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COP23 President and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama with speakers at the Climate Change Talanoa Dialogue in London.

INSET: COP23 President and Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama shares a light moment with the Fijian community in London during the Climate Change Talanoa Dialogue in London. Photos: ERONI VALILI

## FIJIAN LEGACY

### PM TALKS UP TALANOA CONCEPT AT WORLD CLIMATE TALKS

PRASHILA DEVI

AS Prime Minister and COP23 President, Frank Bainimarama heads to Poland, he hailed the Talanoa Dialogue as Fiji's greatest legacy in the face of the "many forces trying to undermine our ability to work together".

Speaking at the London Talanoa Dialogue on Thursday (GMT), Prime Minister Bainimarama, who is enroute to Katowice where he will hand over the mantle of the Conference of Parties at the beginning of the 24th session next week, made this observation.

The Fijian Head of State reflected how this Pacific mode of having dialogue introduced

by the first Small Island Developing State to preside over the United Nations climate negotiation, Fiji, was already being adopted in many countries with hundreds of sessions held all over the world.

"Talanoa sessions like this are providing a sharper focus for what must be done - bringing together some of our best minds and those capable of inspiring action, to motivate people of goodwill everywhere to embrace the urgency of what we need to do and the ideas that will get us there," he said.

"And the wonderful thing is that these are not merely talkfests but genuine exchanges of ideas that are leading to more ambition and more action."

Furthermore, he said, "As you know, Fiji is about to hand over the COP presidency to Poland. And the Polish have adopted as a theme for their Presidency for the next 12 months what they call - "A Just Transition".

"I want to say as outgoing COP President that I agree with this. But it must not only be a just transition for those workers, regions and economies affected by the move from dirty energy to clean energy but a just transition for everyone. And especially the most climate vulnerable."

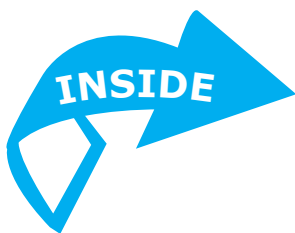
Prime Minister Bainimarama also pushed for the continuation of the momentum built around the Grand Coalition for climate action encompassing cities, states, and re-

gion; "the private sector, civil society and faith-based groups; and billions of ordinary people around the world".

On world leaders not believing in the science behind climate change, the Head of Government termed this as "the great tragedy of our times" as these powerful and influential figures were "putting short-term economic and political interests before our collective long-term interests".

The talanoa talk held at the Royal Institution drew an influential series of speakers from politics, business, civil society and the arts community, including the British actor Ralph Fiennes and the global music star Ellie Goulding.





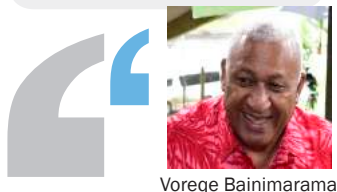
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Voreqe Bainimarama

You can expect even greater investment to climate-proof our economy and you can expect that Fiji will remain an advocate on the world stage, fighting for the causes that matter most to our citizens and our development.

#### NUMBERS

**\$61.2m**

is the total sum allocated to the Rural Electrification Project for the 2018-2019 Budget.

#### TWEET OF THE WEEK



Michal Kurtyka (@KurtykaMichal)

This year's COP in #Katowice, Poland, is particularly crucial because 2018 is the deadline that the signatories of the #ParisAgreement agreed upon in order to adopt a work programme for the implementation of the Paris commitments.

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# It's the small things that matter: Waqainabete

RUPENI VATUBULI

“TO move forward we need to closely analyse the data we collected and pay attention to the smallest detail because it is the small things that matter.”

These are the words of newly-appointed Health Minister and Medical Services Dr. Ifereimi Waqainabete as he was asked of his expectations since taking the helm of the health sector.

“I understand the importance of research because from the university perspective we always try to look at ways to make things better and the medical profession is like that,” says the former surgeon.

Dr Waqainabete is a renowned surgeon and

former Associate Professor at the Fiji National University who was trained locally before spending three-and-a-half years in New Zealand and returned home as a surgeon.

He said that society expects a lot from the Health Ministry but that the health sector needs modernise and be multi-sectoral.

Elaborating further, Dr Waqainabete said this means there needs to be more participation from the private sector and non-government organisations (NGO) and not be entirely dependent on the Government alone.

“Fiji has a 20 year development plan and we need to make sure that our plans fall in line with that. We also need to ensure that staff of the Ministry for Health and Medical Services need to be well resourced and supported so

they can tackle challenges they face!” says the Health Minister.

When asked on what changes he will bring about within the first 100 days, the former surgeon says he will be entering the role with an open mind.

“I am heading into this with a very blank attitude, not thinking that ‘I am a surgeon, I know all these things’ because that is probably going to fall flat on my face. What I need to do is think like I know nothing at all and make it all over again because sometimes you take on a new role and you think you have been here before I have done it all before and you find yourself struggling in the first 100 days,” the new Health Minister emphasised.



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote and Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Government Ministers after the swearing in ceremony at State House. Photo: ERONI VALILI

## Akbar moves from health to education ministry

AZARIA FAREEN

THE new Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Rosy Akbar has applauded the efforts of all the women Parliamentarians and the candidates who took part in the 2018 General Elections.

“It is heartening to see the number of women in Parliament, needless to say, we as a nation skill can do better after-all women make up almost half of our population in Fiji and gender balance has to be at the forefront of any responsible nation building exercise,” Minister Akbar stressed.

The Education Minister has served the Government over the past four years in key ministries where significant work has been done in improving the lives of ordinary Fijians and she strongly believes that more women in position of power will instil confidence and motivate the lesser fortunate women to seek out empowerment opportunities and improve the lives of their families.

On Education, Minister Akbar said she will be taking steps to maximize opportunities to strengthen the technical and vocational sectors.

“We need to progress diligently if we are to address the skills shortage and produce the calibre of persons necessary to meet the development goals of this nation,” she said.

“It is the immediate desire of my Ministry to focus on improving

the standard of English by looking at various strategies integrating the teaching of different math's in school, teaching language using Walesi as a digital platform, encouraging professional development for our teachers through scholarships to meet the priority areas of the Government and the on-going re-structure and salary increases for a teacher.”

“In addition, we are going to look at increasing counselling service within our school system for both teachers and student,” Minister Akbar added.

“To this end, we will be continually reviewing our curriculum to ensure that it is fully integrated and meets the needs of the fast developing Fiji and in line with the internationally accepted innovations and transformation so as to produce young Fijians ready to take over the baton and to take on the world.”

Minister Akbar emphasised on an inclusive approach by the Ministry to ensure that no one is left behind.

“We will pay particular attention to schools for our students with special needs and most importantly place particular emphasis on the foundation of all education, our early child and care education schools. We are working with all our universities which are funded by the government to ensure that we coordinate better.”

Minister Akbar also adds that her ministry will promote the increased participation of women and girls in traditionally male trades and occupation.

“We are committed to promoting the green economics to supporting greater understanding of climate change and mitigation through our school curriculum and our universities,” she added.





## Konrote: Fiji ready to lead global community

MEREANI GONEDUA

“BY remaining rooted in the mandates of our Constitution, we have brought confidence to our people and to the rest of the world. It is clear that Fiji is ready and able to take its rightful place in the global community and the world economy.”

These were the statement made by the President Jioji Konrote during the opening of the 2018-2019 Parliament session this week.

“We are rapidly becoming, not a follower, but a leader among nations on the causes that matter most to our secure future, and we are showing the rest of the world how sustainability and economic development can and must go hand-in-hand.

“And now, as an elected member of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Fiji has another leadership opportunity in front of us, as we continue to set an example to the world in the protection and promotion of the human rights of all people.”

President Konrote stated that Fiji’s democracy is a precious treasure, owned by the Fijian people and enshrined in the Fijian Constitution.

“I believe it to be a blessing from Almighty God that we are finally a nation that holds to genuine democratic principles, where all Fijians are guaranteed an equal say in the governing of our nation and where the outcomes of our elections are respected by all parties.”

President Konrote reminded Parliamentarians of their roles and responsibilities and informed them of what Fijians expected.

He warned them against race baiting, appeals to ethnic identity and any efforts to divide the people.

The President reminded them that they were representing the Fijian people and urged them to serve the interest of all Fijians.

“I see familiar faces among you, and I see new faces as well. I see tried and tested debaters, and I see passionate politicians. I can envision the ideas, laws and policies yet undeliberated. And I am deeply proud to see more women represented in this August House as well. But most importantly, when I look out on this Honourable gathering, I see Fiji and I see the Fijian people; because that is whom all of you represent.”

# Government ‘ready to serve all Fijians’



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama delivers his maiden speech in Parliament last week.  
Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

NANISE NEIMILA

“THE Government is here to listen to your concerns and we are here to bring the change that our nation needs to confront the challenges at the horizon, to build a better Fiji for all Fijians”.

This was the message by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and his reassurance to all Fijians as he made his maiden speech in Parliament.

“Our leadership will remain principled, transparent and accountable. In every decision, in every action we take, our chief consideration will remain the wellbeing of the Fijian people – all of our people.”

“Not only have some communities, not only some types of people from certain types of backgrounds, not only peopled from certain provinces, but for all of our people.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama also highlighted that the Government will continue to expand access to critical services, such as network of roads, water, electricity and telecommunications including the new free Wi-Fi hotspots that have been launched across the country.

“We will continue to make government services more available and simpler for Fijians to use and

understand. We shall continue to deliver new and better infrastructure – built to a quality that can withstand the ever-increasing frequency of cyclones which are striking our country year after year.”

“We shall continue to protect the communal ownership of iTaukei land in this country. Zero iTaukei land has been lost through the entirety of my leadership as Prime Minister, and I am the only leader and Minister in this room who can claim such a record.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama adds that Government record in that regard will remain untarnished in the years to come, as it finds new ways to not only protect and preserve iTaukei land but continue to help landowners tap into its full economic potential with a full offering of development assistance, from planning to grants to construction.

Elaborating on some projects that the Government will continue to work on, the Head of Government said Fijians can expect provision of free water and subsidised electricity, continued efforts towards making education free, subsidised transportation to school and providing free textbooks, as well as allocation of massive new funding towards tertiary loans and scholarships.

## iTaukei land ownership, rights protected

PRASHILA DEVI

THE ownership of iTaukei land is sacrosanct and the Government has effectively closed down all ability to convert it into freehold land as was being done in Denarau and Momi.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, in his capacity as acting Prime Minister, while giving his right of reply in Parliament this week, said this was the view of Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and of the Government.

“The very essence of communal ownership of land is safeguarding its ownership not just for now but for the future generations. Land is used for various cultural purposes and rituals,” the A-G said.

Addressing the criticism levelled at the Government in regards to iTaukei land, he explained that in the past there was a lack of promotion of iTaukei land as secure investment and if this had been done, the landowners would have received a windfall.

“We are paying for the development of

iTaukei land, we are telling investors-you invest in iTaukei land, you pay a fair market rent and you will receive a secure investment,” the A-G said.

On the rights of the indigenous in Fiji, he said while some were using United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP), the indigenous experience in Fiji and that of other countries are markedly different from other parts of the world such as Australia where the indigenous were not counted as human beings until the late 1960’s, others had their land taken away from them arbitrarily and their cultural practices banned.

He said this was the ambit that the UNDRIP draws its genesis from and not from the indigenous Fijian experience.

“The rights of the indigenous people in Fiji, who are mainstreamed, are not being infringed as the Constitution protects their land, their culture, customs and tradition, their access to the courts, the legal system, the political system therefore what we are saying is to use UNDRIP incorrectly and politically to trample the rights of others is incorrect,” the A-G said.



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum outside Parliament last week.





# 'Grass is greener at home'

DIVISHA DEEPTI

**M**INISTER for Forestry Osea Naiqamu believes that the grass is greener at home and that "opportunities to achieve wealth of success has never been greater".

"Without the last decade of progress, the brightest and most fortunate in Fiji would have left for green pastures overseas. Today, Fijians of all ethnicity including and especially the iTaukei are finding that the grass is very green right here at home".

Minister Naiqamu said that the vanua was not being destroyed but rather it was being built up by economic development and by forward thinking programmes.

The Minister wanted everyone to work in harmony just like how "each forest is an eco-system that thrives when the right balance is struck".

During his maiden speech in Parliament in the first sitting this week, the Minister said that he plans to expand the forestry industry to grow

alongside Fiji's economy, provide further support from seedlings to new research and development, and provide protection against new environmental threats while being sustainable at the same time.

The Minister also highlighted that the Pine Industry is forecasted to make a profit of \$35million and that the only debt left to pay is the interest free Government debt of \$7m which was borrowed between 1990 till 2001.

He also said that landowners had not received any returns up till 2013 where they finally received \$347,440. This year the returns given to the landowners will be approximately \$7m.

Minister Naiqamu was assigned the role of Minister for Forest back in 2014 and will be serving the same portfolio.

Speaking at his swearing-in ceremony at State House recently, he said this gives him to build and further enhance the work he has been doing over the past few years.



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## Usamate: I'm honoured to serve

PRASHILA DEVI

**T**HE new Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, Jone Usamate, has assured Fijians that the Government will continue to construct the right infrastructure.

Minister Usamate, who has previously held important portfolios such as the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, takes his new assigned Ministries as a challenge.

The Minister indicated that he will continue meeting and consulting with Fijians as this has been the hallmark of the Government, whether it is for the budget or important development oriented policy document.

"I have been given this portfolio, it's a great honour, it's a great privilege, it's a great challenge and I feel I am ready to take on this challenge for the benefit of this country," he said right after being sworn-in at State House two weeks ago.

A week later, while delivering his maiden speech in Parliament, Minister Usamate laid out the plans of the Ministries under his responsibility and assured Fijians that he will continue with the good work carried out by his predecessors.

"Infrastructure and transport are enablers to economic growth, our unprecedented economic growth over the past nine years speaks volumes shows where the Government has carefully planned the economic journey," he said.

"This is a Government that will continue to ensure that we construct the right infrastructure for this country as we have been since FijiFirst first came into power."

On the energy sector, Minister Usamate said he will continue with the work being done to develop a sustainable energy sector, "one that is accessible and consistent which meets the requirement of safety and security".

"The Government has set an ambitious target of 100 per cent to electricity by 2021 and 100 per cent of electricity generated from renewable sources by the 2036," he said.

"With the right plans, resources and legislative environment in place will build and maintain resilient infrastructure in Fiji".

Minister Usamate said transportation sector's contribution to gross domestic product was eight percent and it has a huge impact on the lives of Fijians, including those in the maritime zones.

Therefore, he said, the Government remains committed to further improving the work it has done in improving connectivity, both for land and sea transportation.

## Kumar ready to serve in new portfolios



Newly sworn-in Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports Parveen Kumar at State House. Photo: ERONI VALILI

DIVISHA DEEPTI

**T**HE newly sworn-in Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports Parveen Kumar says he is ready to serve in the new portfolios given to him.

"On the outset, I must say I am happy the people of this country have given the mandate to FijiFirst to govern for another four years."

"I am ready to serve and I will continue what my former colleague has already done."

Minister Kumar highlighted that 70 per cent of the population is below the age of 40 and that there has been a lot of work done in the recent years.

"We will continue with where

my former colleague had left and we will work together to see that we have a better future for our youths."

The Minister said that he has plans to bring back youth clubs that were there previously and come up with new self-help programmes while at the same time create more opportunities for the youth with new projects.

As for the Employment Ministry portfolio, Minister Kumar said, "I think the only challenge I will have under the Employment Ministry is dealing with the unionist in the country and I am ready for them".

Minister Kumar previously served as the Minister for Local Development, Housing, Community Development, Infrastructure and Transport.



Newly sworn-in Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment, Dr Mahendra Reddy believes that there are linkages between these portfolios and it will work well together. Photo: ERONI VALILI

## Reddy focuses on research, linkages

PRASHILA DEVI

**A** PHILOSOPHICAL change will take place at the Ministry of Agriculture with much more emphasis on research and building the links with the farming communities.

The newly sworn-in Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment, Dr Mahendra Reddy believes that there are linkages between these portfolios and it will work well together.

"We have to reform and restructure the Agriculture Ministry and the Agriculture sector as a whole. Those two things will be happening and in that regard I will be looking forward to ideas from institutions outside the Government, we are open to ideas, we don't have a monopoly on ideas and we will also looking at some

technical assistance to undertake that."

On Rural and Maritime Development, Minister Reddy maintains that there was huge potential to turn around the place since "we want people to call that place a home, we want to ensure that the people get the basic out there so that they can stay there".

He hinted that if done right, "we may see a back-to-rural movement and I think we have work to do there".

Elaborating on the linkage between agriculture and waterways ministries, Minister Usamate said, under the latter ministry, budgetary allocation is made for irrigation technology which supports the agricultural and rural sectors through drainage and river dredging, river protection and seawall protection for coastal communities.





# Kumar takes ministerial challenges head on

AZARIA FAREEN

“AS a woman, I find this role quite challenging and also very interesting. The next step is for me to now settle in and simply get the job done.”

These were the words of the new Member of Parliament Premila Kumar, who was sworn in as Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development recently.

Minister Kumar said she will be focusing on each ministry under her portfolio equally as “each ministry will touch the lives of Fijians one-way or the other and contribute towards their well being.”

