयद खैयुम ने कहा कि फीजी पाईन, उन कम्पनियों में शामिल है जिन्होंने वास्तव में अच्छा

प्रदर्शन किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि जब पहली बार इसी साल मई में उन्होंने फीजी पाईन के सौमिल का दौरा किया तो वो कम्पनी के प्राँगन में तकनीकी स्तर देखकर दंग रह गए।

स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री ने जोर दिया है कि हर एक कर्मचारी महत्वपूर्ण है जबकि एक साथ उन्होंने रिकॉर्ड तोड़ने वाले मुनाफा कमाए है तथा इसी साल मई में प्रधानमंत्री ने भी ज़मीन मालिकों के लिए सात मिलियन डोलर बोनस की घोषणा की थी जो कि फीजी पाईन के लिए एक और असाधारण उपलब्धि थी।

जनाब सैयद खैयुम के अनुसार फीजी पाईन के मेनेजमन्ट और कर्मचारियों ने बहुत कुछ सीखा है जिससे उन्हें चुनौतियों का सामना करने के लिए

प्रोत्साहन मिला है।

फिलहाल, फीजी पाईन गुप ओफ कम्पनीस के एक्ज़ेक्टिव चेयरमैन, फाईज़ खान ने घोषणा की है कि इस साल गुप के लिए पैतीस (35) मिलियन डोलर संचालन मुनाफे का अनुमान लगाया गया था। उन्होंने कहा कि अगर कम्पनी ज़मीन मालिकों को लीस बोनस के तौर पर दिए गए सात मिलियन डोलर को भी जोड़े तो कम्पनी के इस साल का संचालन मुनाफा बयालिस शण्टत्त मिलियन डोलर का अनुमान लगाया था।

उन्होंने प्रकाश डाला कि यह पाईन व्यवसाय का एक पूर्ण परिवर्तन संकेत देता है।

पानी का बिल चुकाए नहीं तो पानी सप्लाई कटेगी

रोनल देव

वोटर अथोरिटी ओफ फीजी ने अपने ग्राहकों से माँग की है कि वे अपना बिल समय पर भरे नहीं तो उनके वोटर मीटर काट दिए जाएंगे।

अथोरिटी के जेनरल मेनेजर कस्टमर सेविसस, सेकोवे उलुईनयाउ का कहना है कि वोटर अथोरिटी ने उन ग्राहकों से पैसे वसूलने वाली कार्यवाई को और मज़बूत किया है जिन्होंने अपना बिल नहीं चुकाया है।

“हमारे पास ऐसी प्रक्रिया है जो ग्राहकों को चेतावनी देती है कि पानी की सप्लाई कटने से बचने के लिए वे समय पर अपना बिल चुकाए,” उन्होंने कहा। श्री उलुईनयाउ ने अपने सभी ग्राहकों से माँग की है कि वे जल्द से जल्द अपना बिल भरना शुरू कर दें क्योंकि अथोरिटी ने शुक्रवार चौदह दिसम्बर से पानी की सप्लाई काटना शुरू कर दिया है। अथोरिटी ने माएबिल

इन्फो कार्ड की शुरूआत करके अपने ग्राहकों के लिए सेवाओं को और भी सुखद बनाया है।

“जब किसी ग्राहक के पास माएबिल इनफो कार्ड होगा तो वो कहीं पर भी अपने स्मार्ट फोन के ज़रिए, कार्ड का कोड स्कैन करके अपने पानी के बिल पर जानकारी हासिल कर सकेंगे। ग्राहक, अथोरिटी के वेबसाइट www.water-authority.com.fj पर जाकर ऑनलाइन अपने पानी बिल देख सकते हैं,” श्री उलुईनयाउ ने कहा। “पोस्ट फीजी की सभी शाखाओं तथा मेक्स-वेलू के सभी सपरमार्केट में काउन्टर पैमन्ट स्वीकार किया जाएगा, बी.एस.पी, अई. एन.ज़ेड, वेस्टपेक, एच एफ सी तथा ब्रेड बेन्क के द्वारा इंटरनेट बैंकिंग से ऑनलाइन पैमन्ट हो सकता है जो वोडाफोन के एम-पैसा तथा डिजिटल मोबाईल मनी के मंच से मोबाईल फोन पैमन्ट भी हो सकता है जिससे ग्राहकों को अपने

पानी का बिल समय पर भरने में आसानी होगी।

श्री उलुईनयाउ ने आगे कहा कि वोटर अथोरिटी फोन के द्वारा, चिट्ठी, ई-मेल तथा टेक्स मैसेज के ज़रिए ग्राहकों को चेतावनी देती है कि अगर समय पर पानी का बिल नहीं चुकाया गया तो पानी की सप्लाई काटी जा सकती है। उनके अनुसार अथोरिटी को ग्राहकों से शिकायत मिलती है कि उनके पानी का बिल बहुत ज़्यादा है तथा यह पानी के ज़्यादा इस्तेमाल या ग्राहकों के आँगन में पानी लीक होने से हो सकता है। अगर ग्राहकों ने पुराना बिल पूरा नहीं भरा है या कुछ भी नहीं भरा है तो भी उन्हें ज़्यादा बिल मिलेगा।

“ग्राहकों से माँग की गई है कि अगर वे बिल चुकाने में कठिनाईयों का सामना कर रहे हैं तो वे फीजीभर में किसी भी कस्टमर केयर सेंटर जाकर धीरे-धीरे कर्ज़ चुकाने की व्यवस्था

कर सकते हैं,” श्री उलुईनयाउ ने कहा। उनके अनुसार दक्षिण प्रशान्त में वोटर अथोरिटी सबसे कम दर में ग्राहकों को पानी देती है तथा ग्राहकों को समय पर अपना बिल चुकाकर अपने हिस्से का काम करना चाहिए ताकि वोटर अथोरिटी, लगातार अपनी सेवा प्रदान करती रहे। ग्राहकों से अपने आँगन में किसी भी लीक पर मरम्मत करने तथा पानी बचाकर इस्तेमाल करने की माँग की गई है ताकि वे भारी बिल से बच सकें। ग्राहक अपने पानी के बिल के लिए वोटर अथोरिटी को किसी भी समय लेन्ड लाईन से 3346777 या 577 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं मोबाईल इस्तेमाल करने वाले 5777 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं या और सहायता के लिए contact@waf.com.fj पर ईमेल कर सकते हैं।

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रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री वोरेंगे बर्डिनमरामा की सहमति से पब्लिक सेविस कमिशन के चेयरमैन, विष्णु मोहन ने छः नए पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरीयों की नियुक्ति की है। इनमें शामिल है फिशिरिस मंत्रालय के कईग स्ट्रोन्ग जो अगले साल सात जनवरी से अपना पद सम्भालना शुरू करेंगे। फिशिरिज़ मंत्रालय के पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी पेने बालेनबुली नियुक्त हुए हैं। श्री संजीवा परेरा, हाउजिंग तथा सामाजिक विकास मंत्रालय के पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी हैं जो दो जनवरी से अपना पद सम्भालेंगे। युथ एन्ड स्पोर्ट्स मंत्रालय के पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी श्री चोने मारितिनो नेमानी दस डिसेम्बर से अपना पद सम्भालेंगे।

सरकारी सेवा यानि सिविल सेर्विस की पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी सुज़न किरण रहेंगी। अभी वो स्वास्थ्य और मेडिकल सेर्विसस की स्थानापन पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी का पद सम्भाल रही हैं तथा अगले साल पंद्रह मई से वो अपना नया पद सम्भालना शुरू करेंगी। वोटरवैज़ और वातावरण मंत्रालय के पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी श्री जोशुआ वाएक्लीफ हैं जिन्होंने दो डिसेम्बर से अपना पद सम्भालना शुरू किया है। श्री वाएक्लीफ लौकल गवमन्ट के स्थानापन पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी का पद सम्भालना जारी रखेंगे जबतक किसी की नियुक्ति इस पद पर नहीं हो जाती। कमिशन ने भर्ती करने वाली एक कम्पनी एन

जी एस ग्लोबल की सहायता से चुनाव प्रक्रिया का पालन करते हुए योग्यता के आधार पर इन लोगों का चयन और नियुक्ति की है। नियुक्त अधिकारी सरकारी सेवा में योग्यता, कौशल और अनुभव लेकर आते हैं। इसके अलावा प्रधानमंत्री की सहमति से कमिशन ने कुछ अधिकारियों को दोबारा पेमनन्ट सकेटरी के पद पर नियुक्त किया है। रक्षा और राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी ओसेया दवारू सत्रह डिसेम्बर से एम्पलोएमन्ट, प्रोडक्टिविटी तथा इंडस्ट्रीयल रिलैशन्स के पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी का पद भी सम्भालेंगे जो सालासैनी दाउनाम्बुना की जगह लेंगे जिन्होंने विदेश में पढ़ाई करने के लिए इस्तीफा दिया है। श्री दवारू रक्षा और राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के पेमनन्ट

सकेटरी का पद सम्भालते रहेंगे जबतक किसी की नियुक्ति इस पद पर नहीं होती। सरकारी सेवा की पेमनन्ट सकेटरी बेनाडेट वेल्च अगले साल पंद्रह मई से स्वास्थ्य और मेडिकल सेर्विसस मंत्रालय के पेर्मनन्ट सकेटरी का पद सम्भालेंगी। प्रधानमंत्री की सहमति से कमिशन ने जिन पेमनन्ट सकेटरीयों की अवधी तीन सालों के लिए बढ़ाई है में, कृषि मंत्रालय के श्री डेविस कोलितंगाने, इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड और टूरिज़्म के जनाव शहीन अलि, ई-तुकई अफेयस के नाईपोते कातोनिनम्बूआ, प्रधानमंत्री दफ्तर, चीनी व्यवसाय तथा इमिग्रेशन के श्री योगेश करण तथा रूरल एन्ड मेरिटार्म डिवेलोपमन्ट मंत्रालय के श्री मेलेती बर्डिनमरामा शामिल हैं।



कोन्सूमर काउन्सिल के अफ्सर कीमस और फेस्टीव सीज़न में दुकानों का दौरा करेंगे ताकि उपभोगता किसी भी तरह व्यापारियों के बहकावे में न आए तथा वे धोखा खाने से बचे।

उपभोक्ताओं के लिए किस्मस सलाह

ये साल का वो समय है जब लोग परिवारवालों और दोस्तों के साथ खुशियाँ बाँटते हैं और ज़्यादातर खरीदबीन होती है। ऐसे में इसकी सूची काफी लम्बी होती क्योंकि उपभोक्ता ज़्यादा पैसे खर्च करते हैं। हालाँकि, कोन्सूमर काउन्सिल ऑफ फीजी लोगों से मांग कर रही है कि वे सोच-समझ कर पैसे खर्च करें ताकि बाद में उन्हें किसी तरह की आर्थिक परेशानी न हो। यह ज़रूरी है कि उपभोक्ता व्यस्त समय में खरीदबीन करते समय कुछ अहम विषयों पर ध्यान दें। भोजनसामान खरीदते समय उपभोक्ताओं को उत्पादन के एक्सपाइरी डेट, शैल्फ पर लिखे दाम और विज्ञापन में दिए गए दाम, जो दाम आप चुकाते हैं तथा बहकाने वाले विज्ञापनों पर खास ध्यान देना चाहिए। तोहफे जैसे कि जूते और कपड़े खरीदते समय व्यापारी से पूछ लें कि अगर ये फिट नहीं हुआ तो उसे कैसे बदला जा सकता है या पैसे वापस मिल सकते हैं कि नहीं। खरीदबीन करने से पहले उपभोक्ताओं को निम्नलिखित चेकलिस्ट पर गौर करना चाहिए:

- * बजट तैयार कर लें और उसका पालन करें - आप नहीं चाहते कि जब उत्सव और छुट्टियाँ खत्म हो

जाए तो आप आर्थिक समस्याओं का सामना करें। बजट तैयार करने से आपको अंदाज़ा रहेगा कि आपको फी कितना पैसा खर्च करना है।

- * अंतिम या व्यस्त समय में खरीदबीन करने से बचें- कोशिश करें कि आप पहले से ही खरीदबीन की योजना बना लें। अंतिम समय में शहर में काफी भीड़ होती है और दुकानों में लम्बी कतार होती है जिससे उपभोक्ता हताश हो जाते हैं।
- * विज्ञापन में दिए गए दाम और काउन्टर पर पैसे भरते समय चौकस रहें- कुछ व्यापारी उपभोक्ताओं को आकर्षित करने के लिए बड़ी चालाकी से अलग-अलग दाम के विज्ञापन देते हैं। उपभोक्ताओं को सचेत रहना चाहिए।
- * खरीदारी करने से पहले विभिन्न दुकानों में दामों की तुलना करें- अगर एक दुकान में फी किसी चीज़ का दाम ज़्यादा है तो हो सकता है कि अन्य दुकान में वही सामान सस्ता हो।
- खरीदारी की रसीद सम्भाल कर रखें- अगर बाद में कोई समस्या हुई तो सामान को बदलने के लिए या पैसे वापस करने में रसीद की आवश्यकता होगी।
- खरीदबीन करते समय उत्पादन के लेबल को अच्छी तरह पढ़ें- एक्सपाइरी डेट और उत्पादक के विषय में जानकारी ज़रूरी है।
- * उचित दाम में उच्च कोटि के सामान खरीदें - यह ध्यान दें कि आप सुरक्षित उत्पादों का प्रयोग कर रहे हों। - स्वस्थ भोजन का सेवन करें- जबकि गैर-संक्रामक बीमारियों के शिकार लोगों की संख्या में वृद्धि हो रही है तो उपभोक्ताओं से अनुरोध है कि वे स्वस्थ भोजन का सेवन करें। ऐसा करके भी आप किस्मस की भावना को बरकरार रख सकते हैं।

“बिक्री” के नाम पर उत्पादनों का भरमार करने से बचें-अगर एक्सपायर होने वाले किसी उत्पादन को बहुत सस्ते में बेचा जा रहा है तो उसे ज़्यादा मात्रा में न खरीदें। अगर आप एक्सपाइरी डेट तक उस उत्पादन को इस्तेमाल नहीं कर पाएंगे तो बर्बादी होगी। कर्ज़ पर सामान खरीदते समय सभी शर्तों और नियमों को अच्छी तरह पढ़ें और समझें। बेकार उत्पादनों पर पैसे खर्च न करें। कभी-कभी व्यापारी ग्राहकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए उन सामानों का विज्ञापन देते हैं जो उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। जब ग्राहक दुकान में जाते हैं तो उन्हें उसी तरह का अन्य महंगा सामान दिखाया जाता है। उपभोक्ताओं से मांग की जा रही है कि अगर आपके पास किसी व्यापारी को लेकर शिकायत है या आपको सलाह की ज़रूरत है तो आप काउन्सिल को टोल-फ्री हेल्पलाइन 155 पर सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।

ग्राहकों के सामान की रक्षा की ज़िम्मेदारी ले। उनसे यह भी मांग की जा रही है कि जब यात्रियों के सामान और संपत्ति की बात आती है तो वे जवाबदेही बनें। यह भी आवश्यक है कि शिपिंग कम्पनियाँ अपने अफसरों को प्रशिक्षण दें ताकि वे भली-भाँति जानें कि ग्राहकों के सामानों की देखभाल कैसे करनी चाहिए। शिपिंग कम्पनियों से यह भी अनुरोध है कि वे उपभोक्ताओं को समय पर उच्च कोटी की सेवा प्रदान करें क्योंकि वे इसी के लिए ही पैसे भरते हैं। यह बहुत ही ज़रूरी है जबकि कईलोग किस्मस और नए साल के दौरान जहाज़ों में सफर करेंगे। पिछले सालों में काउन्सिल को उपभोक्ताओं से शिकायतें मिली थी कि सफर में विलंब होने के साथ-साथ उन्हें माल और जानवरों से भरे हुए जहाज़ों में सफर करना पड़ा जिनमें खराब सुविधाएँ थी। ऐसा हर साल फेस्टिव सीज़न में देखा जाता है। पिछले तीन सालों में कोन्सूमर काउन्सिल को यात्रियों से विभिन्न विषयों पर पचासी 85 शिकायतें मिली, जिनमें यात्रियों के सामान खो जाने संबंधी मामले भी शामिल थे। यह चिंता की बात है कि इन शिकायतों को सुलझाने पर तत्काल कोई कदम नहीं उठाया गया तथा उपभोक्ता अभी भी दिक्कतों का सामना कर रहे हैं।