“These are key ministries especially from the public point of view. Trade and investment are all about job creation, looking after the private sector, expanding the investments in the country and looking at new areas for investment,” she said.

“I know that I will have to work very hard because there are some new initiatives which will be implemented by the Government. My duties will be to strengthen the old programs in place and implement the new ones and see that it continues without any delay.”

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**Premila Kumar**  
Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development

a woman at a national level can make decisions and make a ministry work,” Minister Kumar added.

Being a strong consumer advocate for more than a decade, she maintains her stance and encourages the general public to be aware of all the initiatives put in place by the Government.

“Advocacy is needed no matter where you are and it is important. People need to know what each Government ministry is doing and what is provided for them in terms of incentives. Advocacy will play a very strong role,” she added.



Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar outside Parliament last week.



Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Ashneel Sudhakar outside Parliament.

## Sudhakar plans major service reforms

HALITESH DATT

EXPECT some major reforms within the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources as the newly sworn-in Minister Ashneel Sudhakar has promised to bring about a culture of change.

Minister Sudhakar was sworn in by the President, Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote earlier this month.

Former Government Whip and Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) hopes to enhance the Ministry's service delivery and serve ordinary Fijians better by ensuring there are less bottleneck situations and backlogs of applications.

“My predecessor has done a lot of good work and I need to continue with the momentum. I already have some plans that I will implement as soon as I take office,” Minister Sudhakar said.

“One of the major reforms I am looking at is enhancing the turnaround time for applications for developments. I will also create a checklist system so that ordinary Fijians do not have to run around to get their applications done. My aim is to make processes easier for people,” he added.

Realising the importance of the Ministry to the country, the Fijian Government and ordinary Fijians, Minister Sudhakar is ready to take the challenge of steering the ministry to new heights.

“Being former Whip and Chair of the PAC has given me a lot of new ideas of what I want to do and achieve for the Fijian Government and this ministry”

Minister Sudhakar is one of the youngest Members of Parliament to be appointed at the helm of the ministry.

## Defence Ministry sets key priorities

NANISE NEIMILA

ONE of the key priorities for the Ministry of Defence and National Security will be the focus on domestic and national security particularly on cross border issues.

This was highlighted by the newly sworn-in Minister for Defence and National Security Inia Seruiratu.

Minister Seruiratu said information technology is key driver for change and Fiji needs to establish strong networks so we can be current and relevant within the dynamics of the changing environment.

“For our defence co-operation we need to strengthen these areas, we also have our challenges and of course we have key partners that have been supporting us through the years of cooperation.”

“For the Fiji Police Force we have five year development plan and we



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote congratulates Minister for Defence and National Security Inia Seruiratu at State House. Photo: ERONI VALILI

will work towards ensuring that all plans are reflected in the developments.”

Minister Seruiratu highlighted that the Republic of the Fiji Military Forces needs to properly equip the men and women that serve under the United Nations Peacekeeping duties abroad.

“Capacity building is one of the main areas that we plan to be working on and this will boost the morale of our officers to even be more productive.”

Minister Seruiratu added that he will be looking into the security landscape of the country.

“In order to have better invest-

ments we need to ensure that we have a safe environment for our investors and tourists can travel to our country.”

Minister Seruiratu stated that within the 100 days in office, he will be ensuring that key policies are implemented and learn more on his ministerial assignment.





Fiji Corrections Service new graduating officers during the pass-out parade at Naboro Corrections Academy last week. Photo: RUPENI VATUBULI

# PM reminds new recruits of role

DIVISHA DEEPTI

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama reminded Fiji Corrections Service newly-recruited officers they had a role to play in maintaining public confidence in the justice system of Fiji.

While speaking at the pass-out parade at the Naboro Corrections Academy, PM Bainimarama told the 78 newly-recruited officers who completed their training, they “will be on the frontlines of building that confidence by adhering to the highest standards of professionalism in enforcing our laws and ensuring the sentences determined by our courts are served”.

PM Bainimarama emphasised that the

foundation of the society is the laws through which it is governed and that every Fijian should know that the law enforcers hold their position based on their qualifications and their abilities.

He also told them to not always rely on textbook answers but rather use and apply method of thinking and decision-making when necessary.

The PM also assured everyone present at the event that “the punishments on the books for different crimes in Fiji, are just, fair and carefully considered, and they must be the only punishments that are imposed upon those who violate the laws of our country.”

Out of the 78 new graduating officers, 75

graduated after 14 weeks of training while three officer cadets graduated after 18 months of training.

A special set of excellence awards was given out to Recruit Joji Maladali who received the Commissioners Trophy Award for scoring the highest aggregate mark in all theoretical assessments, Recruit Kaveni Roqara who received the Best Drill Award for being proficient in all drill movements, and Recruit Ili-soni Rabeti who received the Best All Round Award for being consistent in all phases of assessment – theoretical and physical.

The event also served as the first official engagement of the Fiji Corrections Services Brass Band.

## Bring experience, expertise to the table, businesses told

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

AS Fiji marks its ninth consecutive year of economic growth, major players gathered for the biggest night of recognition, the Prime Minister's International Business Awards.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama emphasised the importance of a stable economic environment and that as captains of Fiji's different industries, business owners all had vital roles to play in taking the economy further ahead.

“That is why it is important you don't take a back seat when it comes to the management of our economy,” he said.

“It is your duty to bring your experience and expertise to the table by giving your professional opinion when it comes to matters affecting our economic growth and the well-being of our people.”

Now in its 26th year, the awards, which was held at the Sofitel Fiji Resort in Nadi last week, recognised outstanding companies in 12 categories, with national airline Fiji Airways scooping the main Prime Minister's Award and e-Commerce Business of the Year. Other winners included Ram Sami and Sons, Fiji Airports and Rosie Tours.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with winners at the Prime Minister's International Business Awards in Nadi. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Prime Minister Bainimarama noted that the positive economic performance should be an indication of the next four years, with considerable expenditure towards infrastructure development, education and key steps that modernise Fiji's economy, ingrain new technology in society, and grow competitiveness in the global marketplace.

“You can expect policies that incentivise corporate sustainable de-

velopment and if you take the lead in that arena, you can expect to be recognised for that effort. You can expect greater protections of our natural environment, you can expect even greater investment to climate-proof our economy and you can expect that Fiji will remain an advocate on the world stage, fighting for the causes that matter most to our citizens and our development. And you can expect to find, not an adversary or an op-

pressive regulator in my Government, but a partner to all of you and your continued success,” he said.

Investment Fiji chairman, Truman Bradley said awards entrants had shown significant accomplishments in their respective fields and industry sectors, and exemplified the importance and benefits of steadfast commitment to entrepreneurship, leadership and social responsibility.

## Private sector urged to work with young Fijians

DIVISHA DEEPTI

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has encouraged the private sector to work with young Fijians and tap into their potential as they are more tech savvy.

The Head of Government, while speaking at the annual International Business Awards held last weekend at the Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa Hotel, said the youth of Fiji are now more informed about the challenges faced by all Fijians when it comes to climate action, preservation of the environment and the protection of our oceans and seas.

“These young Fijians have been embracing new technology from their earliest years. They are passionate and informed about the great challenges facing our nation and our development.”

The Prime Minister expressed his plans to make the Young Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES) that provides funding for innovative business ideas of young people to be made available without the requirement of tertiary qualifications.

He also plans to increase the eligible age from 30 to 40 years and to raise the grant amount to up to \$30,000.

He also stated that he plans to work with the new Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism, Premila Kumar together with the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to sustain and create new employment opportunities.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said they “recognize that an economy is driven forward by the energy, ambition and expertise of the private sector, together with a productive and well-compensated workforce, alongside the gentle influence of a forward-thinking Government.”

He also revealed that people can expect more infrastructure development and policies that will incentivize corporate sustainable development as well as better protection of the natural environment.

“You can expect even greater investment to climate-proof our economy and you can expect that Fiji will remain an advocate on the world stage, fighting for the causes that matter most to our citizens and our development.”





# Nath: Policies will push for modern Fiji

AZARIA FAREEN

“THE Government has always championed and will continue to champion the need to provide infrastructure that is sustainable to all.”

Assistant Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, Vijay Nath, highlighted this while delivering his maiden speech in the Parliament this week.

“The Government has increased the budget, changed policies, implemented reforms, committed to the replacement of aged infrastructure and has made good use of taxpayer’s money,” Asst. Minister Nath said.

Asst. Minister Nath spoke on some of the major projects of his two major ministries which include road upgrades from Nadi Airport to Martintar, Denarau bypass, Labasa to Nabouwalu highway upgrade, tar sealing of

the Buca Bay road and Nabouwalu to Dreketi highway.

“We will commence with works on the four lane of the Queens road between Nadi and Lautoka next March or April and we will also tarseal the east bank of Sigatoka River,” he added.

“The Government is committed to providing water and sanitation to all ordinary Fijians no matter where they live as embedded in the clause 25 and 36 of the Constitution. Through the National Development Plan we have set a target that 100 percent of Fiji’s urban and peri-urban population will have access to clean and safe water within the next few years.”

Asst. Minister Nath envisions 70 per cent of Fiji’s population targeted to have access to centralised sewerage system within the next 20 years.

“The Government has invested a lot into the

water and waste water sector and over the last 10 years the budget for Water Authority of Fiji (WAF), has increased more than 100 per cent. This is a good indicator how serious Government is prepared to develop Fiji’s water and waste sector,” Asst. Minister Nath highlighted.

WAF currently provides quality drinking water and wastewater service to over 164,000 residential and non-residential metered customers, reaching over 700,000 people nationwide, which is equivalent to a national coverage of 78 percent with access to clean and safe drinking water and 25 percent accessing the centralized sewerage systems.

“The Government will also continue with the infrastructure upgrading program and we are committed to implement in building a reliable and resilient infrastructure for a modern Fiji,” Asst. Minister Nath added.



Assistant Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry and Foreign Affairs George Vegnathan. Photo: ERONI VALILI

## Sugarcane grower’s son becomes assistant minister

PRASHILA DEVI

BEING from sugarcane farming community and spending much of his time in rural areas will provide a good background to George Vegnathan, as the new Assistant Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry and Foreign Affairs.

A former secondary school principal, Asst. Minister Vegnathan said he was the only one from his family that did not fall into the same path of sugarcane farming.

“I am the only one from my family that did not get into sugarcane farming as most of family and even my neighbours are into sugarcane farming,” he said after being sworn-in by the President, Major-General (ret’d) Jioji Konrote at State House recently.

Asst. Minister Vegnathan, however, said he understand the inner workings of what a sugarcane farmer has to go through and believes that the Government has done a lot to alleviate the hardship that the farmers had to go through in the past.

“The Government has managed to address a lot of the issues that the farmers were facing and we will continue that work to see that we assist them.”

Explaining how he got into politics, Asst. Minister Vegnathan said after retiring from the civil service in 2014 he engaged himself in his community work but was asked by the people to get into politics.

“So I thought it is a good time and it is a good government that is doing a lot for the people. I stepped up and applied for candidacy and become a Member of Parliament,” he said.

He is happy to assist Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with his portfolios.



FROM LEFT: Newly sworn-in Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports Parveen Kumar, Assistant Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports Alvik Avhikrit Maharaj, Assistant Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Veena Bhatnagar and Assistant Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Vijay Nath outside Parliament last week.

## Ministry moves to involve young people

DIVISHA DEEPTI

GETTING greater youth participation in all spheres and breaking gender stereotypes will be key, says Assistant Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports, Alvik Maharaj.

The new Asst. Minister, while delivering his maiden address in Parliament this week, said; “I am glad people voted and accepted the Government that believes in securing the future of our children’s development and service

delivery”.

Asst. Minister Maharaj was first elected into Parliament in 2014 as one of the youngest candidates.

He said the Ministry is addressing the needs of youths in urban and rural areas while trying to breakdown gender stereotypes within different trades.

Asst. Minister Maharaj highlighted that the Ministry plans to work hand in hand with other Ministries such as the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Fisheries to support young people in different

fields.

“We need to get more young people into jobs and into entrepreneurship. We have 70 per cent of our population under the age of 40 which bodes very well for our economy as we provide relevant skills training for them,” he said.

Asst. Minister Maharaj highlighted that the Ministry intends to use sports as a mechanism to create opportunities for Fijians, improve health and wellness and further improve social cohesion among all Fijians.

He also told Parliament that the

Ministry is undergoing its final stages of consultation on the revised National Sports and Physical Activity Policy and this will soon be presented to Cabinet.

“We are convinced this will assist us in improving mental and physical wellbeing as well as help unearth more talent across all our sports while presenting Fiji as a great host of events internationally.”

The Ministry is currently looking forward to hosting the World Junior Weightlifting Championships next year, the U20 World Netball Cup in 2021.



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George Vegnathan  
Assistant Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry and Foreign Affairs





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Industry, Foreign Affairs



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## ASSISTANT MINISTERS





# Ceremony highlights turtle conservation

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

AS the country marked World Fisheries Day on November 21, a poignant turtle releasing ceremony was marked on the Lautoka seafront to emphasise the conservation and protection of maritime creatures.

Tagged and named Adi Katonitabua and Adi Moana, the pair were respectively released by the acting permanent secretary for Fisheries Naipote Katonitabua and staff of the Ministry of Fisheries.

“Sea turtles have been one such species that Fiji has focused a lot of conservation efforts on,” said Director Fisheries, Aisake Batibasaga, who emphasised the necessity of coastal communities and fishermen to protect sea turtles.

“We have had three moratoriums and various management measures in place both at the community level and at the National level. The collaboration and partnership has seen a vast improvement in the shift from turtle harvesting to turtle protection in our communities in Fiji.”

“Although more continuous work is needed to continue to sustain this turtle population, I am positive that with all your support we can achieve this,” added Mr Batibasaga.

As important cultural icons, sea turtles have



Ministry of Fisheries staff tag a turtle before releasing it into the sea. Photo: LITIA VULDAUSIGA

also been negatively affected by their commercialisation for traditional ceremonies, which have been adverse to sea turtle populations.

“We have important roles to play and I urge you all to make informed decisions so that we

are able to protect our sea turtles well into the future,” the Director noted.

The Ministry of Fisheries continues to work with communities, hotels and resorts in the conservation of turtles.

## Shellcraft helps rural women artisans

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

OCEANIC adornments, decor and jewellery have long been prized possessions of homes and culturally symbolic of the sea and its provisions.

At the Ba Multipurpose Bure, a group of artisans known as Marama Shellcraft Fiji have spent the past few years training women and men on these valuable skills, to also improve the living standards of remote and regional village communities.

The group partnered with the Ministry of Fisheries earlier this year and recently exhibited their wares at the World Fisheries Day celebrations in Lautoka, where they were lauded for their fine craftsmanship.

“We started in 2014 with eleven women and a man in Ba,” said member, Nazim Ali.

“This is also good for women who stay at home and are creative. They can also pass on their skills from what they’ve learnt.”

Their products are also branded with the trustful insignia of the Trade Ministry’s Fijian Made logos as a stamp of approval for the products’ fine quality and authenticity as genuinely locally sourced items.

The group initially worked with Mother of Pearl shell items using black lip pearl oyster shells and work with shells from Savusavu, Taveuni and other parts of Vanua Levu.



Acting Permanent Secretary for Fisheries Naipote Katonitabua with members of the Marama Shellcraft Fiji at their exhibition booth. Photo: LITIA VULDAUSIGA

## Second WiFi for sugar city residents

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

FIJIANS continue to be empowered by complimentary internet access in Lautoka, where the Digital Fiji initiative recently launched the city’s second free WiFi hotspot.

Through the Government-owned Walesi Limited, members of the public can enjoy 60 minutes of high speed internet access at no cost, on a daily basis.

A large turnout of youths and the general public marked the launch event on November 24 at the Lautoka Municipal Market and acknowledged this important provision regardless of economic background.

“We are indeed very grateful to the Prime Minister and the Attorney-General for their vision of the digital transformation in Fiji – from digital television to live television over mobile phones and now providing free WiFi internet access throughout the country for the benefit of all Fijians,” Shivnesh Prasad, Walesi acting chief executive officer.

The Lautoka Municipal Market WiFi hotspot is the 15th public area, alongside 26 Fiji National University campuses, with all filtered to block out any adverse content.

“The free public WiFi initiative clearly demonstrates the Government’s commitment towards the development of the ICT and education sector in Fiji. Our focus is to empower Fijians, especially youths by providing them access to ICT services like the internet, as ICT not only provides everyone with the tool for communications, but is also an enabler for a knowledge-based society. The services can be used for emails, web browsing, Skype and Viber and researching for assignments, online,” Mr Prasad added.

The convenience this initiative provides is extensive as users can search for employment opportunities online or remain connected while shopping at the market and waiting to commute at the nearby Lautoka Bus Stand.

Aside from the WiFi launch, the event also gave applicants the chance to receive free Walesi set top boxes for the enjoyment of a broad range of entertaining and educational television channels.

Since the launch of Walesi a year ago, there are now 100,000 active set top boxes for Walesi, which is available right around the country via terrestrial and satellite networks.

Fijians have also been able to view Walesi television programs on their smart phones and tablets through an OTT App, which has over 100,000 downloads.