शिपिंग सेवाओं में सुधार की मांग

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अटोनी-जेनरल के बीसवे सम्मेलन के उद्घाटन समारोह के दौरान राष्ट्रपति, चियोची कोनरोते, स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री अईयाज़ सेयद-खैयुम के साथ संयुक्त राष्ट्र के प्रतिनिधी श्री डेविड बोएयड।

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राष्ट्रपति चियोची कोनरोते का कहना है कि इस साल जो आम चुनाव हुआ था वो देश के इतिहास में दूसरा असली प्रजातंत्रिक चुनाव था। नतन्दोला स्थित इन्टाकोनटीनेन्टल होटल में बीसवें अटोनी-जेनरल सम्मेलन में राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते ने भाषण देते हुए कहा कि हम सभी को इस बात पर गर्व होना चाहिए कि

अंतराष्ट्रीय स्वतंत्र ओबजेक्स ने आम चुनाव को मुक्त और निष्पक्ष करार दिया है। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि आम चुनाव के बाद देश का संविधान और भी मज़बूत हो गया है तथा अटोनी-जेनरल का सम्मेलन लोगों को सूक्ष्म दृष्टि दिखाता है कि भविष्य में क्या उम्मीदें हैं। राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते ने कहा कि पिछले सम्मेलन के बाद नए कानून लागू हुए तथा कुछ कानून

बदले गए। उन्होंने प्रकाश डाला कि एक्सीडेंट कोम्पेन्सेशन एक्ट ने दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गए लोगों के परिवार वालों को एक दशमलौ दो (1.2) मिलियन डोलर भर दिया है जिससे दुख की घड़ी में उन्हें कुछ सहारा मिला है। उधर, स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री तथा अटोनी-जेनरल ने देश में सौशल मिडिया के गलत इस्तेमाल पर गहरी चिन्ता जताई। उन्होंने कहा कि अगले महीने की पहली तारीख से देश में ऑनलाईन

सईफटी एक्ट लागू होगा जो ऑनलाईन सुरक्षा और ज़िम्मेदार व्यवहार के लिए होगा। उनके अनुसार संसद में बिल पास हुआ तथा पहली जनवरी को जब यह एक्ट असर में आएगा तो लोगों को इस कानून के बारे में पढ़कर समझना होगा। अटोनी-जेनरल ने कहा कि देश में आधा मिलियन से ज़्यादा लोग फेसबुक इस्तेमाल करते हैं।

Noda Viti



**YALODINA
O VITI
BALETA
NA DRAKI
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**OKATI NA
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40 na yabaki ni veisaututaki

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKACAUCAUTAKA na veiqaravi nei Viti ena veisaututaki mai Lapanoni na Komada ni *United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon* (UNIFIL).

Na Komada ni UNIFIL ko Major General Stefano Del Col.

Tukuna vei Major General Del Col ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni doka vakalevu ko Viti na nona vakaitavi tiko mai ena veisaututaki ena UNIFIL ena loma ni 40 na yabaki sa sivi.

Tukuna na Komada ni UNIFIL ni dina ni ra sa na biuti Lapanoni mai ena ika 22 ni siga ni vula o Tiseba na noda sotia ena dau cecebuya tiko ga kina na kuila nei Viti baleti ira

na lewe tini na vakalesilesi ni Viti era na veiqaravi tiko yani ena UNIFL.

Vakaraitaka na Paraiminista e Lapanoni ko Saad AlHariri nona vakamuduo vei Viti ena itavi levu ni veisaututaki sa vakaitavitaki koya voli mai e na loma ni 40 na yabaki.

Na iotioti ni gauna rau sota kina na Paraiminisita e rua oqo ena yabaki 2016.

Tukuna ko PM AlHariri ni sa mana na itavi nei Viti ni sa dei na bula sautu kei na veilomani e Lapanoni ka sa mai rawati na kena inaki.

E vakaraitaka talega ko PM AlHariri vei PM Bainimarama na nona veitokoni vei Viti ena veiliutaki baleta na draki kei na wasawasa ka sa gadreva me na sikovi Viti mai ena dua na gauna sa tu e matada.



Ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama kei Saad AlHariri na Paraiminisita ni matanitu ko Lapanoni ena nodrau sota donuya na veisiko lekaleka ki na tokalau e loma ka wili kina na matanitu ko Syria, Golan Heights, Isireli kei Lapanoni.

iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Sikova na UNDOF mai Golan ko PM Bainimarama

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VEISIKO talega ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ki vei ira na noda sotia era lewena tiko na Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) e Golan Heights.

E kidavaki koya mai na iliuliu vakatawa ni UNDOF ko General Sidharth e dua na turaga ni Idia ka vakamacalataka vei PM Bainimarama na vanua e rau tawase kina o Isireli kei Siria – oya ena maliwa ni iuciwai mai

Kaleli kei na ulu ni vanua e Saneai.

Ko ira na sotia ni Viti era veiqaravi ena yasa ruarua ni ulunivanua ko ya.

Vakavainavinakataki ira noda sotia na iliuliu ni noda matanitu ena uasivi ni nodra veiqaravi ena tokoni ni bula ni veisaututaki ena vanua derdre koya.

Sa itavi bibi vei Viti ena kena yadravi tiko na veiqaravi oqo mai Siria na veicacati oya.

Era na veiqaravi ena yabaki vou na sotia ni Viti ka sa kune sara ni sa lutu na maravu ena vanua ni veitawasei oqo. Era na vakadeitaki me ra yadrava

na yasana vaka oqo ki Isireli e rauta lewe 50 na sotia ni Viti.

Veitomani vua na turaga na Paraiminisita na mata kei Viti kina Matabose kei Vuravura ko Dr Satyendra Prasad keina iliuliu ni Mataivalu ni Viti ko Rear Admiral Viliame Nautopo, Mrs Bainimarama kei Major Isireli Tagivakatini kei Captain Mafi Kolinisau.

E na ika ciwa ni siga ni vula oqo e mai sota talega kina kei na Paraiminisita e Isireli ko Benjamin Netanyahu kei na noda Paraiminisita ena

vale ni volavola ni Paraiminisita e Isireli, Jesruisalemi.

E rau veitalanoataka na vakabibitaki ni veimaliwai ni vanua e rua kei na nodrau cakacaka vata.

Tokona vakalevu ko Paraiminisita Netanyahu na nona vakaitavi tiko o Viti ena veisaututaki ena ruku ni Matabose kei Vuravura ena Tokalau e Loma.

Na UNDOF era tiko kina e lewe rua na vuniwai kei na 20 na nasi ka ra veiqaravi talega vei ira na sotia ni Ailadi, Nepal kei Idia.



Qarauna na gaga ni ika

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA veivakasalataki na Tabacacaka ni Qoliqoli vei kemuni na dau kusima ena gauna ni marau ni Siga ni Sucu moni qarauna na ika eso ka rawani dau gaga ena gauna oqo.

Na nodra gaga na ika oqo e vu tiko mai na nodra kania na lumilumi lalai keina ika lalai e vaka-

tokai na gaga ni ika oqo na ciguatera fish poisoning.

Dau yaco vakalevu tiko na gaga ni ika vakaoqo ena wasawasa ena Pasifika, Wasawasa vaka Idia, kei na wasawasa ena Yatu Caribbean.