# Solar power brings relief to villagers

JOSAIA RALAGO

**N**ATEWA villagers in Cakaudrove are rejoicing following the recent installation of solar electricity in their homes through the Government's Rural Electrification project.

The village headman, Taniela Taukei said this has provided great relief to them as it was one of the challenges that they constantly faced.

"Proper lighting is very important but for most of the villagers here, we had resorted to the use of kerosene lamps and candle lights for this purpose," Mr Taukei said.

"Our children can now study better, we can charge our phones for communication purposes, our wives now cook in the light and our village is much brighter in

the evenings."

He said all, except three new homes, in the village now had access to reliable and sustainable electricity.

"The school was also included in this project and they now have solar too."

Vitalina Moceituba, a mother of two, said this incentive was the intervention they needed.

"For years we have been asking for proper lights for many reasons. And now that we have it, I want to thank the Government for developing rural areas in the country so we are not left out," Mrs Moceituba said.

"The light from house to house also ensures our safety when walking in the night as the village is brighter than it used to be."



Taniela Taukei Natewa Village headman. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

## Use Govt grants, poultry farmers urged

JOSAIA RALAGO

**T**HE saying "hard work is the key to success" has always been Abraham Masivesi's mantra in life.

Mr Masivesi, 54, of Naqalaka Estate in Savusavu said nothing comes easy in life, but instead one should continue to strive to reach their goals.

As an entrepreneur who runs a poultry farm, he was a recipient of the Government's Micro and Small Business (MSB) grant.

"The grant was utilised for the purchase of materials and feed for the chicken. I have been operating the business for four years now and the grant has helped in its growth," Mr Masivesi said.

"And this is how I have been able to give back to the community by bringing such a business closer to them, to my family and to the economy."

"As Fijians, we should take advantage of the opportunities that the Government is providing to help us be financially independent."

The father of three is also RSL Driver, transporting students to and from school and a yaqona farmer.

"It is very important to venture out to other businesses especially for small business owners like me. This is in case of emergencies when disaster strikes or when something happens that affects one business, the other business would be able to back you up," he said.

"I am grateful to the Government for the assistance and the opportunities that it has put in place to help Fijians out in the rural areas."



Some members of the Senibiau Women's Group at their bakery at Dreketi Village, Cakaudrove. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

# Ministry supports rural bakery project

JOSAIA RALAGO

**T**HE women of Dreketi, Wailevu East in Cakaudrove are now baking fresh bread for the villagers following the opening of their bakery earlier this year.

The women who form the Senibiau Women's Group initiated the project after realising that there was a bread demand with no supply.

"Villagers had to travel all the way to Savusavu if they wanted to buy bread, which was another 45 minutes us ride from our village," Ms Yalani said.

"We then put forth our request for Government's assistance for the construction of an oven to help us bake bread so we could meet the village demand."

She said the bakery was opened in September and have been in

operation ever since.

"We bake an average of 300 loaves of bread every day, but the order increases during gatherings for weddings, funerals and birthdays," Ms Yalani said.

"The women are divided into three sub-groups, each group taking turns in baking every morning."

"While this is a way for us to give back to the community, it has

also helped us form stronger bond as women, and utilising our abilities for the greater good."

She said ever since they started operation, the women were happier and it has fostered good relationship between the men and youths groups.

"They see us making a difference and they have shown their support towards us," Ms Yalani said.

"Most of the time, women

groups are back staged and belittled, but if we work together as group women and the support from our husbands then we will reach greater heights.

"For Senibiau Women's Group this is the first of a number of projects that we have planned for the future."

She has also thanked the Government's commitment towards assisting rural women.





# Mobile hospital, infrastructure projects for Central Division

**NAVUCA AND SAUVA ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS (Jan 5)**

THIRTY households in the Navuca Settlement in Tailevu were given access to affordable electricity. In opening the projects Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said, “We’ve grown our economy every year for the past eight years, and it is our duty to transform that prosperity into real development that makes a real difference in the lives of people”. Another rural electrification project was delivered in Sauva where 27 households were electrified. Over the last 10 years the Government has focused on investing in infrastructure, expanding access to services and give Fijians the chance to realize their full potential. The government allocated \$42.6 million dollars for electrifying homes in rural areas across Fiji.

**NEW BRIDGES BRING JOY TO RESIDENTS (Jan 11)**

TRAFFIC congestion in the greater Suva-Vatuwaqa areas was made a thing of the past after the opening of the new the two new bridges at Stinson Parade and Vatuwaqa. The two bridges, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said while officiating at the opening, will make life easier and better. The Government had budgeted \$31million towards replacing 16 critical bridges all over Fiji, with another 30 planned to be replaced over the next five years. Also set aside nearly was \$70million to upgrade and expand roads and roundabouts in the Suva-Nausori-Lami corridor where nearly a third of the Fijian population lives in order to build a foundation of road infrastructure that Fijians can rely on. “We’ve set aside \$9.5 Million to construct footpaths to allow Fijians to walk safely about their communities. And another\$ 4.5m to construct streetlights in Wainibokasi, Vuci, Nadera, Nadawa, Nasinu, Dobuilevu, Kalokalo and Cresent Road.”

**GOVERNMENT INVESTS IN YOUTH THROUGH YES PROGRAM (Jan 11)**

THE Young Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES) program will field the most talented and competitive workforce in Fijian history. Launched by the Government, the program is aimed at equipping young people with the know-how to succeed in the modern marketplace, with the confidence that they can achieve greatness. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama while officiating at the launch said at the heart of this programme was a profound belief in the unique perspective brought by young Fijians and in their understanding of what our marketplace needs, both now and in the years ahead. Successful recipients of the program will receive \$20,000 grant funding to pursue their business ideas.

**FIJIANS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW LEGAL AID OFFICES (March 28)**

CLOSE to 40, 000 Fijians will enjoy the services offered the by the Legal Aid Commission after the opening of 11 Legal Aid Offices around the country. During the opening of the Legal Aid’s Korovou office, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said Fijians will access services such as witnessing documents like birth certificates, academic transcripts and so on, dealing with landlord and tenant related issues, drafting wills and helping with probate matters. Officers have the expertise to help guide clients more easily than ever before, wield the tremendous power of the rule of law for your benefit and the benefit of your families. Government has invested close to \$8.4million for the setting up of this Legal Aid Commission around the country.



The new bridge at Stinson Parade in Suva. Photo: ERONI VALILI



A total of 20 semi-permanent stalls and 10 portable vendor stalls were handed over to assist roadside vendors in Vakabalea. Photo: ERONI VALILI



The MLC Veivueti , a floating mobile hospital and a first of its kind in Fiji, was commissioned to provide primary and secondary medical services. Photo: ERONI VALILI

**FCCC 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN AND REBRANDING (March 26)**

THE former Commerce Commission was rebranded into Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) while simultaneously releasing its five year strategic plan. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said, “The Commission has been tasked with a renewed focus on ensuring that as our economy continues to grow, markets are competitive, forward-thinking regulations are justified and consumers’ interests are protected.” The FCCC works with the Government to create a level playing field so that businesses can compete fairly. The FCCC actively prevents price gouging by enforcing price caps and protects the people from unfair and unethical business practices.

**NEW NAKASI HEALTH CENTRE (Nov 1)**

The new Nakasi Health Centre is a landmark project in the government’s capital injection into the medical sector which will be staffed by two doctors and eight nurses. “Overhauling medical care in Fiji is holistic, and it starts with making sure we have the necessary staff and equipment to fill these walls with the tools that Fijians need to live longer, healthier lives.” The neighbouring communities — extending from Narere and Makoi to Lokia, Davuilevu, Wainbuku and Waila — will also be able to make use of the health centre. The Nakasi Health Centre cost \$6.7 million.

**NEW TLTB’S NAUSOR1 SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE (OCT 17)**

The iTaukei Land Trust Board opened the door of its sub-regional office. In opening the new office, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said, “Landowners will be able to apply for survey instructions, access lease documentation, be able to receive lease rental payments and handle registrations for the equal distribution of land monies. And when they are ready to lease their land, this Office will advise them on the business side of making that happen and answer any questions they may have.” The office will serve landowners occupying 42,000 acres of land. The new TLTB website [www.tltb.com.fj](http://www.tltb.com.fj) was also launched.

**FIJI CONSULATE GENERAL AND TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE (OCT 20)**

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama opened the Fiji Consulate General and Trade Commission Office in the heart of Sydney’s Central Business District. “I’m especially proud that our two-way trade, now at around \$1.12 billion a year, has been driven by a four per cent increase in Fijian exports to the Australian market, as new Fijian products and businesses are expanding their reach throughout the region.” Trading between Australia and Fiji has reached a total of \$1.12b a year.

**COMMISSIONING OF GOVERNMENT’S NEW MULTI-PURPOSE VESSEL (May 31)**

The MLC Veivueti , a floating mobile hospital and a first of its kind in Fiji, was commissioned to provide primary and secondary medical services. The MLC Veivueti can provide 200 tonnes of supplies to an area in need, or up to 300 tonnes of clean water to a drought-stricken island. It will house separate rooms for operations, minor procedures, consultations, and recovery and will have a medical team that will be able to carry out emergency surgeries. A new warehouse for the Department of Government Shipping was also constructed costing around \$3.6 million dollars while the MLC Veivueti was constructed at a cost of nearly \$8 million.

**STANDARDISED ROADSIDE STALLS PILOT PROJECT (May 31)**

A TOTAL of 20 semi-permanent stalls and 10 portable vendor stalls were handed over to assist roadside vendors in Vakabalea. These vendors will now have clean and uniform row of stalls that will potentially attract more customers. More stalls will be installed in areas between Deuba-Sigatoka, Sigatoka-Nadi, Nadi-Lautoka, Ba-Tavua and Tavua-Rakiraki and later to all parts of the country. The stalls were given free of charge but under a lease agreement between the vendors and the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism.





Attorney-General and Communications Minister, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum with school students at the free WiFi hotspot launch in Nadi .



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama at the groundbreaking of the new subdivisional hospital in Keiyasi, Navosa. Photo: ISAAC LAL

# Power, health, CARE initiatives boost West

## VUNAREWA RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (Jan 2018)

Over 100 residents of Vunarewa Settlement in Nadi were connected to the national grid via the Fijian Government's rural electrification program, in January. They now enjoy the extensive benefits of electricity, with Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama noting the importance of investing in ordinary Fijians and giving them the chance to reach their full potential as citizens, students, parents and providers. "Combined with our sound financial management, we've created an engine of progress that has carried our economy to eight straight years of growth, with nothing but positive projections in the years ahead," he said. Over \$40 million was allocated to electrify rural Fijian homes, while the first 100 kilowatts hours of monthly electricity use has been subsidised for those earning below \$30,000 annually.

## NEW KEIYASI SUBDIVISIONAL HOSPITAL (March 2018)

The launch of the Keiyasi Sub Divisional Hospital in Nadroga / Navosa berthed a new chapter for these vast provinces. Keiyasi joined an extensive rank of both new and improved medical facilities across the country, as the Fijian Government prioritises improved services for rural and maritime communities - a commitment that also been officiated on the world stage by the Prime Minister in his capacity as President of the UN Climate Conference COP23. "Fiji's 5-Year and 20-Year National Development Plans—our NDPs—which were unveiled at COP23 in Bonn last year, set out my Government's framework for expanding and upgrading our health facilities all across Fiji, putting quality medical care closer and more easily accessible to more Fijians than ever before," Prime Minister Bainimarama said. It is estimated that this innovative partnership will bring new and higher-quality medical services to around 380,000 Fijians.

## CARE INITIATIVE LAUNCHED (April 2018)

In the wake of damaging consecutive tropical cyclones in April, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama launched the CARE Initiative in April as an unprecedented program that encompassed a host of assistance programs for affected Fijians. These were namely HOMES Care, FARMS Care, SUGARCANE Care, LEASEHOLDERS Care, WELFARE Care and eTRANSPORT Care, and they have been a critical platform to rebuilding the lives of around 150,000 people. Each program provided a measure of financial aid depending on the extent of damaged homes and livelihoods, with electronic cards at approved retail outlets providing items to replace lost items and rebuild damaged structures. With most vegetable farmers losing 90 per cent of their crops and many livelihoods affected, the CARE Initiative provided a pragmatic and timely solution.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama launches the Sovereign Green Bond on the London Stock Exchange. Photo: ISAAC LAL

## FIJIAN GREEN BOND ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE (April 2018)

Fiji's Sovereign Green Bond was listed on the London Stock Exchange in April, bringing a small island state in the Pacific to the world's premier capital market. As noted by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, the listing will help finance necessary projects for a more climate-resilient economy. "The Bond was issued in tranches and both so far have been oversubscribed, indicating confidence in both the standards applied to the Bond and the stability of the Fijian economy as well as tremendous support for our efforts to deal with climate change," noted the Prime Minister, who is also President of the UN Climate Conference COP23. Fiji's Green Bond Framework was also independently verified to have clear environmental benefits and to be credible, transparent and consistent with the highest global standards.

## VALEMASIMA RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (July 2018)

The informal settlement of Valemasima in Votualevu, Nadi was connected to the national grid in July, marking a new lease of life for over 100 residents and approximately 21 families. This grid extension project was completed at a cost of \$88,038 to provide a reliable supply of electricity 24 hours day, seven days a week, via the Fijian Government's rural electrification program. "In this same program, a total of \$11.5 million was invested to 57 schemes in the Western Division in which \$2.4 million was allocated to the surrounding Nadi area including the 21 households here in Valemasima," the former Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Parveen Kumar, had said. Students, business owners and those with domestic duties also welcomed the initiative to tap into digital information sources and upskill themselves. Over 90 per cent of Fijians have electricity access, amid the Government's 5 and 20-Year National Development Plan to facilitate full electricity for all Fijians by 2021.

## WIFI HOTSPOTS LAUNCHED (September/October)

A host of free WiFi hotspots were launched throughout the Western Division by Attorney General and Minister for Communications, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, to bridge the digital divide. By downloading the Walesi app, users can access 60 minutes of free Internet daily at selected hotspots in Sigatoka, Nadi and Lautoka, as well as Tavua and Rakiraki. The A-G noted the opportunities enabled for ordinary Fijians to have a safe space to connect to the Internet not only for leisure and to download or upload content but to also access Government information and services. "We want all Fijians to have access - irrespective of how rich or poor you are, you must have access to Internet and this is what we're trying to do. Government has allocated about \$40 million in this National Budget to ensure you get more connectivity throughout Fiji," he said. Fijian households earning below \$30,000 annually can also have complimentary Walesi set top boxes and enjoy a range of television channels, as well as download the Walesi OTT App to also watch programs on their smart phones.





# Major projects benefit Northern Division

## NAVEREA, SAVUSAVU RESIDENTS GRANTED ELECTRICITY ACCESS (JAN 2018)

Twenty-three households in Naverea, Savusavu were connected to the electricity grid through Government's rural electrification initiative. The project, which cost around \$73,000, benefited 105 Fijians living in the area. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said this project was a part of Government's efforts in rural electrification, which catered for the extension of EFL grid to rural localities, house wiring connections and installation of new solar systems.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama at the official opening of the new Savusavu Cable Landing Station. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

## VUANISAIKI DISTRICT SCHOOL CLASSROOM BLOCK OPENING (JAN 2018)

Students of Vuanisaiki District School in Natewa, Vanua Levu, are now enjoying the same school facilities as students from urban areas. This was after the Prime Minister's Office invested \$1.4 million in the construction of state of the art classroom blocks and teachers quarters built to withstand tropical cyclones. PM Bainimarama while opening the project said the Government was putting in the time and resources to construct schools that would last, to give students schools they could count on through times of crisis. There were over 200 schools that were severely damaged or entirely destroyed in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Winston two years ago.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with tenants of the new Public rental Board (PRB) flats in Savusavu. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

## GOVERNMENT INVEST \$1.65 MILLION FOR NAWENI DISTRICT SCHOOL (JAN 2018)

The Government had spent \$1.65 million for the upgrade of Naweni District School in Cakaudrove which included getting a library for the students. The school which is located 35.5 kilometers from Savusavu Town now has a Library and two duplex teacher's quarters thanks to the Government funding. There are 134 students in the school.

## OPENING OF KUBULAU GOVERNMENT STATION (JAN 2018)

Fijians within the Kubulau District and nearby areas are now able to access Government services closer to their homes after the opening of the new Kubulau Government Station by the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama. This direct benefitted more than 34 villages and settlements throughout Kubulau, Wainunu and Wailevu districts, granting 5000 Fijians direct access to government services. Previously these residents had to travel to Nabouwalu, Savusavu or Labasa to access government services and had to spend a night in the centres before travelling home the next day.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Legal Aid officers at their new Labasa Office. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

## PM LAUNCHES WALESI DIGITAL IN TAVEUNI (JAN 2018)

Korovou Villagers in Bouma Taveuni can now watch the news on TV and other programs after the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama launched Walesi Digital TV there. "This initiative is a major victory for Fiji, and a major milestone in my Government's mission to give every Fijian – regardless of their socioeconomic status or their location – access to more and better information and, of course, entertainment," PM Bainimarama said. He also launched this in other villages on the island including Naselesele Village. The Government has allocated \$19 million to Walesi in the 2018-2019 National Budget.