Ko ni sa vakasalataki na dau qoli kei na dau voli ika dau kune na gaga ni ika oqo ena so na mataqali ika me vaka na Ogo, Donu, Saloa, Dokonivudi, Kake Sailoa,

Bati, Regurawa, Daniva, Sumusumu, Dabea, Delabulewa keina Utouto.

Na gaga ni ika e dau yaco ena loma ni 2 kina 24 na aua ni oti na kena laukana na ika gaga ka dau ivakatakilakila ni gaga na nunu ni qaqalo ni liga, nunu qaqalo ni yava, tebe ni gusu, gusu keina itilotilo, ka dau vaka e kama ena gauna e veitaratara kina na

veitiki ni yago oya kei na wai batabata, dau sasala talega nan a isema ni yago, lomalomaca, na coka, keina mosi kaukauwa ni ulu.

Ni sa kerei na lewenivanua oni vakila na ive ivakatakilakila oya moni taro ivakasala ena vale ni bula o voleka kina ka sa kerei talega moni kua ni kania na ika ni veicakau ena loma ni ono na vula.

E bibi na lotu, vuli

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

“E rua na vu ni rarama levu e vuravura. Na rarama ni yalo ka solia na vosa ni Kalou kei na rarama ni vakasama ka kauta mai na vuli.”

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqo na turaga na iliuliu ni Veitarogivanua ko Ratu Vananalagi Vesikula ena Bose ni Yasana ko Cakaudrove e Somosomo, Taveuni.

“Ni rau yali na rua oqo ena dua na vanua ena kauta mai na butobuto levu kei na dravudravua vakayalo kei na dravudravua vakayago me vaka e tara tiko vakalevu na noda bula na itaukei ena gauna taumada,”

Sa dodonu meda maroroya na veika e baleti keda vakabibi na nodra qaravi na noda gone mera vuli me ra yacova na ivakatagedegede cecere duadua.

Ratu Vananalagi Vesikula iliuliu ni Veitarogivanua



Ko ira na noda sotia era vei qaravi ena cakacaka ni veisaututaki mai Lapanoni kei na Paraiminisita, iliuliu ni noda Mataivalu, Rear Admiral Viliame Naupoto ena vakananumi ni nodra bale mate na noda sotia e Cana e Lapanoni. **ITaba: VAKARAUTAKI**

Nanumi ko ira na sotia sa bale e Lapanoni

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA laki vakaraitaka na nona vakarokoroko na turaga na Paraiminisita ni noda vanua ko Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama ena vukudra na lewe 38 na sotia ni Viti era sa laki kacikaci ni cagi ena buca ni veisaututaki ni Matabose kei Vuravura (UNIFIL) mai Lapanoni ena Tokalau e Loma kei

vuravura.

Tadu yani ki Lapanoni o PM Bainimarama ena ika 6 ni Tiseba ena veisiko siga rua vei ira na noda sotia era vei qaravi voli ena cakacaka ni veisaututaki mai kea.

Nona vosa tiko vei ira na sotia a kaya kina o PM Bainimarama ni o Viti ena dau nanumi ira na sotia na nodra bula ena vuki ni veisaututaki

ena noda vuravura.

“Na nodra bale mate e sa ivakaraitaki ni dei vakavatu na veitokoni nei Viti ena veisaututaki e vuravura raraba,” tukuna o PM Bainimarama.

Na ivakananumi mai Cana (Lapanoni), era a tara na noda sotia mei vakananumi ni gauna balavu ni vakaitavi nei Viti ena buca ni

veisaututaki e vuravura.

E rau a veitomanani ena veisiko ni turaga na Paraiminisita ki Lapanoni na iliuliu ni Mataivalu ni Viti ko Commodore Viliame Naupoto kei na Mata nei Viti kina Matabose kei Vuravura o Dr Satendra Prasad.

E ra na lesu mai ki Viti na sotia ni Viti mai Lapanoni ena ika 24 ni siga ni vula o Tiseba.

‘Tauci na vua ni digitaki donu ni iliuliu ni kabani’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA vua ni digitaki donu na iliuliu ni kabani ni Fiji Pine kei na nodra buno na tamata cakacaka era sa na tauca kina na vuana.

Sa dua na Siga ni Sucu vinaka vei ira na lewe 594 na tamata cakacaka ena kabani na Fiji Pine Limited kei na Tropik Wood na yabaki oqo ni ra na tau ya \$3000 dua na tamata cakacaka mai na \$1.3 na milioni na bonisi.

Me vaka e kacivaka na Vunilawa ka Minisita talega ni Bula Vakailavo ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

“Oqo na ka e dau yaco ni ra digitaki mera veiliutaki na tamata e



Ko ira na ivakalesilesi ni kabani ni varo kau ni matanitu na Fiji Pine kei na Tropik Woods ena nodra sota kei na Vunilawa me soli kina nodra bonisi tau a \$3000. **ITaba: ISAAC LAL**

ganiti ira vinaka na tavi ka ra na donu nodra vakatulewa ka na yaga kece kina tamata cakacaka,” tukuna ko Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum.

“Sa laki levu cake kina na ilavo era taura na itaukei ni qele e teivaki kina na paini. Sa levu cake na isau ni musu ni paini. Sa levu cake talega na bonisi oni saumi

kina. E daidai ko ni na saumi ena nomuni bonisi e \$3000 dua na tamata cakacaka. Sa levu cake mai na \$1000 ko ni sa taura ena yabaki sa oti. Sa i koya gona na kena vinaka ni ra digitaki na tamata cakacaka e ganiti ira dina na cakacaka,” tukuna ko Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum.

“Au vakavinavinaka kina kabani

ena nona sa bokoca kece na dinau se tu mai ena 1970 kei na 1980.

“Au vakavinavinaka vei kemuni kece na tamata cakacaka kei na veiliutaki ena nomuni cakacaka vata vaka dua ga na timi.”

Na Matanitu e taukena e 99.8 na pasede ni sea ni FPL ka sega ni ciqoma kina na matanitu e dua na bonisi.

kaya ko Vesikula.

“Ni yali na rarama e rua oqo eda na sega ni kidava na vakasama ni veicavilaki edau vakayagataki meda rawai kina mai vei ira era vuli vinaka kara kena dau ena bula vakavuli ni gauna oqo.”

Kuria ko koya nida qarava vinaka na Kalou ka da gumatua ena qaravi ni nodra vuli na noda gone eda na bulia cake tiko e dua na itaba tamata rarama, qaqa ka vutuniyau.

“Sa dodonu meda sa dikeva tale mada na noda ituvatuva ena kena tutaki ni vuli. Sa dodonu meda maroroya na veika e baleti keda vakabibi na nodra qaravi na noda gone mera vuli mera yacova na ivakatagedegede cecere duadua,” kaya ko Vesikula

Kaya ko Vesikula ni Matanitu esa qarava tiko na nona itavi sa dolava tu vakarawarawa na kena qaravi na vuli. Me vaka ni saumi tiko na veivuke ena vodovodo sena icurucuru.

“Ena gauna drakidrakita oqo sa gauna vinaka meda tutaka na vuli kei na lotu ena noda ituvatuva ni vei qaravi. Meda sa bulia talega na noda tatadra ni vei qaravi me baleta na vuli na lotu kei na vei ulutaga eso vei ira na noda lewe ni vanua,” kaya ko Vesikula.