## OPENING OF THE SAVUSAVU CABLE LANDING STATION (SEPT 2018)

Fijians in the Northern Division can now experience much faster internet services following the opening of the Savusavu Cable Landing Station by the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama. While officiating at the event, the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said this milestone achievement came at a cost of \$16 million in Governments move to provide Northerners the same services as those offered to people in other parts of the country.

## LAUNCHING OF FREE WIFI HOTSPOT IN SAVUSAVU AND LABASA (SEP/OCT)

Fijians living in Savusavu and Labasa now enjoy free WiFi services following its launch earlier this year. People living in these areas have lauded the Government for an initiative that has made information more accessible for them.

## NEW LEARNING FACILITY FOR VATUROVA KOROALAU STUDENTS (JULY 2018)

Students of Vaturova Koroalau High School in Cakaudrove now have access to better learning facilities. This is after Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama opened a new classroom block and donated 50 desks and chairs along with 20 new desktop computers during his July Northern Tour. "My Government is confident that this investment will have a positive impact on the students' academic performances," he said. "Students will now access the same information available to students in the urban centres," PM Bainimarama said. The Government contributed about \$270,000 towards the project. Vaturova Koroalau High School has a school roll of 176 students with 19 teachers.

## THREE LEGAL OFFICES OPENED IN THE NORTH (JULY 2018)

Three Legal Aid Commission offices were opened for Fijians in the North namely in Labasa, Savusavu and Nabouwalu. This gives an opportunity for low income earners to have access to free legal advices from offices closest to them. "This is critically important that no Fijian is marginalised in the Fijian judicial system, particularly due to financial constraints," PM Bainimarama said. "I am proud to say that low-income earners in Fiji have more opportunity than ever before to seek legal advice and enjoy the security, assurance and full protection of the law."

## BIGGEST FIRE STATION OPENED IN SAVUSAVU TOWN (JULY 2018)

Savusavu has the largest fire station through the \$3.7 million Government funded facility hailed as "one of the most modern structures in the Northern Division". "There are plans to develop this site further, including a fire academy to further enhance the provision of essential services in the Northern Division," PM Bainimarama said. He added that the Government would continue to provide easy access to essential services relating to fire response, road accident rescue, hazardous material rescue, flood and swift water rescue, natural disasters rescue and the provision of emergency ambulance services.





Nitesh Sharma at his farm in Korotari.

# Continued Govt aid delights farming family

THE devastation wrought by natural disasters is continually being felt and realized by all who are in the path of its unrelenting destruction, leaving people reeling in its aftermath.

One such farming family who unfortunately had to bear the full brunt of the most recent tropical cyclones and depressions in Fiji are Nitesh Sharma and his family but thankfully enough, under the Farms-CARE initiative, a rehabilitation program provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, this family was able to get back on their feet.

The floods that accompanied Tropical Cyclone Josie and Keni in April this year had a telling effect on Nitesh's farm in Nasikasika, Korotari in Cakaudrove, which is a flood prone area situated 160 kilometers off Savusavu, as all his vegetables and produce were washed away by flood waters.

However, this did not deter his passion for farming and Nitesh grabbed the Farms-CARE assistance program with both hands, one which he has shown gratitude towards Government for as it laid the foundations for his farming again, seeing as he had to start from scratch once more.

"Flooding is a major problem we face here as most of our farms are just beside the river and sometimes during floods, all our produce together with our farm are washed away leaving the debris, rocks and big trees behind," Mr Sharma said.

"We never lost hope but started



Nitesh Sharma in his bitter melon farm. Photo: SUPPLIED

things again with a positive attitude knowing that the Government of the day was supporting farmers and this motivated me as I have no regrets on being a farmer," he said.

"The Ministry of Agriculture supported and assisted me especially with this Farms-CARE program which benefited my whole family as we managed to start things again as farming is the only source of income we have here."

Mr Sharma added, "Apart from the Farms-CARE program, the Ministry of Agriculture has also assisted me with seeds, fertilizers/chemicals, and with a greenhouse to raise seeds and plants during the off-season".

Coming from a farming background and taking control of their farm at the age of 21 was a progressive undertaking for the now

40-year-old as he had to take responsibility of their farm following the passing of his father.

"My father passed away in 1999 and someone had to step up and take responsibility and because I was not doing well in school, I decided to take control of the farm and send my other two brothers for further education and today, one of them is teacher."

"I have been farming since I was 13 years old as I was always been interested in the farm and I used to help my dad around our farm from that very early age and after leaving school at Form 3, I started to help my dad in vegetable and cane farming as I felt my future was in farming so I decided to farm on a full-time basis," Mr Sharma said.

"Since I began farming, I have never seen any Government help-

ing and assisting farmers like the current Government is doing or has done until now."

"Nowadays, farming has been made simpler compared to before as the Ministry now has the machines available to assist us farmers in ploughing the farms and for land clearing as we only have to pay half the price for these services, something which I am very grateful for," he smiles.

"The Government has assisted me lot in the past few years and I have never received such assistance like this before," the humble farmer attested.

Mr Sharma has managed to make a life for himself and his family from agriculture and has also ventured into livestock farming to complement his vegetable farming.

"So far from the vegetable farm-



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Nitesh Sharma  
Farmer

ing I have managed to extend my house and have also managed to start up my goat farm, where five years back I bought a piece of land, fencing materials and stocks worth of \$4,300," he said.

"I also sent my brother to university and paid \$32,000 for his education, and all of this money was through farming alone," the proud Nasikasika farmer said.

"I have managed to achieve a lot for my family these past few years because the support we, the farmers, have received from the Government is benefitting us in the long run and I advise other people and farmers who are wanting to leave the villages and go to the urban areas, that Government is doing a lot for ordinary Fijians but it is our responsibility to work hard and prove that we can achieve a lot ourselves.

Mr Sharma sells his vegetables daily at the Labasa Market and earns about \$350-\$500 weekly.

He plans to extend his vegetable and livestock farm in the near future with the aim to purchase another piece of land to build another house for his children around Labasa town.

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# Fiji Focus



FROM LEFT: Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC), chief executive officer Graham Clarke, FSC chairman Vishnu Mohan, Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Industry Voreqe Bainimarama, Permanent Secretary for Sugar Industry Yogesh Karan, Fiji's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Jitoko Tikolevu and Fiji's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium Deo Saran at the 54th Session of International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council in London last Friday. Photo: ERONI VALILI

## SUGAR PROGRESS

### PM: INNOVATION, BOLD IDEAS KEY TO REFORMS

PRASHILA DEVI

OUR progress in rebuilding, re-vamping and re-imagining our sugar industry has taken innovation, bold ideas and new solutions tailored to the realities we face in Fiji, says Minister Voreqe Bainimarama.

In addressing the 54th Session of International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council in London last Friday, as Fiji's Minister for Sugar Industry, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said these efforts have borne results with the Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC) realising a profit of \$800,000 in 2018 after a loss of \$18.5m in 2017.

As part of his intervention on agenda item 7 on national policies, he said the Government had doubled its support to the industry since 2016, leading to improving yields and dramatic reduction in costs associated with production.

"And those savings have gone directly back into cane farmers' pockets."

"We've continued other long-standing support introduced by my Government through grants and subsidies for cane planting, subsidies for fertiliser and weedicides and support to farmers to cover cane cartage, and the continued upgrading of cane access roads."

Prime Minister Bainimarama pointed out that the progress in rebuilding, re-vamping and re-imagining the sugar industry had taken innovation, bold ideas and new solutions tailored to the realities in Fiji.

He emphasised the importance of research and development to the industry as a mean to improve soil health, better the seed cane and improve water man-



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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama

agement as well as in aiding reduction the impact of climate change.

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"We'll also be working closely with our partners from Japan on a pilot experiment to improve sucrose purity, a critical step towards bio-ethanol production."

The Government, Prime Minister Bainimarama said, intends to see the farmers get the returns they deserve which was why it was proud to witness the Sugar Cane Growers Fund unveil a new bundled insurance initiative.

This cover, at no cost to the growers, provides insurance pay-outs to them and their families in the event of personal injuries, fire or death.



Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Industry Voreqe Bainimarama in London last Friday. Photo: ERONI VALILI



गंदी राजनीती बन्द कीजीए- प्रधानमंत्री की माँग

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शिक्षा बच्चों के लिए सफलता की कुँजी

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# सांसदों को दी गई चुनौती

रेनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा का कहना है कि सत्तापलटाव और उथल-पुथल का फीजी अब नहीं रह गया है तथा फीजी के बच्चे अब ऐसे फीजी को विरासत में पाएँगे जहाँ स्थिरता और समानता है।

राष्ट्रपति के भाषण पर अपना मज़बूत बयान निकालते हुए श्री बर्ड निमरामा ने सभी संसद सदस्यों को चुनौती दी है कि वे इस बात को पहचाने कि ज़मीन वाले कानून पर झूठा डर फैलाने से देश में विभाजन पैदा होता है, अर्थ-व्यवस्था की क्षमता सिमित करने के साथ-साथ सभी को नीचे खींचते है।

श्री बर्डनिमरामा ने जोर दिया है कि सरकार इस देश में ई-तउकई ज़मीन के सांप्रदायिक मालिकों की रक्षा करना जारी रखेगी। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि उनकी नेतागिरी के नीचे एक टुकड़ी ई-तउकई ज़मीन, उनके मालिकों के हाथ से गई नहीं है।

उन्होंने कहा कि उनका यह रिकोर्ड आने वाले सालों में भी कायम रहेगा जब सरकार ई-तउकई ज़मीन को और सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए नई-नई तरीक़े तलाश करेगी तथा ज़मीन मालिकों को सहायता देना

जारी रखेगी ताकि वो अपनी पूरी आर्थिक क्षमता तक पहुँच सकें।

श्री बर्डनिमरामा ने महिला संसद सदस्यों की संख्या में वृद्धि का स्वागत किया और कहा कि देश में महिला नेताओं को सशक्त बनाने के लिए बहुत कुछ किया जा सकता है।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि इस साल वाले आम चुनाव के बाद फीजी ने संविधान के तहत हमारे नए प्रजातंत्र की ऐतिहासिक उपलब्धि को मज़बूत किया है।

उन्होंने सभी फीजीवासियों से साथ मिलकर काम करने की माँग की है फिर चाहे वे किसका समर्थन करते है। श्री बर्डनिमरामा ने सभी लोगों को धन्यवाद दिया जिन्होंने खराब मौसम का सामना करते हुए अपना मत दिया फिर चाहे उन्होंने किसी को भी अपना मत दिया होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार सभी की आवाज़ सुनेगी फिर चाहे लोगों ने इस सरकार को अपना मत नहीं दिया था।

जिन लोगों ने सरकार को अपना समर्थन नहीं दिया से भी श्री बर्डनिमरामा ने माँग की कि वे भी सरकार के साथ मिलकर सभी फीजीवासियों के लिए फीजी को एक बेहतर, देश बनाने में सरकार की मदद करें।



प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा दूसरे कार्यकाल में अपने पद पर शपथ लेने के बाद संसद के बाहर।





# देश की अर्थव्यवस्था कमज़ोर मत करें- फिशरिज़ मंत्री



फिशरिज़ मंत्री सेमी कोरोईलावेसाउ ने संसद में सभी सदस्यों से माँग की कि वे साथ मिलकर देश के हित के लिए काम करें।

रोनल देव

फिशरिज़ मंत्री सेमी कोरोईलावेसाउ ने जोर दिया है कि संसद सदस्यों को राजनीतिक फायदे के लिए फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था को कमज़ोर नहीं करना चाहिए।

संसद में राष्ट्रपति के भाषण पर बोलते हुए मंत्री कोरोईलावेसाउ ने कहा कि संसद में पिछले कई सालों से देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर कठोर बहस होती आई है कि कैसे इसका संचालन होना चाहिए। अखिरकार इन बहस का निर्णय आज हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था की ताकत से तय किया गया है।

मंत्री कोरोईलावेसाउ ने प्रकाश डाला कि अब जबकि चुनाव अभियान और चुनाव खत्म हो गए हैं, तो ऐसे में संसद में सभी सदस्यों को साथ मिलकर देश के हित के लिए काम करना चाहिए। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि वाद-विवाद होगी लेकिन संसद, सभ्यता और सम्मान के साथ इन वाद-विवादों को सम्भाल सकता है।

फिशरिज़ मंत्री ने जोर दिया कि जहाज की सेवा वाली प्रणाली के कारण ग्रामीन और बाहरी इलाकों तक यातायात और जहाज की सेवा पहले इतनी अच्छी कभी नहीं थी।

उनके अनुसार पिछले सालों के मिलान में लगभग तीन सौ प्रतिशत का सुधार हुआ है, जिससे इन इलाकों में लोगों के जीवनस्थर में काफी सुधार आया है।

मंत्री ने आम किया है कि फिशरिज़ मंत्रालय, सूरज की रोशनी से चलने वाले फीज का परीक्षण कर रहा है ताकि मच्छली रखने वाली समस्याएँ सुलझाई जाएँ और अगले कुछ महीनों में इसे लागू किया जाएगा जहाँ लोग मच्छलियाँ पकड़ने के बाद इन्हें फीज में रख सकेंगे और बाद में इन्हें बाज़ार लेजाकर बेच सकेंगे।



नई नियुक्त मंत्री, प्रेमिला कुमार ने जोर दिया है कि वे अपने सभी मंत्रालयों पर बराबर ध्यान देंगी।

## मंत्रि कुमार आम जनता को सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए तैयार

रोनल देव

इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड, टुरिज़्म, लौकल गवमन्ट, हाउजिंग तथा कोमुनिटी डिवेलोपमन्ट की नई मंत्री हैं, प्रेमिला कुमार का कहना है कि उन्हें बेहद खुशी है कि उन्हें इन ज़रूरी मंत्रालयों का काम सम्भालने की ज़िम्मेदारी सौंपी गई है।

उन्होंने कहा कि वो जानती है कि इन मंत्रालयों में बहुत काम करना पड़ेगा क्योंकि अगर आप फीजी फेस्ट का मेनिफेस्टो देखेंगे तो आपको पता चलेगा कि सरकार ने बहुत सी नई चीज़ें करने का वादा किया है।

मंत्री कुमार ने कहा कि उनका काम है इस बात का ध्यान रखना कि जो कुछ मेनिफेस्टों में लिखा गया है उसे कार्यरूप देना। उनके अनुसार सरकार के पहले वाले कार्यक्रमों को मज़बूत किया जाएगा तथा उन्हें उसी रफ़्तार से चलाया जाएगा।

मंत्री कुमार ने कहा कि यह तीनों मंत्रालय आम जनता की भलाई का खयाल रखते हैं।

इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड और टुरिज़्म मंत्रालय के मार्फ़ित देश में लोगों के लिए नौकरियाँ पैदा होती हैं तथा देश की अर्थव्यवस्था में भी योगदान होता है जबकि लौकल गवमन्ट हाउजिंग और कोमुनिटी डिवेलोपमन्ट मंत्रालय भी उतनी ही महत्वपूर्ण है।

उन्होंने कहा कि वो किसी एक मंत्रालय को प्राथमिकता नहीं देंगी बल्कि सभी मंत्रालयों को समान नज़र से देखेंगी।

## अद्यापकों को और बेहतर सहारे की ज़रूरत-मंत्री अकबर

रोनल देव

शिक्षा मंत्री रोजी अकबर ने जोर दिया है कि अद्यापकों को लगातार व्यावसायिक विकास के तहत और बेहतर सहारे की ज़रूरत है। संसद में उन्होंने कहा कि अद्यापकों को और समर्थन चाहिए खास करके, अंग्रेज़ी और गणित यानि मैथ्स के विषय को लेकर।

राष्ट्रपति के भाषण पर अपनी प्रतिक्रिया देते हुए मंत्री अकबर ने कहा कि वे मानते हैं कि अद्यापकों की योग्यता बढ़ाने से ही छात्रों की गुणवत्ता को बेहतर बनाया जा सकता है तथा फीजीयन विद्यार्थियों को वर्तमान में विकसित होने वाली चुनौतियों को पूरा करने के लिए कम से कम सुसज्जित होना चाहिए जो सरकार वर्तमान में कर रही है।

मंत्री अकबर ने कहा कि वे लगातार अपने पाठ्यक्रम की समीक्षा करेंगे ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि वह पूरी तरह से एकीकृत है और तेज़ी से विकासशील फीजी की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करता है और अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर स्वीकार्य और परिवर्तनों के अनुरूप हो।

उनके अनुसार सरकार उन स्कूलों पर खास ध्यान देगी जहाँ विकलांग बच्चें पढ़ते हैं जिनकी खास ज़रूरतें हैं तथा ऐली और केयर एडुकेशन स्कूलों की नींव पर खास जोर देंगी।



नई नियुक्त शिक्षा मंत्री रोजी अकबर ने जोर दिया है कि सरकार, लगातार शिक्षा मंत्रालय के पाठ्यक्रम की समीक्षा करेंगी।





# राष्ट्रपति ने किया संसद सदस्यों को आगाह

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राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते का कहना है कि राजनीतिक फायदे के लिए फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था को कमजोर करना स्वीकार्य नहीं है तथा संसद सदस्यों को अपने से पहले देश के बारे में सोचना चाहिए।

उन्होंने संसद सदस्यों को याद दिलाया कि वे बहस करते हुए संसद के कार्य को ध्यान में रखें।

राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि यह सभ्यता, विनम्रता और राष्ट्रीय एकता और रूची के साथ किया जाना चाहिए और उनके दिमाग में सबसे पहले यह अच्छी बातें आनी चाहिए। उन्होंने संसद सदस्यों को याद दिलाया कि उन्होंने देश की प्रजातंत्र को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने की शपथ ली है।

“फीजी की यात्रा स्थिर नहीं रही है, न ही यह असंतोषजनक है क्योंकि हम रास्ते में ठोकर खा चुके हैं और राष्ट्रीय तथा पीढ़ी के पैमाने पर किए

गए झगड़े का सामना करना पड़ा,” राष्ट्रपति ने कहा।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि संसद सदस्य एक ऐसे फीजी का प्रतिनिधित्व करने की इच्छा रखते हैं जो मजबूत, अधिक जीवंत और समृद्ध हो और जहाँ लोग एकजुट रहते हैं।

आप सभी ने प्रजातंत्र तथा देश के संविधान को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने की शपथ ली है तथा इसी संविधान के नीचे आपको संसद में आने की अनुमति मिली तथा देश की जनता की तरफ से बोलने का विशेषधिकार मिला

राष्ट्रपति- चियोची कोनरोते

## राष्ट्रपति ने नई संसदीय बैठक का किया उद्घाटन

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राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते ने सोमवार को नई संसदीय बैठक का उद्घाटन किया जहाँ उन्होंने

संसद सदस्यों को उनकी भूमिका याद दिलाई और फीजीवासी उनसे क्या उम्मीद करते हैं।

उन्होंने जात-पात या धर्म के आधार पर लोगों में विभाजन पैदा करने के किसी भी प्रयास के खिलाफ चेतावनी दी है। राष्ट्रपति ने प्रकाश डाला कि इस साल वाले आम चुनाव से पहले कुछ राजनीतिक पार्टियों तथा राजनीतिज्ञों ने इस चेतावनी का पालन नहीं किया था जिससे राजनीतिक प्रवचन ने कई अवसरों पर खतरों और नफरत भरी राजनीती को बढ़ावा दिया खास करके आदिवासियों के अधिकारों पर।

राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि संसद में इन सभी चीजों के लिए कोई जगह नहीं है।

“डराने-धमकाने, सांप्रदायिकता और राजनीती के नफरत वाले पक्ष को खत्म कर देना चाहिए क्योंकि पहले की तरह सोचने का तरीका का इस संसद में ज़रूरत नहीं है। आप सभी ने प्रजातंत्र तथा देश के संविधान को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने की शपथ ली है तथा इसी संविधान के नीचे आपको संसद में आने की अनुमति मिली तथा देश की जनता की तरफ से बोलने का विशेषधिकार मिला,” राष्ट्रपति ने कहा।

राष्ट्रपति ने संसद सदस्यों को याद दिलाया कि वे फीजीवासियों तथा उनकी दिलचस्पियों का प्रतिनिधित्व कर रहे हैं। उन्हें संसद में और भी महिला प्रतिनिधियों को देखकर गर्व महसूस हुआ।



राष्ट्रपति, महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते, दूसरे कार्यकाल के लिए चुनी गई संसदीय स्पीकर चिको लूवेनी से मुलाकात करते हुए।

## देश के बारे में पहले सोचो- राष्ट्रपति

रोनल देव

राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते का कहना है कि राजनीतिक फायदे के लिए फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था को कमजोर करना स्वीकार्य नहीं है तथा संसद सदस्यों को अपने से पहले देश के बारे में सोचना चाहिए।

उन्होंने संसद सदस्यों को याद दिलाया कि वे बहस करते हुए संसद के कार्य को ध्यान में रखें। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि यह सभ्यता, विनम्रता और राष्ट्रीय एकता और रूची के साथ किया जाना चाहिए और उनके दिमाग में सबसे पहले यह अच्छी बातें आनी चाहिए। उन्होंने संसद सदस्यों को याद दिलाया कि उन्होंने देश की प्रजातंत्र को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने की शपथ ली है।

“फीजी की यात्रा स्थिर नहीं रही है, न ही यह असंतोषजनक है क्योंकि हम रास्ते में ठोकर खा चुके हैं और राष्ट्रीय तथा पीढ़ी के पैमाने पर किए गए झगड़े का सामना करना पड़ा,” राष्ट्रपति ने कहा।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि संसद सदस्य एक ऐसे फीजी का प्रतिनिधित्व करने की इच्छा रखते हैं जो मजबूत, अधिक जीवंत और समृद्ध हो तथा जहाँ लोग एकजुट रहते हैं।

उन्होंने संसद सदस्यों को याद दिलाया कि उन्होंने देश की प्रजातंत्र को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने की शपथ ली है। राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि यह सभ्यता, विनम्रता और राष्ट्रीय एकता और रूची के साथ किया जाना चाहिए और उनके दिमाग में सबसे पहले यह अच्छी बातें आनी चाहिए।





## लौतोका मार्केट में मुफ्त वाएफाए लैन्च हुआ

वालेसी फीजी ने हाल ही में लौतोका मार्केट में अपना पंद्रहवा पब्लिक वाएफाए होट स्पॉट का विमोचन किया। लौतोका में दूसरी जगह मुफ्त पब्लिक वाएफाए लैन्च हुआ है। यह सरकार की डिजिटल फीजी सुविधा का हिस्सा है। इस सुविधा का इस्तेमाल करने वाले एक दिन में एक घण्टे के लिए मुफ्त इंटरनेट

सेवा का मज़ा ले सकेंगे। इस दौरान अर्जी लगाने वालों को वालेसी का सेटअप बॉक्स भी प्रदान किए गए ताकि वे भी अन्य फीजीवासियों की तरह टेलिविज़न चैनल्स के मार्फ़ित शिक्षाप्रद और मनोरंजक कार्यक्रमों का लुफ़्त उठा सकेंगे। वालेसी के चीफ़ एक्ज़ेक्यूटिव ऑफिसर, शिवनेश कुमार का कहना है कि अब लगभग एक

लाख यॉन (100,000) सकीय वालेसी सेटअप बॉक्स है। इसके अलावा कई सौ की संख्या में फीजीवासी अपने फोन के माध्यम से टेलिविज़न कार्यक्रम देख रहे हैं। वालेसी एप के एक लाख से ज़्यादा डाउनलोड हैं। देश में शिक्षा और तकनीक का क्षेत्र विकसित करने के इरादे से यह सुविधा शुरू की गई है।



## प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमरामा के लिए पारम्परिक स्वागत समारोह

प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेन्गे बईनिमरामा को दोबारा उनके पद पर चुने जाने के लिए उनका पारम्परिक स्वागत समारोह हाल ही आयोजित किया गया था। श्री बईनिमरामा अगले चार सालों तक प्रधानमंत्री का दफ्तर सम्भालेंगे। इस स्वागत समारोह में प्रधानमंत्री दफ्तर, इमिग्रेशन विभाग तथा चीनी मंत्रालय के कर्मचारी शामिल हुए थे। अपने भाषण में प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमरामा ने सभी फीजीवासियों को लगातार सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। "हमारे पास आगे चार और साल हैं तथा मैं व्यक्तिगत तौर से पिछले चार सालों में आपके काम के लिए आप सभी को धन्यवाद दे रहा हूँ तथा उम्मीद है कि उसी रफ़्तार से आगे भी काम किया जाएगा," प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेन्गे बईनिमरामा ने कहा।



## प्रधानमंत्री पुरस्कार

प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेन्गे बईनिमरामा ने हाल ही नान्दी में प्रधानमंत्री के इंटरनेशनल विज़नस अवॉर्ड में विजेताओं को पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया। फीजी की अंतरराष्ट्रीय हवाई कम्पनी, फीजी एर्रावेस को दो पुरस्कार मिले जिनमें प्रधानमंत्री का प्रतिष्ठित अवॉर्ड तथा ई-कोमर्स विज़नस ऑफ़ दी ईयर शामिल है। अन्य विजेताओं में शामिल थे राम सामी एन्ड सन्स, फीजी पोट्स तथा शेज़ी दूवस।



## सरकारी मंत्रियों ने ली शपथ

नए मंत्रियों ने हालही में सरकारी भवन में शपथ ली है जबकि कुछ ज़रूरी पदों में बदलाव हुए हैं। सरकार में तेरह मंत्री तथा आठ सहायक मंत्री हैं। इन

सरकारी भवन पर मंत्रियों ने राष्ट्रपति चियोची कोनरोते के सामने निष्ठा और लगन के साथ अपना दफ्तर सम्भालने की शपथ ली। शपथ ग्राहण के बाद

एक समारोह भी हुआ जिसमें प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेन्गे बईनिमरामा, संसदीय स्पीकर चिको लुवेनी, अन्य कुटुम्बियों तथा मंत्रियों के परिवार वालों ने हिस्सा लिया।







# गंदी राजनीति अब बन्द करें



ईतउकई, विदेश तथा चीनी व्यवसाय के सहायक मंत्री श्री जोर्ज वेगनाथन लम्बासा के एक बहुत अनुभवि समाज सेवक है।

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प्रधानमंत्री वरोन्गे बईनिमरामा ने फीजीवासियों से माँग की है कि वे नए विभाजन और दिमाग में ज़हर भरने तथा नफ़रत पैदा करने वाली किसी भी राजनितिक प्रयास को स्वीकार न करें।

श्री बईनिमरामा ने कहा कि राजनीतिज्ञों को हमारे समाज में जातीयता, धर्म या किसी भी अन्य मतभेद के आधार पर फीजीवासियों को एक दूसरे के खिलाफ करना बन्द कर देना चाहिए।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि राजनीतिज्ञों को गंदी राजनीतिक खेल बन्द कर देना चाहिए। “हम आर्थिक संकट पैदा करने के किसी भी प्रयास को स्वीकार नहीं कर सकते हैं, हमारी अर्थ-व्यवस्था के बारे में गैर-ज़िम्मेदार बयान और हमारी आर्थिक प्रदर्शन के बारे में झूठी बातें मान सकते हैं। हमें यह झूठी बातें भी नहीं माननी चाहिए कि ज़मीन मालिकों की ज़मीन उनसे ले ली जाएगी क्योंकि यह बिलकुल सच नहीं है,” बईनिमरामा ने कहा।



मंत्री पदों पर शपथ लेने के बाद श्री परवीन कुमार बाला, श्रीमति वीना भटनागर, श्री एलविक महाराज और श्री विजय नाथ संसद भवन के बाहर।

## सहायक चीनी मंत्री का हुआ स्वागत

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चीनी मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी श्री योगेश करण ने हालही में नई नियुक्त सहायक चीनी मंत्री माननीय जोर्ज वेगनाथन का अपने दफ्तर में स्वागत किया।

श्री करण ने कहा कि माननीय वेगनाथन की नियुक्ति चीनी मंत्रालय के लिए जागरूकता लाने और खास करके उत्तरी विभाग में नितियाँ मज़बूत करने में सहयोग मिलेगा जहाँ के सहायक मंत्री है।

माननीय वेगनाथन अपनी नियुक्ति से खुश है तथा वो गन्ने की खेती वाले समाज की सेवा करने के लिए उत्सुक है। उन्होंने ने आशवासन दिया है कि वो उत्तरी विभाग के गन्ने के व्यवसाय के विषयों को जल्द से जल्द सुलझाने की कोशिश करेंगे। अपने दौर पर उन्होंने गन्ने के व्यवसाय में विकास देखा है तथा वो पश्चिमी विभाग में भी गन्ने के खेतों का दौरा करके वहाँ का भी विकास देखेंगे। माननीय वेगनाथन बुनिका लम्बासा के हैं। सहायक मंत्री का पद सम्भालने से पहले वो टी आए एस आए के एक्ज़ेक्टिव अफ़सर थे तथा उनके पास अद्यापन का बत्तीस सालों का अनुभव भी है।

## डाक्टर लुवेनी संसद की स्पीकर चुनी गई

रोनल देव

डाक्टर चीको लुवेनी को एक बार फिर अगले चार सालों के लिए संसद का स्पीकर चुना गया है।

संसद में हुए चुनाव के दौरान एम्प्लोएमन्ट के सहायक मंत्री ने डाक्टर लुवेनी का नाम स्पीकर पद के लिए मनोनित किया था। डाक्टर लुवेनी

को संसद सदस्यों का सत्ताईस (27) मत प्राप्त हुआ तथा उन्होंने अपने पद पर शपथ भी ली।

संसद में अपने भाषण के दौरान डाक्टर लुवेनी ने संसद सदस्यों को उनपर भरोसा करने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया जबकि व दुसरे कार्य काल के लिए सेवा प्रदान करेंगी। उन्होंने अपने परिवार खास करके

अपने पति को धन्यवाद दिया कि वो उनकी शक्ति है तथा मुश्किल के दौर में हमेशा उन्हें सही रास्ता दिखाते आए हैं और सहयोग देते आए हैं। पिछले चार सालों में कड़ी मेहनत करने तथा उपलब्धियाँ हासिल करने के लिए उन्होंने सकेटरी जेनरल और डेप्टी सकेटरी जेनरल को धन्यवाद दिया।

डाक्टर चीको लुवेनी के पाँच बच्चे हैं तथा वो फीजी स्कूल ऑफ मेडिसन तथा सिडनी युनिवर्सिटी में पढ़ाई करके डेंटिस्ट बनीं। उन्होंने संयुक्त राष्ट्र के अनेकों संस्थाओं में काम किया है तथा उन्होंने महिला मंत्री का पद भी सम्भाला था। उधर, वीना भटनागर को उप-स्पीकर के पद पर चुना गया है।



## ज़रूरी बदलाव लागू करेंगे मंत्री सुधाकर

रोनल देव

लेन्ड्स और मिनरल रिसोसस मंत्री अशनील सुधाकर का कहना है कि वो मंत्रालय में कुछ ज़रूरी बदलावों को लागू करेंगे जिससे फीजीवासियों को जल्द तथा विश्वसनीय तरीके से सेवा प्रदान की जाएगी।

उन्होंने कहा कि लोगों को अपनी अर्जियों के लिए लम्बे समय के लिए इंतज़ार करना ठीक बात नहीं है।

“मेरे चुनाव अभियान और देश के विभिन्न इलाकों के दौर के वक्त उन्हें बताया गया कि विभाग कुछ लोगों को उनकी लीस, अर्जियों तथा चिन्ताओं के लिए बहुत ज़्यादा भाग दौड़ कराता है। मैं इस बात का ध्यान रखूंगा कि कुछ चीज़ें सही ढंग से हो। आम जनता हमारे मालिक है जो हमें हमारे वेतन देते हैं तथा हमें यह ध्यान में रखना है कि उन्हें उचित सेवा मिले,” लेन्ड्स मंत्री ने कहा।

मंत्री सुधाकर ने सभी फीजीवासियों को धन्यवाद दिया जिन्होंने उनपर भरोसा करके उन्हें दोबारा संसद में जाने के लिए चुना। उनके अनुसार वो सभी फीजीवासियों को सेवा प्रदान करेंगे।



शिक्षा मंत्री रोजी अकबर सरकारी भवन पर अपने नए मंत्री पद पर शपथ लेने के बाद राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते से मुलाकात करते हुए।

# शिक्षा हमारे बच्चों के लिए सफलता की कुंजी

रोनल देव

अटोनी जेनरल माननीय अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम ने जोर दिया है कि शिक्षा ही हमारे बच्चों की ज़िन्दगी में सफलता की कुंजी है।

हालही सूवा मुस्लिम प्राथमरी स्कूल के सालाना पुरस्कार समारोह में मुख्य मेहमान के तौर पर

जनाब सैयद खैयुम ने कहा कि बच्चों की ज़िन्दगी मज़बूत और स्थिर वातावरण के बलपर बनाई गई है तथा यह स्थिरता, शिक्षा, ज्ञान, और जानकारी तक पहुँच से आई है।

उन्होंने कहा कि हर बच्चे में एक अच्छा विद्यार्थी बनने की क्षमता है तथा उन्होंने माता-पिताओं से माँग की है कि वे ऐसा न सोचे कि उनके

बच्चे होशियार नहीं हैं और उनमें कुछ करने की क्षमता नहीं है। जनाब सैयद खैयुम ने समारोह में उपस्थित माता-पिताओं से कहा कि वे स्कूल में अपना अनुभव बच्चों के साथ बाँटे जो कि बच्चों के लिए बहुत अंतर लाएगा।



## कृषि व्यवसाय में ज़्यादा समय लगाएंगे डाक्टर रेड्डी

रोनल देव

नए कृषि, रूरल तथा मेरिटाएम डिवेलोपमन्ट, वोटर-वैस तथा वातावरण मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी का कहना है कि वो कृषि, रूरल मेरिटाएम डिवेलोपमन्ट मंत्रालय में ज़्यादा समय लगाएंगे।

मंत्री पद पर शपथ लेने के बाद मंत्री रेड्डी ने कहा कि वो अपना पंदाह प्रतिशत समय, वोटरवैस और वातावरण मंत्रालय में लगाएंगे तथा बाकी समय कृषि, रूरल मेरिटाएम डिवेलोपमन्ट मंत्रालय में बिताएंगे।

डाक्टर रेड्डी ने कहा कि वो ज़्यादा से ज़्यादा समय कृषि मंत्रालय को देंगे।

कृषि मंत्रालय में कुछ बदलाव होंगे जहाँ अनुसंधान को और मज़बूत करने के साथ-साथ किसानों और अनुसंधान के बीच संपर्क और मज़बूत किया जाएगा तथा कृषि संयोग पर गौर किया जाएगा जिसे वो बढ़ाना चाहते हैं। मंत्री ने कहा कि वो और भी युवा किसानों को कृषि क्षेत्र में आकर्षित करना चाहते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि वो कृषि मंत्रालय में काफी बदलाव लाएंगे।

उनके अनुसार रूरल और मेरिटाएम क्षेत्र में भारी क्षमता है तथा इस क्षेत्र को भी प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी।

मंत्री ने कहा कि देश भर में बाढ़ वाली समस्या से निपटने के लिए बहुत कुछ करना बाकी है जो अगले दो सालों में करने की उम्मीद है।

कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी मंत्री पद पर शपथ लेते हुए। डाक्टर रेड्डी कृषि, के अलावा रूरल तथा मेरिटाएम डिवेलोपमन्ट, वोटरवैस तथा वातावरण मंत्री हैं।



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हाल ही में आम चुनाव में जीत हासिल करके दूसरे कार्यकाल के लिए सरकार बनाने के बाद सरकार के तेरह मंत्री तथा आठ सहायक मंत्रियों ने राष्ट्रपति भवन में अपने पद पर शपथ ली।

## मंत्रियों ने ली शपथ

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नए मंत्रियों ने हालही में सरकारी भवन में शपथ ली है जबकि कुछ ज़रूरी मंत्री पदों में बदलाव हुए हैं।

सरकार में तेरह मंत्री तथा आठ सहायक मंत्री हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री श्री वॉरेनो बर्डिनिरामा, विदेश मंत्री, ईतउकई अफेयस तथा चीनी व्यवसाय के मंत्री भी हैं। अटोनी जेनरल माननीय अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम ने अर्थ-व्यवस्था, सरकारी सेवा, कोमुनिकैशन्स तथा पब्लिक एन्टरप्रायसस

मंत्री के पद पर शपथ ली है। श्री इनिया सेरूई रातु रक्षा तथा राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा मंत्री है। इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड, टूरिज़्म, लौकल गवमन्ट, हाउजिंग तथा कोमुनिटी डिवेलोपमन्ट की नई मंत्री है, प्रेमिला कुमार। श्री परवीन बाला नए एम्प्लोएमन्ट, प्रोडक्टिविटी, इंडस्ट्रीयल रिलैशन्स तथा युथ और स्पोर्ट्स मंत्री है।

डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी, कृषि, रूरल मेरिटाएम डिवेलोपमन्ट, वातावरण तथा वोटरवैस मंत्री है। मेरेसैनी बुनिवांगा, विमन, चिलरन और पोवेटी अलेविएशन मंत्री है। श्री अशनील सुधाकर, लेन्ड्स और मिनरल रिसोसस मंत्री है।

फिशिरिस मंत्री श्री सेमी कोरोईलावेसाउ है तथा फोरेस्ट्री मंत्री श्री ओसेया नईन्गामू है। संसाधन, ट्रान्सपोर्ट, डिज़ास्टा मेनेजमन्ट तथा मौसमी दफ्तर की सेवा के नए मंत्री है श्री चोने उसामाते। नई शिक्षा मंत्री रोजी अकबर है। नए स्वास्थ्य मंत्री, डाक्टर इफिरेमी वांगार्डिनावेते है।

श्री विजय नाथ इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड, टूरिज़्म, लौकल गवमन्ट, हाउजिंग तथा कोमुनिटी डिवेलोपमन्ट के सहायक मंत्री है। श्री एलविक महाराज एम्प्लोएमन्ट, एम्प्लोएमन्ट, प्रोडक्टिविटी, इंडस्ट्रीयल रिलैशन्स तथा युथ और स्पोर्ट्स के सहायक मंत्री है। कृषि, रूरल तथा मेरिटाएम

डिवेलोपमन्ट, वातावरण तथा वोटरवैस के सहायक मंत्री श्री चाले सिंगारारा है।

श्री वीयम पिल्ले, कृषि, रूरल तथा मेरिटाएम डिवेलोपमन्ट, वातावरण तथा वोटरवैस के सहायक मंत्री है। श्रीमति वीना भटनागर, विमन, चिलरन तथा पोवेटी अलेविएशन की सहायक मंत्री है। श्री जोसफ नित्या नन्द सहायक शिक्षा मंत्री है। सहायक स्वास्थ्य मंत्री श्री एलेक्जेन्डा ओ कोनर है तथा श्री जॉर्ज वेगनाथन, ईतउकई, विदेश तथा चीनी व्यवसाय के सहायक मंत्री है।



# Noda Viti

## Me liu tiko ga ko Viti

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**E**DUA na tikina bibi ka vakaraitaka ena nona vosa vei ira na lewe ni Palimedi na turaga na Peresitedi ko Jioji Konrote sai koya me liu tikoga e veigauna ko Viti ka me kua na nani koya ga vakai koya.

“E sega ni dua nai ulubale me da vakacacana na noda bula vakailavo me rawa ga kina noda poidi vakapolitiki.

“E dodonu mo ni veivosakitaka na noda vanua e liu ka sega ni o tukuni iko ga tikoga,” tukuna ko Peresitedi Konrote.

Vakaraitaka vei ira na lewe ni Palimedi ko Peresitedi Konrote ni vanua ni veiba na Palimedi, ia me vakayacori ena vakarokoroko keina veidokai ena vukui Viti.

“Ka me kena usutu na duavata e Viti, na e baleti keda raraba, kei na noda vinaka taucoko me liu tiko ena nomuni vakasama, ka me vakasamataki vakavuku, kei na dina.

“Me kilai ni vakasama oya ena yaga kina noda vanua ena dua na gauna balavu,” tukuna ko Peresitedi Konrote.

Tukuna ko Peresitedi Konrote ni sega ni dodonu meda vakacacana na noda bula vakailavo ena vuku ni politiki.

Vakaraitaka ko Peresitedi Konrote ni vakasama ka sala muria mai na vuaviri ena 1987 kei na 2000 eya yavutaki mai ena lasu, ka veivakacacani ka sega ni sabai rawa.

“Na lasu oqo e tukuni keda ni da kaukauwa cake ga ni da tatawasewase ka sega ni baleta ni da tuvata se duavata.

“Na lasu oqo e suguraki mai ena noda bula vakalewe ni vanua ena cakacaka kaukauwa, veivakatotogani kei na vakabauta ni tiko rere, sega ni veivakabauti kei na veicati vakakawa tamata ka sa mai paisonitaka na nodra rai na lewe ni vanua ka sa vakacacana na nodra isema ni veiwekani vakalewe ni ni noda vanua.”



E rau taba toka ko Peresitedi Major General (Re't) Konrote kei Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama. Mai bulubuluitaki ko PM Bainimarama ena matai Viti ena ikarua ni nodra wasewase ni veiqaravi na ililui digitaki ena noda vanua. iTaba: ERONI VALILI



## 4 tale na yabaki ni veiliutaki ni FijiFirst

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A mai Paraiminisita tale e Viti ena ikarua ni va na yabaki ko Voreqe Bainimarama baleta ni sa mai qaqa tale na nona isoqosoqo vakapolitiki na FijiFirst.

Kaya ko PM Bainimarama na nodratou mai veiliutaki oqo ena va tale na yabaki sa vakadeitaki tale kina na nodratou ibole ka vakaoqo “Dua na

Vanua Dua na Tamata”.

“E daidai na ika 18 ni siga ni Noveba, e dua na siga lagilagi ena itukutuku ni veigauna ni noda vanua, oya nil ewe levu duadua vei kemuni na lewei Viti oni sa mai digitaki keitou ena nomuni tokona na neitou ibole na FijiFirst kei na nomuni tokona na toso ki liu sa vakayacora tiko na noqu Matanitu ena noda vanua kara sa sega ni taleitaka na politiki ni veiwekani kei na veivaka-

rerei,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

E rawata na isoqosoqo vakapolitiki na FijiFirst e 50.02 na pasede ni digidigi ka rawata na SODELPA e 39.85 kasa na okati vakaito ni veisaqa vata kei na NFP.

Kaya ko PM Bainimarama ni macala ni veidigidigi oqo sa matata kina nil ewe levu duadua era sa vakabauta ka tatadrataka me yaco mai na Viti vou ka sala vata na toso ni gauna ka sega

ni yavutaki ena duidui mata kawa tamata, lotu, yasana, kara sa digitaka na noda raici vakatautauvata, raici vakadodonu, ka tiko e cake na kena ivakatagedegede.

“E daidai, e vakamarautaki au vakalevu na dina oya, ni lewe levu duadua na noda lewe ni vanua e ra sega ni taleitaka na politiki e rawa vakarusa na noda vanua,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.





# Soli na itutu ki Poladi

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**N**ANAMAKI na Peresit-edi ni COP23 ka Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na nona sa na solia yani na itutu kina vanua ko Poladi .

“Sa tabaki tiko ena niusiveva ni mua ni macawa na mata ilalai ni veika lelevu esa rawata ko Viti ena nona taura tiko na itutu vakaperesitedi ni COP23.”

“Au sa vakauqeti kemuni mo ni wilika na itukutuku koya veitalia na noda duidui vakapolitiki e vakaduvatataki keda na ivalu ni kena vorati na draki veisau,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Keitou sa vakayacora na neitou itavi me vakalailaitaki kina na kasigaga e ceburaki tiko ena maliwa lala ena vakarautaki na veidinadinati ni 2015 mai Parisi.

“Me kua ni vakacalai keda ni

vula mai oqo ena levu na kena bolebole, ia keitou na vakayacora na veika kece me tokoni kina na veidinadinati mai Parisi,” kaya ko PM.

“Mai na vakatekivu keimami saga ni via vakabauta na vakasama ni matanitu duadua ga e dononu me saumi taro kina koi keda na kena vo meda waraka na cava ena cakava na matanitu.”

“Keitou sa tara cake kina na

nodra cakacaka vata na veimatanitu, itikotiko , veikoro, kei na lewe ni vanua kece, qase gone, yalewa kei na tagane,” kaya ko PM.

“Keitou sega ni via duavata kei na vakananu ni sa veirauti na veika sa vakayacori me baleta na veidinadinati mai Parisi mevakalailaitaki ena 1.5 na degree Celcius na katakata me kua ni rusa kina na veikabula.”



Ko ira na ovisa ni vale ni veivesu ni oti na nodra voleni ni tuva itutu e Naboro ena macawa sa oti. iTaba: RUPENI VATUBULI

## Bolei na veiqaravi ni ovisa ni vale ni veivesu

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**K**O ira na ovisa ni vale ni veivesu era toka ena mua ililiu ni veiqaravi ena dua na vale ni volavola ka dau liutaka na cuqeni ni lawa ena veiqaravi ni mata veilewai.

Oqori edua na mala ni nodra vosa ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra a vulagi dokai ena

soqo ni voleni ni tuva itutu e Naboro.

“Mo ni vakamuria na lawa ka taqomaka na lawa ka vukea na tiko vinaka ni noda vanua.

Vukei na bula ni sasaga se rawa ka vakailavo ni matanitu kei na noda rawata meda vakavulici ira vinaka na noda gonevuli ka laveta cake na noda ituvaki ni bula vakalewe ni vanua ena dua na tagede,” kaya ko

PM. “Ko ni na sotava na bolebole ena cakacaka oqo me vaka ni tubu cake tiko na ibolebole ni cakacaka ena veivanua ni veivakarautaki ka sa nomuni itavi mo ni vukea ka qarauna.”

Tomana ko PM Bainimarama vei ira na ovisa ni vale ni veivesu ni so na bolebole oqo era na sega ni vulica vakarawarawa ka na taura na gauna vakacakacaka me ra qai

vakasamataka kina. Sa uqeti ira talega ko koya mera dau tomana tiko ga nodra vulika me vukea nodra veiqaravi.

“Ena taura talega na gauna, na veiqaravi me tokoni kina na veiqaravi nei Komisina ni Vale ni Veivesu ko Francis Kean ka laveti tikoga na veiqaravi ena kena itagede cerecere kei na vinaka duadua.”

## Kacivaka na veiliutaki vinaka ena draki veisau

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**S**A kacivaka ko Viti ena bose ni draki veisau e Brussels, Belgium, na kena gadrevi me laveti na veiqaravi vinaka vei ira na matanitu era sotava sara tikoga na revurevu ni draki veisau ena noda vuravura.

Vakaraitaka na mata kei Viti ki Brussels ko Deo Saran na bibi ni cakacaka vata kei ira na veimatanitu kei na veitabana era cuqena tiko na veiqaravi ni draki veisau.

Na bose oqo era tokona ka veivakaramataki kina ena so na ulutaga kei na tuvatuva ni COP23 ka veiliutaki kina ko Viti.

“Gadrevi me da sa vakayagataka vinaka na matabose oqo me da vukea kina na



Na mata kei Viti ki Brussels ko Deo Saran (matai mai na mawi), ena bose ni draki veisau vata kei so vei ira na mata ni veimatanitu e na veiyasai vuravura e Brussels, Belgium. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

nodra veiqaravi na liuliu ni veimatanitu ena laveti se vakalailaitaki ni pasede ni kaburaki ni kasi gaga ena noda vuravura vaka kina na vakalailaitaki ni revurevu eso ka vu mai ena draki veisau. Ka tokoni talega kina na veidinati ena Paris agreement me lutu sopbu ena 1.5 na pasede. Sa bera ni rawati vinaka na ibolebole oqo ka sa kena ibalebale meda raica vata talega na nodra veiqaravi vakamataniitu me rawa ni

da veivuketaka vata na cuqeni ni ibolebole oqo,” kaya ko Saran.

“Na noda bula kei na mate esa vakatautaki tiko ena ibolebole oqo kei na nodra veitokoni na matanitu ena vosa bubului mai ena veidinati oqo mai Paris.”

Vakadreti ira na matanitu mai Urope ko Saran ena veika era rawa ni vakayacora mera laveta kina na nodra bolebole vakamataniitu.

“Na European Union (EU), e tiko vua edua na itavi bibi ena COP24 baleta ni rawa ni uqeti ira na veimatanitu ena bose me ra laveta na nodra veiqaravi vakaveiliutaki ena vakalailaitaki ni kaburaki ni kasi gaga,” kaya ko Saran.

“Me rawa ni vakamuri kina na lawa vu mai ena veidinati ni Paris kei na kena vakailavotaki ira na matanitu era sotava tiko na revurevu ni draki veisau.”

## Matataki Viti ko Toribau

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

**M**ARAUTAKA na nona ilesilesi ko

Aisea Toribau me matataki Viti kei na Pasivika wili kina ko Tuvalu kina na matabose levu kei



Aisea Toribau

vuravura ena nodra bose na itabagone ena Global Goals Model United Nations.

Na bose oqo enavakayacori e Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, ena yabaki vou.

Na cauravou yabaki 22 oqo ena dua vei ira na lewe 700 vakacaca na itabagone mai na veiyasai vuravura ena nodra veitalanoa ena matabose levu kei vuravura.

Na ikau ni bose oqo na “Young Generation for Realization of 17 Global Goals” and “Lets Realize 17 Global Goals for a Brighter World” ka san a vakayacori ena 11-14 ni Janu-eri , 2019.

“Sa noqu inakinaki oya me keitou tu vata kei ira na lewe ni vei matanitu ena kena cuqeni na veika me baleta na 17 na Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), ka me rawa ni buli kina na kena iwali ni bolebole kece oqo,” e kaya ko Toribau.

“Au na gadreva meu na laveta cake na noqu kila vakaveiliutaki, vosa ena matalavu kei na kena dau wali na veileqa eso e da dau sotova. Au gadreva talega meu na vulica eso na veika ni veiliutaki vou me na vukea na veiqaravi.”