‘Sauma nomu dinau ni bili ni wai’

SA vakaroti ira na lewe ni vanua era dinau tiko ena nodra bili ni wai me ra sa sausaumi mai ena vula oqo. Vakaraitaka na vunilewa vakatawa ni Water Authority of Fiji (WAF) ko Seymour Singh ni sa vaqacotaka tiko na WAF na kena saumi mai na bili ni wai era sega tu ni saumi. “Sa tiko e dua na ivakarau vou ni nodra vakayadrati na vuvale vakamita ni wai me ra sauma vakatotolo na nodra bili ni wai me tarova na kena mai musu na wai. Tukuna ko Singh ni dodonu me ra kila na

vuvale vakamita ni wai ni gauna ni musu wai ka tarava ena vakayacori ena vula oqo. Sa vakarautaka na Matabose ni Wai e dua na veiqaravi ka vakatokai na *myBill Infor card*. Oqo sa rawa kina vua e dua me raica na bili ni nona wai ena vanua cava ga e tiko mai kina ena nona scan- taka na *QR code* ena nona vakayagataka na nona mobile. Sa rawa talega mo ni kila na levu ni nomuni bili ni wai ke ko sikova na website ni Matabose ni Wai se WAF oya na www.waterauthority.com.fj.

com.fj. E rawa ni vakayacori na sausaumi ena vei Positovesi kece e Viti, na *supermarket* kece ni *Max-Val U*, vaka kina na online payment ena mona livaliva, na baqe kece nei *BSP, ANZ, Westpac, HFC keina Bred Bank*, ena mobile phone kina *Vodafone MPaisa kei na Digicel Mobile Transfer*. Me vakarawarawa- taka vei kemuni na itaukei ni bili ni wai mo ni sauma na nomuni bili.

TABANA NI WAI

Dolava na FDB na dinau ni vuvale ni dau teitei

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

ENA tekitekivu ni vula oqo e mai dolava kina na Minisita ni Teitei o Dr Mahaendra Reddy e dua na ivoli vou ni dinau ena *Fiji Development Bank (FDB)* ka vakatokai ena vosa vakaperitania na *FDBs Family Loan Facility*.

E vakayacori na soqo oya ena vale ni volavola ni Baqe ni Veivakatorocaketaki mai Labasa. Oqo na mataqali dinau e rawa ni soli ki vei ira na matavuvale ni dau teitei ena noda vanua.

Tukuna ko Dr Reddy ni veivakatorocaketaki kece e caka me yaga kina vuvale ni dauteitei e tokoni vakalevu baleta ni levu na gauna e liu era dau guilecavi tu o ira oqo.

Sa vakauqeti kina na FDB me bulia e dua na ivakarau ni dinau e ganiti ira na vuvale ni dauteitei ena noda vanua ka me sema vata kei na sasaga sa vakayacora tiko na matanitu e daidai.

Tukuna na minisita ni Teitei ni e vuravura e daidai na sala ni rawaka esa dusimaki tu ena Veivakatorocaketaki lewai matau me yacova yani na yabaki 2030.



Ko ira na ivakalesilesi ni baqe ni veivakatorocaketaki ni matanitu na Fiji Development Bank era veiqaravi kei ira na lewenivanua ena siga tavoci kina na Ioni vou ni veivuke vei ira na dauteitei.

E uto ni veivakatorocaketaki oya e 17 na takete ni veivakatorocaketaki lewai matau se SDG. Ka ra sa kacivi kina vakatotolo na veivanua e vuravura edaidai.

Tukuna ko Dr Reddy ni takete kece koya e matata kina ni muduki ni bula dravudravua ena rawati kevaka e sala vata kei na kena vakavinakataki na tiko bulabula,

kauta laivi na veivakaduiduitaki ena qai kadre cake mai kina na tubu ni bula vakailavo – ena gau- na vata koya e sotavi tiko kina na cakacaka ni kena taqomaki na noda wasawasa keina veikau.

Tukuna ko Dr Reddy ni ulu ni vesemati oqo ni tamata, na vuravura, na kakana kei na teitei ena rawati kina na veitakete ni veivakatorocaketaki lewai ma-

tau se SDG. Vakaraitaka ko Dr Reddy ena soqo oya ena FDB mai Labasa edaidai ni ko vuravura ni kua e kilai tu kina ni teitei e vaka na idini ni rawa tubu keina vakalailaitaki ni bula dravudravua.

Tukuna ko Dr Reddy ni Matanitu e Viti e sa raica na tubu ni tabana ni teitei ni levu tale na tabana e sema yani kina.

Yalodina o Viti baleta na draki veisau

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA yalodina nei Viti baleta na draki veisau e taucoko ka sega ni yalani. E uto ni neimami veiqaravi vakamatanitu kei na neimami ituvatuva ni rai leleka kei na ituvatuva ni rai balavu. Me vakalailaitaki kina na revurevu ni draki veisau e Viti raraba.

KoO Viti e dua vei rau na rua na vanua e vuravura erau sa tosoya cake na nodrau yalayala ena kena tosoi sobu na levu nai cagi duka e kaburaki tiko ki maliwa lala me yacova yani na yabaki 2020.

Me qai yacova na veimama ni senitiuri oqo me sa sega na cagi duka e kaburaka ki macawa. Sa vakauqeti ira tale ga na veimatanitu e vuravura o Viti mera kitaka vaka kina.

E vakabauta o Viti ni dodonu me idusidusi tiko ni nona veiliutaki na nona cakava sara ga na ka e vunautaka.

Sa mai tavo kina e COP24 na lalawa ni veivakatorocaketaki e vakalailaitaki kina na cagi duka. Sa ika 11 kina ni matanitu e vuravura o Viti me solia na nona ituvatuva kina Matabose kei Vuravura me vaka e virikotori ena *Article 4* ni veidinadinatai mai Parisi.

Qoka ena na lalawa balavu ni kena vakalailaitaki na cagi duka e Viti ena tabana ni ivurevure ni livaliava, tabana ni veilakoyaki e vanua, tabana ni veitosoyaki, kei na tabana ni veivukayaki.

Tukuna ena COP24 o PM Bainimarama ni gadrevi nodra cau kina na veivanua e vuravura ena kena vakalailaitaki na katakata ni vuravura ena 1.5 na degree ka levu cake mai na gauna ese bera kina na yabaki ni buli iyaya.

“Ena vakayacora na nona itavi ko Viti, na vo ni vuravura talega mo ni vakayacora na nomuni itavi,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

O IRA NODA VUNIVOLA TUDEI

Sa ira oqo na noda Vunivola Tudei ena vei Minisitiri ni Matanitu me vaka esa veivakadeitaki mai kina na Matabose ni Cakacaka Vakamatanitu (Public Service Commission) kasa duavata kina na turaga na Paraiminisita.

Minisitiri ni Qoligoli – Graig Strong

O Mr Strong a veiqaravi taumada vaka Manidia Levu ni veiqaravi kei na volivolitaki ena kabani na Vinod Patel tekivu ena 2012 kina 2017, ena mai tekivu ena ika 7 ni siga ni Janueri 2019.

Minisitiri ni Veikau – Pene Baleinabuli

A tekivu ena cakacaka vakamatanitu ena itavi vaka vakalesilesi ni Tabana ni Tuku- tutu ni Matanitu a taura voli mai na itutu vaka Vunivola ni Peresitedi ka dau qarava na veisemati ni vale ni volavola ni Peresit- edi kei na Vale ni Volavola ni Paraiminisita.

Minisitiri ni Veivakavaletaki kei na Veivakatorocaketaki Vakaitikotiko – Sanjeeva Perera

O Mr Perera e cakacaka ena veitabana ni ilavo mai Sri Lanka, Viti kei Niusiladi. E na qai mai tekivu cakacaka tiko e Viti o Mr Perera ena ika 2 ni siga ni vula ko Janueri 2019.

Minisitiri ni iTabagone kei na Qito – Jone Maritino Nemani

O Nemani e dua na dau qito e liu ka ma- taka nanoda vanua ena soka kei na rakavi ka veiliutaki talega ka dau ni veivakavulici talega. Sa tekivu taura na nona cakacaka vou e Viti ena ika 10 ni siga ni vula ko Tiseba 2018.

Minisitiri ni Cakacaka Vakamatanitu – Susan Kiran

O Ms Kiran a dau cakacaka vakamatanitu e liu ka toso mai ena vale ni volavola ni Bose Yaco ka taura tiko ena gauna oqo na itutu vaka Vunivola Tudei vakatawa ni Minisitiri ni Bula.