# ‘Ni qarauna na veitalanoa ni qele’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA vakalasua ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na itukutuku me baleta na noda qele na kawa iTaukei ni sa sega ni dei. Vakaraitaka ena macawa sa oti na ko PM Bainimarama na italanoa oqo ena siteseni ni reitio ni matanitu na *Fiji Broadcasting Corporation* ena porokaramu na *Vakekeli*. “Oqori na veitalanoa lasutaki ka sa dodonu me da biuta laivi na veitalanoa keca koya e rawati kemuni tu vakabibi na tu ena taudaku ni koro lelevu,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Tukuna vei au e dua na italatala ni o keda dau kamikamica vei keda na ciqoma na ca. Au kerei kemuni mo ni kua ni dau ciqoma na itukutuku e vakabibitaki kina na vakaduduitaki ni mata kawa tamata.” Tukuna ko PM Bainimarama ni sa na kuri tikoga na nodratou veiqaravi ka sa vakaraitaki mai ena 4 na yabaki sa oti. “Ko iratou na lewe ni bose yaco eratou sa mai digitaki oqo ena vuku ni kila ka e tiko vei ratou ena cakacaka eratou sa laurai oti kina ni ratou cakava kei na noqu nuitaka ni ratou na vakayacora na itavi esa soli vei ratou.” Tukuna kina ko PM Bainimarama ni

nodratou veiqaravi ena sega ni veisau ena vakuri ga kina na veiqaravi eratou sa qarava tiko mai ena loma ni va na yabaki sa oti. Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni nona veiqaravi ena sega ni veivakaduiduitaki. “Au na qaravi ira vakatautauvata na lewenivanua e Viti o ira na digitaki au kei ira na sega ni digitaki au. Au sega ni Paraiminisita walega ni FijiFirst. Ko ira na digitaki au e koto na nodra vakanuini niu na sova lesu tale ena loma ni Viti raraba na veivakatorocaketaki au a cakava tiko mai ena loma ni 10 na yabaki,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

## WiFi soli wale ena siti ko Lautoka

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA ika 15 ni vanua me soli wale kina na *WiFi* ko Lautoka ena veitokoni ni kabani ni matanitu na Walesi ka sa ikarua kina ni siti ko Lautoka me okati ena veivakatorocaketaki ni Matanitu se na *Digital Fiji Initiative*. Na *WiFi* soli wale me vaka sa kacibaka tiko na Matanitu ena dau soli wale tiko kina ki vei ira na via vakayagataka na *WiFi* soli wale e 60 na miniti ka sega ni saumi ka rawa ni ra irova kina na nodra mona livaliva ena loma ni 60 na miniti oya. Na soqo koya e Lautoka sa rawa talega kina me ra kerea nodra Walesi *set top box* ka me ra marautaka kina e levu na *channel* ni sara *TV*. Vakaraitaka na *CEO* ni Walesi, ko Shivnesh Prasad e tukuna ni yacova mai ni kua sa vakayagataki tiko e Viti e 100,000 na Walesi *set top boxes*, sa levu talega na lewei Viti sa rawa nira sarava na *TV* ena nodra talevoni veikauiyaki ena kena vakayagataki na *OTT App*, kara vakayagataka tiko e sivia na

100,000 na itaukei ni talevoni veikauiyaki. “Na *WiFi* soli wale sai vakaraitaki ni nona dinata tiko na Matanitu na kena vakatorocaketaki na *ICT* kei na vuli e Viti,” tukuna ko Prasad. “Na kena inaki na nodra vakaramatakai na lewei Viti vakabibi o ira na itabagone me vakarawarawataki vei ira na veiqaravi ni *ICT* me yacome ra lewenivanua kilaka na lewei Viti. Sa rawa nira vakayagataka ena vakau *email*, *skype* kei na *viber* ka rawa ni ra vakauta kina ena mona livaliva na nodra itavi lavaki se assignment.” Na vakasama ni *WiFi* soli wale a kacivaki ena ituvatuva Vakailavo ni Matanitu ni 2018-2019 ka votai kina e \$40 na milioni me rawa ni rawa kina na *WiFi* soli wale ena veiyasai Viti. Eso na veivanua sa rawa kina na *WiFi* soli wale e Viti e oka kina My Suva Park, Sigatoka Bus Stand, Koroivolu Park e Nadi, Shirley Park e Lautoka, Ba Bus Stand, Korovou Market, Syria Park e Nausori, Labasa Civic Centre kei na Savusavu Market.



Ko Josifini Naulumatua edua na ivakalesilesi ni Kabani na Walesi ka solia tiko edua na icocovi loloma ki vua edua na lewe ni vanua ena soqo e Lautoka.  
i Taba: LITIA VULIDAUSIGA

## Rawaka vakailavo e sega ni kurabuitaki

VILIAME TIKOTANI

“SEGA ni veivakakurabuitaki na rawaka vakailavo ena noda vanua” Oqori na mala ni nodra vosa ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra vosa tiko ena soqo ni PM International Business awards e Nadi ena macawa sa oti. “Oqo na noqu rai yawa kei na tuva ka vakamatau ni noqu Matanitu ena neitou veiliutaki ena loma ni ciwa na yabaki veitaravi,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama. “Oqo edua na gauna balavu ni rawaka vakailavo ena itukutuku ni noda matanitu. Sa tiko talega na ituvatuva ni noda ni kena laveti cake ena veiyabaki na tumai ena noda vanua.” Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni ra dikeva na daunifika ena vuravura na rawaka vakailavo oqo ka veiuqeti nodra tukuna ni sa qai tubu cake tiko-ga.

“Sa vakila tiko na noda vanua na vorasausau ni veiliutaki vinaka oqo ena veika ni vekatorocaketaki. Oqo e vinaka ena noda vanua, vei ira na noda lewenivanua ka dua n aka vinaka ena bula ni bisinisi. Noda bula vakailavo e sa laurai tiko nisa na dei na kena toso me dua na gauna vinaka me vaka ni keitou sa vakayacora tiko na cakacaketaki ni veiqaravi lewa matau.” Marautaka ko PM na veiliutaki keina rawaka vakailavo vinaka ka kauta mai na nodra veiliutaki ena noda vanua na matanitu ni Fiji First.

## Volitaki manumanu ko Viti ki Toga

SA dua tale na ikalawa ki liu na veiwekani ni veivoli nei Viti kina itikitiko vakatui mai Tonga ena nona sa volitaki sipi, me kei na vu aka ko Viti ki Toga me vaka na kerekere ni matanitu mai Toga. Sa sauma mai na matanitu mai Toga na ilavo levu e \$176,000 ena nona volia e na sipi, me kei na vuaka mai Viti. Tukuna na Daireketa ni Manumanu ko Avinesh Dayal ni sa yaga vei ira na dau susu manumanu e Viti na veivoli oqo kei Toga. Sa yaga kina na vaqqa-cotaki ni sala ni veivoli e na kedra mal-iwa na veiyanyanu ena Pasifika. “Sa vuli sara mai vakalevu na Matanitu ena volitaki ni manumanu oqo ki Toga kasa caramaka na sala ni veivoli vakaoqo kina veiyanyanun ena Pasifika.” “E liu a dau volivoli na Food and Agriculture Organization ni Matabose kei Vuravura (FAO) ena kena voli me kau ki Toga. Ia qoka sa kerea mai Matanitu me volia na manumanu kece oya,” tukuna ko Dayal. “Veiratou na dau teitei e volitaki na nodratou manumanu ki Toga e oka kina 1 na dau susu vuaka, 3 na dau susu sipi kei na 4 na dau susu me era dau-susumanumanu kece mai na muaira.” Marautaka ni rawa ni volitaka nanona e dua vei ira na dau susumanumanu oqori ko Samisoni Manewa mai Tavua e marautaka nanona volitaka nanona manumanu ki Toga ka kina vakaoqo ne.

TABANA NI TEITEI KEI NA MANUMANU

## Namaki na waqavuka vou ni Fiji Airways

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA vakadeitaka mai na kabani ni waqavuka ni noda vanua na Fiji Airways ni sa na ro tiko e Nadi ena siga ni mataka (3 ni siga ni vula ko Tiseba) na waqavuka vou ni kabani na Boeing 737 MAX 8. E tukuna na kabani ni wavuka vou oqo e rejisitataki me DQ-FAB ka vakatokayacataki kina yanuyanu ko Kadavu.

E tukuni ni waqavuka vou oqo ni Fiji Airways e daumaka cake sara na itagede ni vakacegu e solia kei na kena iyaya ni veivakarautaki vei ira na pasidia, kei na kena vanua ni vakacegu, ka levu cake na vanua ni maroroi iyaya. Ena itekivu ni yabaki oqo a sa kacivaka taumada kina na kavani nina volia mai e lima na waqavukua Boeing 737 MAX 8. E rau na yaco yani ena yabaki oqo ka tolu era na qai yaco mai ena yabaki vou.

Na mataqali waqavuka vou vaka oqo se Boeing 737 MAX 8 e rawa ni vodo kina e rauta ni lewe 700 na pasidia. Tukuna na CEO ni Fiji Airways ko Andre Viljoen ni waqavuka vou vaka oqo ena vakalailaitaka ena 15 na pasede na isau ni waiwai. E 12 na yabaki na lisitaki ni waqavuka oya mai na kabani levu na Boeng ka koto ena \$100 na milioni na ilavo ni Amerika na isau ni dua na waqavuka.





## Siga ni qoliqoli e Lautoka

Liutaka na soqo ni siga ni qoliqoli ena vuravura na  
Vunivola vakatawa ni Qoliqoli ko Naipote Katonitabua ka  
vakayacori mai Lautoka.  
Vakayacori ena Shirley Park e Lautoka na veiqaravi oqo ka  
ra tiki kina na soqosoqo ni marama mai Ba na Marama  
Shellcraft Fiji,ka vakaitavaitaki ena cakacaka ni liga ena  
nodra qaravi na marama me ra tulia na qa ni kai me iyaya  
ni sausauni vakamarama  
**iTaba: LITIA VULAUDAUSIGA**



# Vukei na marama e Waimanu

Era vukei na marama ni waimanu ena  
 iayaya ni kana kei na vale mai vua na  
 tabana ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti  
 ni dravudravua. Vinivulu Tudei Josefa  
 Koroiuveta e laka solia na iayaya ka  
 rauta ni \$9894 me baleta na sasaga ni  
 soqosoqo ni tinani gone ogo.  
 E ra lewe 25 ko ira na isoqosoqo ni  
 marama ogo ka radau vakaitavitiaki  
 ira ena cakacaka ni liga vakamarama  
 me vaka na culaculu, vavayi kei na  
 vakasaga ka wilitalega na bena ni ulu  
 me vakailavotaka na soqosoqo.  
 Vakaratitaka na vinivulu na soqosoqo  
 ko lilsapeki Tavaga ni valeni soqo ogo  
 ena vukei ira na marama ni koro mera  
 vakayagataka me kani vakayavo bose.

**iTaba: SOLO LEWANAVANA**



# Dola nodra vale na marama e Veinuqa

Na minisita ni marama, gone kei na valuti ni  
dravudravua Mereseini Yuniwaqa e laki dolava  
nodra vale ni soqo na marama e Namalata  
Tailevu.  
Sau ni tara ni vale oqo etiko ena \$4,990 ka  
vekei kina na bula ni 319 na lewenikoro kei na  
67 na matavuvale e Veinua.  
iTaba: **SOLO LEWANAVANUA**



# Vosa bubului ko ira na noda Minisita

Sai ikoya ogo na nodra dui itutu na lewe  
ni Bose Yaco ni Matanitu sa mai digitaki  
ogo ni mai cava na veidigidigi ni 2018.

Paraiminisita se ililuli ni Matanitu ko  
JosaiaVorege Bainimarama ka Minisita  
ni Veika Vakaitaukei, Suka kei na  
Curuvanu.Na ivukevuke ni minisita ni  
suka ko George Vegnath.

Minisita ni bula Vakailavo, Kabani  
taukena na Matanitu, Cakacaka  
Vakamatanitu kei na Vakautukutuku ko  
Aiyyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

Minisita ni Veitaoqomaki keina Yadravi ni  
noda Vanua ko Inia Seruiratu.  
Minisita ni Veivakavaletaki, Veivoli,  
Saravanua, Vakatorocaketaki ni  
Vakaitokito, kei na vei Matabose ni  
Tauni ko Premila Devi Kumar.Nona  
ivuukeve ni minisita ko Vijay Nath.  
Minisita ni Veivakacakacakataki, Vuavuai  
kei na Veimaliwal Vakacacakaka, kei na  
iTabagone kei na Qito ko Praveen Kumar.  
Nona ivuukeve ni minisita ko Alvis  
Maharaj.

Minisita ni Teitei, Veivakatorocaketaki and  
taudaku ni koro lelevu keina veivanu, yatu,  
Qaravi ni wai, keina Veikabula e ni  
wawoliti keda. E rau nona ivukevuke ni  
minisita ko Viam Pillay kei Jale Sigarara.  
Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na  
vakalalaitaki ni bula dravudravuako  
Mereseini Luitiwaqa. Nona ivukevuke ni  
Minisita ko Veena Bhatnagar.  
Minisita ni Qele kei na Iyau Bula e loma ni  
qele ko Ashneel Sudhakar.  
Minisita ni Velikau ko Osea Naiqamu.

Minisita ni Qoliqoli ko Semi Koroilavesau.  
Minisita ni Cakacaka ilelevu, Veilakoyaki,  
Leqa Tubukoso, kei na Draki ko Jone  
Usamate.  
Minisita ni Vuli, iYau Maroro, kei na  
iTovo ko Rosy Akbar . Nona ivukevuke ko  
Joseph Nand.  
Minisita ni Bula ko Dr Ifereimi  
Waqainabete. Nona ivukevuke ko  
Alexander O'Connor.

iTaba: PALIMEDI KEI VITI







# Vakacaucautaka na timi ni Viti ko PM

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**V**AKAVINAVINAKA talega ko PM Baini marama kina qaga ni noda timi ni rakavi vei Varanise.

Na qaga oqo e kena isevu ena itukutuku ni veigauna ni qito rakavi ni noda vanua ko Viti.

Vakayacori na qito vakairogoro oqori ena rara levu na The State de France Stadium mai Varanise.

“Meda tekivu ena noda vakavinavinaka

vakalevu sara kina noda timi ni Flying Fijians keina kena dau ni veivakavulici ena nodratou qaga vakairogoro vei Varanise. Na isevu ni noda qaga vei Varanise ena qito rakavi ni vuravura.”

“Ki vei John Mackee kei na Flying Fijians dou sa vakatakilai Viti ki vuravura ena dua na gauna vou ni rakavi vakauasivi na kena sa voleka tiko main a qito ni vuravura ena 2019.”

“Au vakavinavinaka talega kina Fijia Airways Fijiana ena nodratou qaga,” tukuna ko

PM Bainimarama

Qaga o Viti ena kai levu 21 kei 14 ka kavetanitaka ko Dominiko Waqaniburotu.

Na qaga oqo nei Viti sa tosoya cake kina na keda poidi kina 77,95 ka sa levu cake kina vei Varanise kei Argentina.

Qo na isevu ni qaga nei Viti ena loma ni 60 na yabaki ka vo e dua na yabaki kina qito ni bilo ni vuravura.

E rau sa qito oti vaka 10 na vanua e rua ena loma ni veimama ni senitiuri.

‘Au dau ni veiqaravi ki Viti raraba’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**V**AKADEITAKA ena Palimedi ena macawa oqo ko PM Bainimarama ni sa tiko oqo me veiqaravi vaka Paraiminisita ki Viti raraba.

“Au sa tiko talega me kauta mai na veisau e gadreva na noda vanua me rawa kina sotava na bolebole e tu matada,” kaya ko PM

“Au sa tiko talega me tara caka e dua na veimataka e uasivi cake vei keda kece na lewenivanua e Viti.

Tukuna ena Palimedi ko PM Bainimarama ni nona veiliutaki ena tu me ivakavuvuli, ena makare ka savasava ena vakatulewa kece kei na veika kece eratou vakayacora. Ena bibi duadua kina na nodra bula vinaka na lewenivanua ko Viti.

Ena sega ni vakatabaikiduaga kina dua na yasana se kina dua ni kukukumuni tamata se mata dua ga na mata kawa tamata ia vei Viti raraba.

Tukuna ko PM Bainimarama ena Palimedi ni nona matanitu ena vakadeitaka tiko me tomani tiko na bula vinaka ni bula vakailavo ni noda vanua. Me tomani kina na 9 na yabaki vakairogoro ni bulavinaka vakailavo ni noda vanua.

“Ena tomana tiko na Matanitu na kena veivakatorocaketaki ka vua ni ni noda bula vinaka vakailavo. Me vaka na vakatorocaketaki ena noda raiyawa ena noda veisiti keina tauni kei na veivanua yawa eso enanoda vanua,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

“E sa na tomani na taravi ni veigaunisala, vakadrodroi ni wai, livaliva tabanana vakautukutuku vakakina na WiFi soli wale.”

E na tomani tale ga na kena vakarawarawataki na veiqaravi ni matanitu ki vei ira na lewe ni vanua e Viti.



Ko Paraiminista Voreqe Bainimarama ena nona isevu ni vosa ena Palimedi ena ikarua ni wasewase ni nodra veiliutaki ena noda vanua.  
Taba: PALIMEDI KEI VITI

## Me taqomaki noda veigauna: PM Bainimarama

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**N**A noda ivakarau vakavanua, na noda ivakarau ni bula kei na noda taqomaki vinaka ena veitabagauna sa tu ki liu edua na ka ena qarauna sara ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena ikarua ni wasewase ni nodra veiqaravi vakaveiliutaki ena noda vanua.

Oqori na mala ni vosa nei PM Bainimarama ena nodra vosa me saumi kina na dolava ni bosa lawa nei Peresitedi Konrote.

“Eda sa vaqacacotaka na ka e virikotori ena noda Yavu ni Vakavulewa ni 2013 ka noda qaga kece,” kaya ko PM.

“Era sa digitaka na lewe i Viti e dua na Viti ka kauti keda ena gaunisala ni toso ki liu era sa digitaka meda kaukauwa tikoga na noda bula vakailavo. Era sa digitaka na kidavaki ni veigauna vinaka.

“Era sa digitaka edua na Viti e liutaki ira tiko na veimatanitu ka valataka tiko na veika e yaga vakalevu vei keda.”