Minisitiri ni Wai kei na veika e Wavoliti keda – Joshua Wycliffe

O Mr Wycliffe a tura tu na itutu vaka Vunivola Tudei ni Minisitiri ni Matabose ni Veitauni, Veivakavaletaki kei na Veika e Wavoliti keda ka taura vakatawa talega na nona itutu vou oqo me tekivu mai ena vula ko Okosita 2018. Sa tekivu taura nona cakacaka vou oqo ena ika 2 ni siga ni vula ko Tiseba 2018.

Minisitiri ni Veivakacakacakataki – Osea Cawaru

Osea Cawaru na Vunivola Tudei ni Minisitiri ni Veitaqomaki sa lesu tale kina Minisitiri ni Veivakacakacakataki, Veimali- wai, Vakacakacaka kei na Vuavuai me laki kena Vunivola Tudei me tekivu ena ika 17 ni siga ni vula ko Tiseba 2018 ka sa sosomitaki Salaseini Daunbuna.

Minisitiri ni Bula – Bernadette Welch

O Ms. Bernadette Welch na Vunivola Tudei ni Cakacaka Vakamatanitu esa na laki taura tale na itutu vaka Vunivola Tudei ni Minisitiri ni Bula me tekivu ena ika 15 ni Me ena yabaki 2019.

Minisitiri ni Teitei – David Kolitagane

Minisitiri ni Veikavaka iTaukei – Naipote Katonitabua

Minisitiri ni Veivoli keina Saravanua – Shaheen Ali

Vale ni Volavola ni Paraiminisita, Suka, Curuvanua – Yogesh Karan

Minisitiri ni Veivakatorocaketaki ena Taudaku ni koro lelevu kei na veivanu – Meleti Bainimarama



Veisiko ki na Vualiku ko Peresitedi

ERA siko voli ena vualiku na Peresitedi Jioji Konrote ka tekivu maina Valenibula e Nabouwalu ni bera ni dewa yani ena nodra vale na gone Lomani Au Children's Home e Nukubalavu Savusavu. Vakabula vei ira na matua ena valenibula ka laki solia talega na nodrai loloma ni Siga ni sucu na gone.

Oqo e tiki tiko ni nodra vei qaravi me sikovi ira kina na lewe ni vanua era tiko ena valenibula ni malumalumu se matua ka vakakina oira na gone luveniylali. Salavata voli kei koya na nodra lewe ni vale o Sarote kei na nodra jikoqe ko Julian Toganivalu ka vaka kina na nodra ivakalesilesi mai Vale Levu.

Era marautaka vakalevu na 16 na gone era tiko mai Lomani Au Children's home na visiko oqo.
iTaba: JOSAIA RALAGO



Veisiko i Tokalau e loma

ERA veisiko talega kina Tokalau e loma na liuliu ni matanitu Voreqe Bainimarama mera laki sotavi ira na sotia ni Viti. Tekivu yani i Lepanaoni, ki Syria ka yaco sara i Isireli.

La'ki biuta edua na vutu senikau ena ivakananumi ni noda sotia era vakaleqai na nodra bula mai Lepanoni ka vakavinakataki ira yani na sotia nodra bole mate tiko ena cakacaka ni veisaututaki.

Era nodra tiko mai Isireli, rau sota kina keina Paraiminisita mai keya ko Benjamin Netanyahu ka rau talanoa talega na cakacaka ni veisautu taki esa qarava tiko ko Viti ena veivanua tiko leqaleqa ena vuruvura. Rua na tikina lelevu rau talanoa kina oya na drake veisau kei na cakacaka ni veiqaravi ni veisaututaki ena Tokalau e loma. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



Makete ni volitaki ena Vakarauwai Savusavu

E laki tavoca na Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni Dravudravua Mereseini Vuniwaqa na nodra makete na marama ni Cakaudrove ena rara na Natuvu e Savusavu mera rawa ni volitaki iyaya kina ena veivakarauwai.

Kaya ko Vuniwaqa ni dua na cakacaka bibi era dau qarava na marama mai Cakaudrove ka gadrevi kina nodra tokoni me vaka sa vakayacora oqo na matanitu kei na valenivolavola ni yasana me solia edua na qele mera vakayagataka me nodra imakete.

iTaba: JOELI VUETI





Ko ira na ivakalesilesi ni soqosoqo vakamarama ka veiqaravi ena tabana ni qoliqoli kei na Minisita ni Marama, Gone, kei na Valuti ni Dravudravua, Mereseini Vuniwaqa. iTaba: JOELI VUETI

Okati ko ira na marama dau volitaki ika

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Era kilai levu na marama ni Pasivika ena dua na cakacaka era se dau vakayacora na nodra qase e liu sai koya na siwa se na qoli.

Ia, na toso ni gauna ni kua sa rawa ni da kalawa yani kina siwa se qoli vakabisinisi na marama ni noda veivaniua ena Pasivika.

E daidai e Viti era sa tekivu dewa tiko yani kina siwa se qoli vakabisinisi na noda marama. Sa dua sara ga na kena ivakaraitaki na nona mai dolava na noda Minisita ni Marama ko Mereseini Vuniwaqa na bose ni se veita-

lanoa nodra na marama dau qoli se siwa vakabisinisi.

Vakabibi vei ira na marama era sa gadreva me ra kila na cici-vaki ni siwa se qoli vakabisinisi. Vaka kina na nodra tauyavutaka nodra bisinisi qoli kei na nodra rawa ni kila na cava mera cakava ena kena maroroi se volitaki yani ena kena makete na nodra ika.

Na bisinisi ni siwa se qoli e levu ga na gauna eda raici ira na marama nira ia tiko na volitaki ika ia se lailai tiko na fika ni kedra iwiliwili ni kua,” kaya ko minisita Vuniwaqa.

“Baleta o ira na marama e

dau gadrevi mera vakayuacora taumada na nodra cakacaka vakamarama e vale nib era nira qai laki qarava nodra bisinisi ni siwa.”

“Na itavi ni marama ena bisinisi ni siwa e daidai esa rabailevu mai, sa dodonu me sagai me kilai na levu ni ilavo e ra rawata tiko na marama ena siwa kei na qoli,” tukuna ko minisita Vuniwaqa.

“Sa sega ni rawa ni ra sega ni laurai tiko au marau gona kina kina veisoqosoqo me vaka na Womens Fisheries Network-Fiji. Na noqu minisitiri sa solia tu nona veitokoni”



Na itavi ni marama ena bisinisi ni siwa e daidai esa rabailevu mai, sa dodonu me sagai me kilai na levu ni ilavo e ra rawata tiko na marama ena siwa kei na qoli.

Mereseini Vuniwaqa
Minisita ni Marama, Gone
kei na Valuti ni Dravudravua

Uqeti ko Masivesi ena susu toa

JOSAIA RALAGO

“NA ki ni rawa ka na cakacaka vakaukauwa.”

Oqori e dau ibole tu ni bula nei Abraham Masivesi na turaga yabaki 54 e Naqalaka Estate e Savusavu. E tukuna ko Masivesi ni sega ni dua na ka e rawati vakarawarawa ena bula oqo, ia ena rawati ga ena cakacaka vakaukauwa.

“Na tamata kece e dodonu me tiko e dua na nona takete me vakataki au a taketetaka tiko meu dua na dau susu toa.”

“Au vakavinavinaka kina Matanitu ena vuku ni veivuke ni bisinisi lalai au sa mai vukei kina edaidai,” tukuna ko Masivesi.

“Na ilavo e \$1000 sa voli kina na iyaya ni susu toa kei na kedra kakana na toa.”

“Au a sa susu toa voli mai ena loma ni va na yabaki ia na ilavo ni veivuke ni Matanitu sa qai mai gumatua cake kina na noqu bisinisi,” tukuna ko Masivesi.

“Ni kua au sa cau kina lewe ni vanua, kina vuvale, kei na bula vakailavo,” tukuna ko Masivesi.

“Au nanuma ni dodonu vei keda na lewei Viti meda taura na veivuke ni Matanitu baleta ni rawa ni vakavuna meda tuvakataki keda ena bisinisi,” tukuna ko Masivesi.