“Au tiko oqo meu qaravi kemuni ena noqu itutu vaka Paraiminisita meu qarava na nomuni gagadre meu kauta mai na veisau e gadreva na noda vanua me sotavi kina na bolebole. Au tiko ni kua meu tara cake e dua na Viti e vinaka cake,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

Duavata ko PM Bainimarama ena vakasama ni cakacaka vata ka vosa kina na turaga na Peresitedi

“Au vinakata meu kena imatai vei keda meu tukuna niu tokona na nona vosa na turaga na Peresitedi ena nona kerei keda meda cakacaka vata veitalia na duidui ni soqosoqo vaka politiki eda dui gole mai kina meda solia na noda vinaka taucoko ena nodra qaravi na lewei Viti kece.”

## Vukevuke ni Sivika ko Veena

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**V**AKAVINAVINAKATAKA ko PM na nodra cabeta na itutu ni vukevuke ni Sivika ko Veena Bhatnagar.

“Au vakavinavinaka talega vua na marama na Sipika enanomu sa digitaki tale mo sipika vaka kina vei Veena Bhatnagar ena nona sa digitaki me nomu ivukevuke.”

E taura tale tikoga ko Veena Bhatnagar na itutu vaka ivukevuke ni minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Vakalailaitaki ni bula dravudravua.

“Au tokona vakalevu na nona tukuna na turaga na Peresitedi na kena gadrevi me levu na marama mera lewena na Palimedi,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama “Au kidavaki Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Veena Bhatnagar, Ro Teimumu Kepa,

Salote Radrodroi, kiadavi talega ena imatai ni gauna ko Premila Kumar, vakakina o Selai Adimaitoga, kei Adi Litaia Qionibaravi.

Sa kerei au talega na waitqu o Mary meu vakavinavinakataki rau na marama ni Kadavu, o Lenora Qereqeretabua kei Lynda Tabuya.”

“Na neitou veiliutaki ena savasava ka kana qaravi vakadodonu. Na itavi kece keitou vakaitavi kina keidou na dau qarauna kina na nodra bula vinaka na lewei Viti,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

Ena veidigidigi e Viti ena yabaki 2014 era lewe 8 kina na marama e curu kina Palimedi.

Sa levu cake na iwiliwili ni marama era digitaki kina Palimedi ena veididigi ni yabaki oqo kani sa lewe 10 e 5 ena ito ni Matanitu ka 5 tale kina ito ni Veisaga.



Ko Veena Bhatnagar ena nona vosa bubului me iVukevuke ni Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni Bula Dravudravua. iTaba: ERONI VALILI





# Na veika mo kila ke ko via lisi ena qele ni Matanitu

Na i tekitekivu ni veitalanoa oqo e taba ena macawa rua sa oti. Na kena i kuri e toka oqo.

**NODA VITI:** Keo sega ni tara nomu vale ena yabaki yalataki?

TUAMOTU: Ni o qai sainitaka ga nomu lisi kena ibalebale ni o sa vakadonuya mo v aka-muria kece na veika e tabaki ena veidinadinati oya. O sa voroka na veidinadinati nio sega ni tara rawa nomu vale ena yabaki e yalataki.

**NODA VITI:** Cava rawa ni yaco keo voroka e dua na veidinadinati?

TUAMOTU: Na imatai edau soli e 30 na siga. Oti oya lako tale yani e dua na ivola 14 tale na siga. Oti ya qai 7 tale na siga. Au kila na matanitu duadua ga e vakatara tiko oya. E solia tiko na gauna. E duatani keo lai volivoli mai vei Courts e sega tale ni soli tiko na grace period sa vesu sara ga mai na iyaya. Ia a matanitu e solia tiko na gauna. Loma ni 30 na siga o volavola tale mai kina ka ulubaletaka mai na leqa se dua tale naka, sana boko laivi kece tale na ivola a lako yani vei iko e liu. Niu sa biuta mai e dua na ulubale ka vu ni nomu bera tiko vakalailai.

**NODA VITI:** Ni rawa ni vakamacalataka mada na veika eso sa vakayacora tiko na Tabacakacaka ni Qele ni Matanitu ena nodra vukei o ira na m alumalumu nodra rawaka kara gadreva talega me dua nodra qele era tiko ena tara vale vakailoa tiko ena qele ni matanitu?

TUAMOTU: Au kila ni Matanitu e tu sara tuga na nona ituvatuvu baleta ga na kena sagai walega me laveti cake nodra bula na lewenivanua. Na Sasaga ni matanitu me vakalailitaki sobu na dravudravua e Viti. Sa qai saga kina mera vida-vidai na tiki ni qeleera tara vale tu kina vakailoa na lewenivanua mera volia na nodra lisi. Na ka bibiga tiko ena gauna oqo e sega tu ni tu vei ira e dua na title ni qele se nodra lisi mera kauta kina baqe. Mena toso cake kina nodra rawaka vakailavo. Kevaka e sega nodra lisi ena sega ni rawa ni ra toso cake. Era na yaco tikoga ena vanua ga era yaco tiko kina oya. Oya navanua e rai tiko kina na matanitu na kena vinakati me soli vei ira na nodra lisi. Se me rawa nira lai vakayagtaka tale na nodra lisi ena veitabana e tu kina na veivuke me rawa nira vuli vinaka kina na nodra gone.

**NODA VITI:** Na cava so na bolebole e sotava na Tabacakacaka ni Matanitu?

TUAMOTU: Na kena yaco tiko eso na ivakarau e sega ni vakalawataki. Eda raica tiko ni so na veivoli kei na so na veiolitaki ni qele e yaco tu oqo e sega sara tuga ni kila o Director ni Qele. Na gauna s alai yaco kina na leqa sara qai yaco tale mai kina neitou tabana ena nodra saga me keitou walia na nodra leqa. Koya oqo e dua na bolebole levu keitou sotava tiko ena gauna oqo. Na kena ikarua na kena sega ni dau saumi tiko na lisi bolei keitou tiko na kena sagau me saumi tiko mai na nodra lisi. E dua na iwase levu ni neotou vei qaravi na nodra cicivi tiko na lisi ena kena kumuni tiko mai nodra dinau ni lisi. Kena ikuriga na levu ni kudru e dau ciqomi tiko e neitou valenivolavola. Na veibataki ni yalayala. Era veiba na lisi. E dua na itavi levu tale ni Matanitu ena kena sagai tale tiko me lai wali na nodra leqa.



E vosa tiko ko Robert Khan ena kena tavo na Walesi soli wale e Nasinu.

# Na cava na Walesi?

**G**ADREVA na noda niusivevava ni Matanitu na **NODA VITI** me sauma na veitaro eso oni dau vakataroga me baleta na kabani ni Matanitu na Walesi. Me matata kina veikemuni na veika moni vakayacora me dua kina nomuni Walesi Top Box.

**Na cava sara mada na Walesi?**

Na Walesi e dua na kabani e taukena na matanitu ka tauyavutaki ena 2015. Me nona itavi na veisau mai na Analogue kina Digital TV e Viti raraba. Na Walesi e qarava na cakacaka kece me rawati kina na veisau oqo mai na Analogue kina Digital ka taukena na misini ka yacana na Walesi ka rawa ni solia na digital television kei na broad band.

**Na cava sara mada e vinaka cake kina na Digital TV mai na kena eda vakayagataka tiko mai liu oya na Analogue TV.**

Na Digital TV e makaresese kina na yaloyalo eda sarava ka matata vinaka na kena rorogoo ni vakatauvatani kei na TV eda vakayagataka tiko mai e liu oya na analogue TV. E vakaga na makare vinaka ni iyaloyalo e da dau sarava ena vale ni yaloyalo. Ni ko rogoca ira na lewenivanua nira tukuna ni sa dua nanodra Walesi sa kena ibalebale oya ni sa tiko na nodra Digital TV.

**Na cava na vuna esa tekivutaki kina e Viti na Digital TV?**

Na Walesi e dua na sala e vakayagtaka na matanitu me rawarawa kina vei keda kece na lewei Viti meda rawa ni sarava na digital free to air TV (sega ni saumi) Channells ka vakalevutaka yani na broadband internet kina veikoro kei na veiyanyanu. Sa na vakarawarawataka vei ira mai na veiyanyanu kei na loma ni vanua.

Na Walesi ena veisautaka na iwalewale ni nodra vuli na gone. Na Walesi ena vakarawarawataka na ciqomi ni itukutuku ena gauna ni leqa tubu koso.

**O cei erawa ni dua nona Walesi?**

Na tamata kece e rawa ni vaka Walesi. Na Misini ni Walesi ena solia na sikinala makare duadua ni TV kina colo ni vanua kei na veiyanyauanu, Oqo e dua na veisau vou e Viti.

**Au na sema vakacava kina Walesi?**

Mo sema kina Walesi ko na gadreva e dua na TV kei an dua na Set up box kei na dua na polarized UHF Antenna. Na veitarataravi ni ka me caka e rawa ni o

raica ena kena website.

**Na cava na Set up box?**

Na set up box e dua na box lailai ka semata na nomu misini kina mo rawa ni sarava kina na yaloyalo ena TV ka sega ni saumi.

**Ena rawa vakacava me dua na nomu Set up box ka vica na kena isau?**

E rawa niko volia e dua na nomu Set up box ena sitoa nei Courts, Vinod Patel, Home nad Living. TFL, Rups Big Bear, kei Tapoo.

Na isau ni set up box ena veisitoa oya e \$99.95.

**Na channels cava so erawa ni saravi ena Walesi?**

Na channel sega ni suami kece ma vaka na: FBC, FBC 2, FBC PLUS, FIJI TV, Channel 2, Mai TV, Hope Channel, kei na Parliament channel. Ena itukutuku o lomma tarotaro kina rawa nio qiri kina 0800 321 6600 ena gauna ni cakacaka se email kina info@walesi.com.fj

**Ena rawa vakacava me dua noqu Top Box soli wale?**

E vinakata na kabani ni matanitu na Walesi me tiko kece na noda Walesi na lewenivanua, ia kila na kabani ni so na vuvale ena sega ni rawa nira sauma.

**E vica na sala e rawa ni dua kina nomu Top box soli wale?**

E rua na sala e rawa ni soli wale kina e dua nomu Top Box. Dua kevaka e vakadonui mo okati ena veivuke ni livaliva ena veivula se monthly subsidy scheme sana qai rawa ni dua nomu Walesi Set Box soli wale. Sikova na website ni Walesi ka vola na nomu FEA account number ena vanua e volai toka kina FEA ACCOUNT HOLDER mo kila se rawa ni soli wale vei iko sega. Kevaka e lailai mai na \$30,000 na kemudou isau na vuvale ena dua na yabaki ia e sega ni rawa ni ko qualify kina FEA Subsidy, ena rawa ni soli wale vei iko e dua na Setu box sega ni saumi. E dodonu mo vakalewena vakavinaka taucoko na domu ni kerekee ni Walesi Susidy. Ni osa vakalewena oti keitou sana qai solia yani e dua na nomu ID number. Mo na qai vakayagtaka mo kila kina seo rawa ni vakayagtaka na Walesi Subsidy Applicant box.

Ena itukutuku tale eso yalo vinaka qiri kina Walesi Nationa Operation Centre

se kina naba sega ni saumi na 0800 321 6600.

**Kevaka e sega na nomu Set Top Box erawa tiko bekaga meu sara iyaloyalo ena channel sega ni saumi?**

Ena gauna qo io.. ena yaco na gauna mesa na sega ni rawa. Baleta na gauna sana sega ni vakayagataki kina na Analogue TV makawa e san a gadrevi me dua nomu Set up Box e rawa nio sarasara. Oya ni sa yaco na gauna me sosomitaka na vei qaravi ni analogue na Walesi digital TV.

**Ena rawa beka niu vakacobara ga vakataki au na na noqu Set Top Box?**

Io. E rawarawa tuga na kena vakacobari na Set Top Box e gadrevi ga kina edua na nom UHF antenna se dua na satellite dish.

Ena gadrevi e dua nomu UHF antenna se VHF-UHF combination antenna ka verticalllu polarized.

Na TV makawa vaka AV input e rawa talega ni saravi kina na iyaloyalo ke vakayagataki na Set top Box ia mo veitaratara rawa mai kei na kabani. E dodonu me dusi nanomu antenna kina transmission site e voleka duadua vei iko. Na vanua o volia mai kina nomu Set Top Box e rawa ni tukuna na transmission site o voleka duadua kina se qiri mai kina kabani ni Walesi ena naba: 0800 321 6600. Ke sega ni dua nomu antenna ena gadrevi mo vakaduria e dua.

**Na veivanua cava e so e rawa toboki se saravi kina na sikinala Walesi?**

Na neitou sala ni vei qaravi ena vakadeitaka me rawa ni saravi ena veivanua kece e Viti na neitou sikinala. Kena ibalebale oya na veivale kece e rawa ni vaka Walesi vei ira talega na vanua e sega ni dau rawa nira sara TV eliu.

Na kabani esa vakaduria e levu na kena ivana se transmission e Vit Levu kei Vanua Levu kara oka kina eso na veiyanyanu lalai.

Mera sema mai na sega tu ni dau sema kina vei qaravi ni retio yaloyalo.

**Ena levu tale na channel mai muri?**

Eratou sa raica tiko na timi ni Walesi na kane rawa ni so tale mai na channel vou gauna mada ga oqo keitou vakabibitaka na kena duri vakalaevu na ivana se transmission ni Walesi taladrodro yani.



# Noda Viti



Era taba na liuliu ni Matanitu Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama kei na Minisita ni Vakaduri Bisinisi, Veivoli kei na Sara vanua, Matabose ni Tauni, Veivakavaletaki, Veivakatorocaketaki ena lomani tikotiko ko Premila Kumar kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni Saravanua ena soqo ni Veisisivitaki ni Icovi ni Bisinisi e Vanuatani nona na Paraiminisita. iTaba: ISAAC LAL

## Na qaga ni FijiFirst e qaga nei Viti

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA qaga ni FijiFirst e qaga nei Viti, e vaka qori e dua na mala ni nona vosa na turaga na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama e Viti ena isevu ni nona vosa ena Bose Lawa vou ena macawa oqo.

“Na digitaki tale ni matanitu ni FijiFirst e dua na qaga. Sega ni au duadua se kina na noqu isoqosoqo ni politiki. Qoka na qaga nei Viti,” kaya ko PM.

“Au vakavinavinaka kivei ira na lewei Viti nira solia tale vei au edua na gauna ni veiqaravi ena Palimedi.”

Sa vakavinavinaka vei ira keca na lewe ni FijiFirst kei ira na dau veitokoni ena nodra veivakabauti kau nuitaka nira na tomama tiko na noda sasaga ni tosoi Viti tiko ki liu.

“Au via vakadeitaka ki Viti niu na sega ni cegu ena noqu sasaga meu tosoi Viti tiko ki liu. Ka meu liutaka e dua na matanitu e ivakaraitaki ena nona itovo vinaka, cakacaka vaka savasava, ka doka na veimatatama kece,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Sa na tomani tiko na noda veivaivakatorocaketaki, na noda raici vakatautauvata nida lewenivanua ko Viti kei na yalayala nida na raici vakatautauvata ka keitou dau vakabibitaka kara sa duavata kina na lewei Viti. Ka ra sa solia kina nodra veivakabauti nira sa vakadinadinatana na veiliutaki oqo. Nodra sa taleitaka na duavata, keina nodra sa cata na politiki ni veivakarerei.”

# Ulu ni icovi

## Qoqota na Fiji Airways na Prime Minister International Business Award

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

QOQOTA na kabani ni waqavuka ni matanitu na Fiji Airways na ulu ni icovi ni Prime Minister International Business Award ena bogi ni Vakarauwai naika 24 ni siga ni vula ko November 2018 ena Sofitel Resort mai Denarau e Nadi.

Tukuna na iliuliu ni kabani na Fiji Link ko Shaenaz Voss ni sega ni rawarawa na qaga oqo baleta ni yaco kina vakalevu na cakacaka vakaukauwa ena kabani.

“Rawati na ulu ni icovi ni bisinisi ena vuku ni

vinaka na veiliutaki,” tukuna ko Voss.

“Au vakavinavinaka talega vua na Manidia levu ni Fiji Airways e sega ni tiko rawa kei keda ena soli icovi oqo ena vuku ni osooso vakacakacaka, vakavinavinaka talega vua na jeameni ni matabose kei ira na daireketa.”

“Au vakavinavinaka talega vei ira kece na tamata cakacaka ni Fiji Airways kei ira na itokani vakabisinisi ena nodra cakacaka vata kei na Fiji Airways e veigauna,” tukuna ko Voss.

“Vakauasivi nanoqu vakavinavinaka kina Matanitu ko Viti kei na vale ni volavola ni Paraiminisita ki vua talega na Paraiminisita

vakataki koya.”

“Ena nodra dau tu tikivi keda ena veigauna me vaka ni keitou cici vakabisinisi keitou dau cakava na e dodonu ga me caka, ia ena sega ni keitou cakava rawa ke sega na veitokoni oya,” tukuna ko Voss.

“Vaka kina kina neitou minisitiri ni vuka kei na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena nona veiokoni kina Fiji Airways.”

Vakauasivi talega vei kemuni kece sra na lewe ni vanua ni dau digitakla moni vuka ena Fiji Airways.