Ko Masivesi e draiva talega ka dau usani ira na gonevuli ki koronivuli ka dau tei yaqona talega.

“E uasivi sara ni levu tiko noda bisinisi lalai vaqo baleta ni yaco e dua na leqa eda rawa ni vakararavi kina bisinisi lalaia tale eso ka cici tiko,” tukuna ko Masivesi.

“Au vakavinavinaka vakalevu kina Matanitu ena nona veivuke vakabibi vei keimami na kai Viti keimami tu ena taudaku ni koro lelevu,” tukuna ko Masivesi.

Dei na vuli teitei mai Navuso

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Era sa vakauqeti na tauri ivola ni vuli teitei mai Navuso mera taura dei na tal-edi ni teitei era sa vakavulici kina me yaga kina na nodra vosota voli mai ena loma ni 4 na yabaki ni vuli.

Oqori na veika e vakaraitaka na ivukevuke ni Vunivola Tudei ni Minisitiri ni Teitei ko Vatimi Rayalu.

“Na Matanitu esa tomana na veivuke e dau solia tiko vei Navuso o ya e rauta ni \$500,000 me vukea na qaravi ni vuli teitei,” tukuna ko Rayalu.

“E daidai oni sa tauca kina na vua ni nomuni vosota kei na dina,”



Ko ira na gonevuli era rawata nodra vuli mai na koronivuli ni teitei mai Navuso, kei na vukevuke ni Vunivola tudei, Vatimi Rayalu ena soqo ni tuvaitutu. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

tukuna ko Rayalu.

“Ni kua ko ni sa ivakaraitaki vei ira na tacimuni era na muri mai.”

“E dina ni sa cava ni kua na yabaki va ni nomuni vuli na lewe 10, ia mo ni kila ni se qai tekivu ni kua na nomuni cakacaka vou vakaduiteitei, kua ni ko ni yalo lailai se datuvu kina ka mo ni dei tiko

ena nomu vakanamata ni ko ni na rawata na veika lelevu ni mataka, raica na leqa kece ni tiko na kena iwali,” tukuna ko Rayalu.

Vakaraitaka na ivukevuke ni Qasenivuli liu ni koronivuli e Navuso ko Mosese Kabakoro ni levu na cavuikalwa vinaka sa rawata na koronivuli ni teitei mai Navuso.

“Oqo me vaka nona sa rawata me okati ena Fiji Higher Education Commission (FHEC), kena tauyavutaki eso na taba ni vuli vou ka rawa ni veisemai kei na Fiji National University (FNU) kei na Fiji National University,” tukuna ko Kabakoro.

“Sa tiko na lalawa me tara tale

eso na vale ni vuli ena yabaki vakavuli ka tarava.”

“Sa nanumi talega me ra na mai vuli ena yabaki vou ena vuli teitei ko ita e ra via vuli teitei,” tukuna ko Kabakoro.

Ni kua era lewe 60 taucoko na gonevuli teitei ma Navuso Agriculture Technical School.



Vakasala vei ira na veisokoyaki



Sa ni kerei na lewe ni vanua mo ni raica matua na bibi ni muri ni lawa ni soko kei na vakamuri ni itukutuku ni draki eratou dau vakarautaka na kena dau ena siteseni ni draki mai Nadi.

NA Matabose ni Tataqomaki e wasawasa e Viti esa kerei kemuni tiko yani na lewei Viti moni vakamuria vakavinaka na lawa ni tataqomaki ena gauna ni soko ni donuya tiko na gauna ni marau ni siga ni sucu kei na tawase ni yabaki.

Sa kila tiko na Matabose ni Tataqomaki ena gauna ni soko ni levu era na veisokoyaki tiko ena gauna ni matau oqo kina nodra veiyanyanu.

Sa ni kerei mo ni raica matua na bibi ni lawa ni soko kei na vakamuri ni itukutuku ni draki eratou dau vakarautaka na kena dau ena siteseni ni draki mai Nadi.

Sa veivakasalataki tiko yani na CEO ni MSAF ko Kavetani Philip Hill ni vakabibitaka tiki na MSAF na nomuni taqomaki vinaka na pasidia ni waqa kei na kai waqa keina taqomaki vinaka ni noda wasawasa keina veika era bula kina.

Tukuna o Kavetani Hill ni o keda saraga na lewenivanua eda mata ka daliga ena gauna ni veisokoyaki.

Veikemuni na itaukei ni waqa e Viti e dodonu moni qarauna e veigauna me vakamuri na ituvaki dodonu e gadreva me yacova na nomu waqa ni bera ni vodo yani na pasidia. E dodonu mera na dau vakayacora e dua nai otioi ni vakadidike e waqa na vakalesilesi ni MSAF ni bera ni seredali na waqa.

Oqo e vica na tikina bibi sa vakabibitaka tiko na MSAF vei kemuni na soko ena noda veiyanyanu.

Na veitosoyaki ni gone kei na pasidia e waqa.

Ni sa kerei na qase cake moni qarauni ira na gone kevaka oni butuka na dela ni wavu. Kevaka era lai vodo e waqa na gone moni kauti ira tiko o kemuni na qase cake. Na pasidia kece keina lewenivanua e dodonu moni muria na lawa ni noda butuka na dela ni wavu. Meda kua ni lakova na vanua

vakatabui meda muria ga na vanua e vakatarai meda lakova ena gauna ni vakavodo keina gauna ni sobu.

Ena veigauna kece ni soko esa dodonu vei kemuni na qase cake moni raica matua me taqomaki vinaka nodra bula na gone keina pasidia.

Ni dau rogoca vinaka na ivakasala e dau kacivaki mai e dela ni wavu vakakina e waqa.

E tolu na ulutaga moni qarauna vinaka na pasidia ni waqa lalai.

1. Mo ni vakadeitaka rawa ni o kavetani ni waqa e tiko nona laiseni ni vakauwaqa. Na laiseni ni kavetanitaki ni waqa kevaka e soko mai na dua na koro kina dua tale. Edodonu me tiko e dua nona laiseni Kalasi 6 se Master Engineer kevaka e soko mai na dua na yanuyanu kina dua tale.

2. Na waqa kece me tiko na kena sitivikiti ni kena sa seveataki oti ka vakadonui mai na MSAF. Me tiko na iqaloqalo e waqa me dau tokari tiko ena gauna ni soko.

3. Na iwiliwili ni pasidia ni waqa e dodonu me dau tabaki toka ena baba ni waqa. E tu vua na dodonu e dua na pasidia me bese na vodo e waqa ka raica ni sa sivia na iwiliwili ni pasidia mai na iwiliwili e tabaki toka e baba ni waqa. Me dau tukuni yani vei ira na veil-iutaki ke vakavodo sivia na waqa.

Na waqa lalai kece ka lailai ena 10 na mita na kena balavu e dodonu mera vakaiqaloqalo. Na pasidia kece ena waqa lalai vakaoya edodonu mera vakaiqaloqalo. Na tokari ni iqaloqalo e sega ni vakatau ena draki.

E dodonu na pasidia kece me tokara tiko ena gauna kece ni soko na nona iqaloqalo. Na vakacalaka ena waqa lalai erawa ni yaco ena ena vica walega na sekodi ka sega kina na gauna mera qai sasaga mera tokara kina nodra qaloqalo. E vinaka cake na qaqarauni main a qara na kena iwali ni sa yaco na vakacalaka.



Ko ira na lewe ni vanua era taro vakasala tiko vei iratou na ivakalesilesi ni matabose ni volivoli.

Vakasala ni volivoli ena Siga ni Sucu kei na Vakatawase

S A veivakasalataki na Matabose ni Dauvolivoli e Viti vei keda na lewanivanua ena veika meda qaqarauni kina ena gauna ni volivoli ni Siga ni Sucu, Vakatawase kei na lesu ki vuli.

Vakauasivi ena nodra na veitemaki tiko na veisitoa ena volivoli ena kena vakayacori tiko na veimataqali lutu sobu ni isau ni iyaya.

Sa koto oqo era edua na veitalanoa kei iratou na Matabose ni Dauvolivoli meda qaqarauni kina ena noda volivoli.

Noda Viti: Na ivakasala cava o dou rawa ni solia vei ira na lewei viti ena gauna ni lutusobu oqo?

Na lutusobu vakaoqo e sega ni ka vou e ka makawa. E levu talega vei keda na dau volivoli e dau nanamaki kina. Vakabibi ena voli ni iyaya vakalivaliva kei na iyaya lelevu vakakina na kakana. E levu vei keda ni taura vaka oqo e dua na ilavo esa volivoli sara ga yani sega tale ni bau vakadidike wavoki na yacana tiko oya na *impulsive buying*. Meda wavoki mada ka veidutaitaka vata na isau ni iyaya. Meda qarauna na veitemaki ni rorogo ena dau siwati keda. Ka na vakavuna me da vakayagataka kina vakasivia na noda ilavo ena so na iyaya eda na qai veivutunitaka e muri.

Noda Viti: Ni vakamacala mada ena noda dodonu (right) se na noda itavi (responsibility) na dau volivoli ena gauna vakaoqo?

Ni kila tiko ni tiko na noda dodonu vakadavolivoli ia na dodonu oya e sala vata tiko kei na noda itavi se (*responsibility*). Dua na kena ivakaraitaki ni gauna ni lutu sobu vakaoqo era dau biuta mai kina na dau ni bisinisi ituba eso na iyaya esa oti tu na kena gauna e dodonu me vakayagataka kina (*expire*), Sa noda itavi meda dau raica

vinaka na tiki ni siga e dodonu me cava kina na kena vakayagataka na iyaya oya (*expiry date*). Vakabibi na iyaya vakailivaliva kei na kakana.

Noda Viti: Na cava e rerevaki kina na volivoli vakasauri ena otioi ni miniti se *last minute shopping*?

Oqo e dua na gauna era dau tosoya cake kina na isau ni nodra iyaya na dau ni bisinisi ka ra vakayagataka na noda vakariri mera tiloma kina na noda ilavo. Me da qarauna sara na ivadi oya o keda na dauvolivoli. E dau levu talega na gauna vaka oqo era dau volitaka kina na iyaya esa oti na gauna ni kena volitaki ena nodra saga me volitakai kece na iyaya.

Noda Viti: Na cava me cakava e dua na dau volivoli kevaka e via volia edua na iyaya e koto e cake na kena ivakatagedegede ia e sau rawarawa?

Au vakamacalataka tiko e liu ni okeda na iTaukei dau levu na gauna da lako ga yani vaka oqo sada volia. Eda sega ni bau veidutaitaka na kena isau mai na veisitoa. Eso na sitoa e sau levu na isau ni iyaya ia e tiko era na kena tagade. Eso tale e sau rawarawa ia e tiko e cake na kena itagede.

Noda Viti: E kuvai beka na volivoli vaka dinau se sausaumi vakalalai me vaka na lay buy. Cava nomudou ivakasala kina?

Na *lay buy* e ka vinaka talega baleta ni yaga ena tabana ni noda maroro ilavo. Ia me liu taumada na nomu vakadidike wavoki.

Noda Viti: Oqo na gauna e dau levu talega kina na voli kakana, na cava na ivakasala ki vei ira na dau voli kakana

vakauasivi na lewe ni manumanu kei na ika?

E dau levu sara na gauna oqo na kana vuaka, bulumakau, toa kei na ika. Ni dikeva vinaka na na *expiry date* ni lewe ni manumanu kece oqo. Ni dikeva na pakete ena volai tiko kina na tiki ni siga e namaki me cava kina na kena vakayagataka. Eso na toa se bulumakau sa dua biu tu ena kato ni waililiwa ka so e rawa ni sa vakayabaki tu na kena dede. Me da vakayagtaka na noda dodonu me da taroga se gauna cava sa biutu kina. Qarauna na lewe ni manumanu sa kabasu tu na kena iolo. Na ika mada ga mo tonoka; ke malumu sivia na lewena se sega ke malumu kua ni volia. Kua ni vakacalai na kena rairai vinaka.

Noda Viti: Na volivoli vakadinou se *Hire Purchase* na cava nomudou ivakasala baleta na volivoli vakaoqo?

Matai, mo kila na ituvaki ni yaya cava o vinakata. Na *brand* cava? Na kena levu? Matailalai ni ka va ya e dodonu meda kila taumada ni bera ni da lako yani kina sitoa. Sa bibi mo ni wilika vinaka na pepa ni veidinadinati kei na kabani ni bera ni o ni sainitaka na veivoli oya. Wilika vinaka na lawa matailali e volai tu kina na nomu dodonu kei na dodonu ni kabani. Me matata rawa vei iko qai vakatulewa mo sa sainei se sega.

Noda Viti: Na sala cava e da rawa ni vakalailaitaka kina na noda dinau na dau volivoli?

E dua na ivakasala au dau tukuna wasoma oya meda bula ga ena ka eda rawata. So na gauna e da dau veisisivitaka na ka eda volia.

Ni dua ga e volia e dua na ko sa lai nanuma me dua talega na nomu. Na levu tale na ka eda vinakata e vakavuna walega meda laki koko tu ena dinau laki vakaleqa tale na noda bula vakailavo.

Noda Viti



Mai na Mawi: Ko David Boyd na Mata mai na Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura ena tabana ni dodonu ni tamata kei na veika bula wavoliti keda, na turaga Peresitedi Jioji Konrote kei na turaga Vunilawa Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena ika 20 ni bose vakayabaki ni Vunilawa ka vakayacori mai na Intercontinental, Natadola. iTaba: **AZARIA FAREEN**

Mona livaliva

Tekivu ena matai ni Janueri 2019 na lawa vou ka vakatokai na Online Safety Act 2018

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

KAUWAITAKA vakabibi sara tiko na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena kena vakayagataki cala tiko na mona livaliva ni vola mata se Facebook ena noda vanua.

E na nona vosa me sogota tiko kina na nodra bose na dau ni lawa ka vakayacori e Natadola e vakaraitaka na Vunilawa ni sa na tekivu vakayagataki ena imatai ni siga

ni vula ko Janueri na lawa ka vakatokai na *Online Safety Act 2018* se na lawa ni nomu taqomaki ena mona livaliva.

Oqo e kena inaki me vakauqeta na vakayagataki vakayalomatua ni mona livaliva. Vakaraitaka na Vunilawa ni gauna e vakadonui kina e Palimedi na lawa oqo, e qiriti koya mai e dua na goneyalewa mai Vanua Levu ka taroga mai se gauna cava ena vakayagataki kina lawa oqo ena nona kauwai sara vakalevu na kena biu cake

ena mona livaliva na itaba luvaiwale nei nona bubu.

Tukuna na Vunilawa ni gauna sa na tekivu vakayagataki kina na lawa oqo e sa na gadrevi na lewe ni vanua me da na wilika vinaka kina na lawa oya me matata vinaka vei kemuni na ka e virikotori kina.

E kaya na Vunilawa ni sivia e veimama na milioni na dau vakayagataka na ivola mata se Facebook e Viti ka vakayagataki vakalevu na ivolamata ena noda vanua.

Tukuna na Vunilawa ni lawa vou oqo ena vakauqeta na noda qarauna na veika e da vola se tabaka ena mona livaliva se ivola mata.

“Ena sotavi kina ko ira na dau veivakalolomataki ena ivolamata, o ira na dau vosa vakalialai, o ira na dau veivakacacani, o ira na dau vosa tawa kilikili, o ira na tabaka na iyaloalo ca se vakasisila vakabibi baleti ira na gone,” e kaya na Vunilawa.

VOQA NI DAVUI	Moniti - Tusiti 8.30pm (15 na miniti) <i>Radio Fiji One</i>	Vakarauwai 9pm (30 na miniti) <i>Radio Fiji One</i>	Sigatabu 8.45pm (30 na miniti) <i>Radio Fiji One</i>
	Vukelulu - Lotulevu 8pm (15 na miniti) <i>Radio Fiji One</i>		