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Mobile hospital



The Veivueti after being commissioned in Suva. **INSET TOP:** Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with medical staff on the vessel. **INSET BOTTOM:** Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama on the bridge of the Veivueti. **Photos: ERONI VALILI**

Vessel will provide medical services for 40,000 Fijians

NANISE NEIMILA

CLOSE to 40,000 Fijians living in the maritime islands will now access better and mobile medical services on new Government Shipping Services vessel the Veivueti.

Commissioned by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, the \$8million vessel was specifically designed and built in Malaysia to provide primary and secondary medical services as well as to respond to emergencies.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the Veivueti would be “unlike any resource we’ve had at our disposal here in Fiji”.

“It is specially equipped and designed to accommodate 18 crew members, including a full team of medical professionals who can carry

out emergency surgeries, take X-rays, screen for pulmonary tuberculosis, perform urgent dental procedures and more.

“The medical facility is a promise fulfilled by my Government.

This vessel will be constantly moving; its current schedule consists of 10 week-long trips, through which more than 10,000 patients from the far reaches of Fiji are expected to be treated annually.”

The vessel is expected to make its maiden journey to the Lau Group soon.

Joeli Soqoi, 70, from Lomaloma Village in Vanuabalavu said this was the first time any government had provided this sort of service.

“For us living in the islands we commend the health services provided by Government, but in some cases such

as for someone to have an operation, the patient is airlifted to Suva. But with the new vessel and services provided on board this is very efficient,” Mr Soqoi said.

Mereseini Dakuna, 68, who lives near Mualevu Village on Vanuabalavu, shared similar sentiments saying Fijians living in the maritime islands would not spend a lot of money to travel to Suva now.

“If anyone travels to Suva we have to think of accommodation, food and other necessities. However, with the arrival of boat we are thankful to the Government for providing health services,” she said.

Like many other maritime islands the actual travelling is another challenge and as Sisilia Seniyasi of Taveuni, who underwent an operation in Labasa recently, highlighted the ves-

sel was much needed.

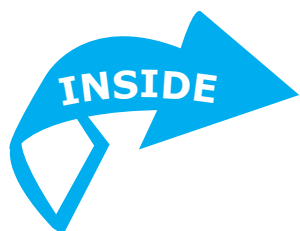
“The travelling cost from Taveuni to Labasa and return by boat is about \$60 and we have to think of accommodation. We are lucky to have relatives otherwise it’s an added cost but with the new vessel providing such services, it will be a great help to us,” she said.

“We are thankful to the Government for all they have done to provide these services on board the vessel.”

The vessel houses separate rooms for operations, minor procedures, consultations and recovery.

The ship is equipped with state-of-the-art tools such as ventilator machines and medical lasers to treat serious eye complications.

At the same event, PM Bainimarama officiated at the commissioning of the new \$3m Government Shipping Ser-

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum

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Attorney-General and Minister for
Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum

NUMBERS

The LTA budget allocation for road safety alone has increased by **48** per cent from **2015**, which was **\$362,450**, to **\$700,000**. There was a further increase by **22** per cent from **2016** to **2017**.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Peter Thomson

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Govt 'determined to help Fijians'

PRASHILA DEVI

THE Fijian Government, like the Indian Government, is determined to put people at the centre of national development.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, made the comment while receiving a cheque for \$1.7million from the Indian Government, adding that it was the ordinary Fijians that the Government wanted to assist.

The grant assistance is part of the \$10.37m (US\$5m) that was pledged by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the SME sector during his historic visit to Fiji in 2014 and this portion was handed over to the A-G by Indian Minister of State for Health and Family

Welfare Ashwini Choubey.

The A-G said, "This seed funding provides capital to ordinary Fijians, so for example if it is a poultry farm the funding will enable them to maybe buy more chickens or build a fence. It helps them go a step further, so by giving them \$1000 we are able to give them a leg-up".

He said the \$1000 maximum that the Government had been providing as capital to Fijians involved in the SME sector who wanted to grow their businesses had changed their lives tremendously in a small, but decisive, manner.

The cheque handover coincided with the renaming of the Suva-based Indian Culture Centre that will now be known as Swami Vivekananda Centre.

The A-G, while congratulating the In-

dian High Commission on the renaming, said it was a significant move because it promoted the value of living in peace and harmony through religious texts.

"In this changing globalised world, we must be able to stick to the core values of humanity, to humanitarian assistance that led to the Indian Government providing not only millions of dollars in cash, but also seeds for farmers who were affected by (Tropical Cyclone) Winston," he said.

Meanwhile, the A-G has encouraged Indian hospitals to tender for public-private partnerships for hospitals to come to Fiji.

"By assisting Fiji in setting up medical facility that are internationally certified we will be able to provide assistance not just to Fijians, but to other Pacific island countries," he said.



Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, while officiating at the ground-breaking ceremony of the new courthouse in Nasinu. Photo: ERONI VALILI

New courthouse for growing town

NATASHA BEGUM

THE construction of a new courthouse in Nasinu will enable Fijians living in the area to access Government services closer to home.

The Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, while officiating at the ground-breaking ceremony of the new courthouse in Nasinu last week, said with the bulk of Fiji's populace residing in the area, the construction would give it a "sense of township".

"Nasinu is the largest municipality and a major corridor in the Nausori-Lami section of Fiji," the A-G said.

"A number of cases are dealt here at the Nasinu Court so the overall view of the Government is to bring services closer to them; and with the bulk of population in this municipality means that Government has the responsibility and duty to ensure those services are brought closer to where people actually reside."

Chief Justice Anthony

Gates said that as Nasinu Town grew so much and so fast, its services have had to expand.

"Previously this courthouse was to be a Magistrates Court solely, but now at least two of the court rooms will be made multi-functional so that a High Court Criminal trial could take place within its premises," the Chief Justice said.

"We have two Resident Magistrates sitting at Nasinu today, soon we will provide four at this centre. This will cut out unnecessary travel

for those along the corridor between Suva and Nausori."

The new facilities will include four courtrooms including Magistrates Chambers and other support offices, four Tribunal rooms, Magistrates Common Room, Library, Administration, Storage space, archive room, server room, audio/visual room, Assessors room, two Exhibit rooms, Witness rooms, other stakeholders office, eight cell blocks, sick bay, services yard and a car park.



CARE for Fiji amnesty until June 15

THE amnesty period for ineligible CARE for Fiji recipients has been reopened until June 15, 2018.

As a reminder, the CARE for Fiji programme is only intended to assist Fijians directly impacted by Tropical Cyclones Josie and Keni.

The many thousands of recipients who reported their

information honestly and used their assistance appropriately need not return their assistance during the amnesty period.

Abuse of CARE for Fiji Programmes can include, but is not limited to, misrepresentation on application forms, members of the same household attempting

to separately register for the same assistance programme, the reselling of assistance materials or the spending of electronic cards at unauthorised vendors.

The amnesty period will continue to apply for all ineligible recipients under Farms-CARE, Homes-CARE, eTransport-CARE,

Leaseholders-CARE and Sugarcane-CARE.

During this amnesty period, electronic cards that have already been spent by an ineligible recipient must be repaid in full.

Many ineligible recipients have already taken advantage of the previous amnesty period and returned their elec-

tronic cards, or other forms of assistance, to the relevant authorities.

The amnesty period has been reopened to allow more Fijians to come forward and return assistance they may have been ineligible to receive.

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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and members of the Fijian delegation with the Victorian Business Community during the lunch meeting at the Crown Towers in Melbourne, Australia.
Photo: PRIYANKA LAL

\$1.3b Australian investments in 2017

PRIYANKA LAL

FIJI recorded an increase in Australian investment mostly in tourism, financial and manufacturing sector amounting to \$1.33billion in 2017.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama made the statement at a business luncheon with the Victorian Business Community at the Crown Towers in Melbourne, Australia, last weekend.

In his address to close to 20 prominent businesspeople from Victoria and Sydney, Prime Minister Bainimarama said opportunities existed for Australian investors in growing the Fijian economy.

“More Fijian and Australian businesses have been working together every year, and they are doing better by and for each other. Two-way flows of goods and services between our countries reached \$2.13b last year,” he said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said foreign investors could take advantage of a number of targeted tax incentives with the Fijian economy now poised to grow for the ninth consecutive year.

“Our corporate tax rate stands at 20 per cent, a figure that becomes even more attractive if a foreign company establishes their headquarters in Fiji, dropping to 17 per cent. And if the company is listed on the South Pacific Stock Exchange, that rate is lowered



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama says foreign investors could take advantage of a number of targeted tax incentives with the Fijian economy now poised to grow for the ninth consecutive year.
Photo: PRIYANKA LAL

even further to just 10 per cent,” he said.

“We have massive areas of land across Viti Levu and many of our maritime areas that have been declared as tax-free regions.”

One area with untapped potential that investors were encouraged to look into was the business process outsourcing (BPO).

“Not only is the Fijian workforce tal-

ented, we are also English-speaking and BPO services in Fiji are available at one third of the price found here in Australia,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

“In certain zones in the country, we are offering a 10-year tax holiday for ICT operators, tax holidays for ICT accredited training institutions and for companies working in app design and software development.”

AFL changes name

AIRPORTs Fiji Limited will now be known as Fiji Airports.

Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Civil Aviation Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum officiated at the event to rename the company.

Speaking at the event, the A-G said the renaming reflected the modernisation of the company which operated all major airports around the country.

“Just like Fiji Visitors Bureau has changed to Tourism Fiji because FVB sounds more bureaucratic and like Air Pacific now known as Fiji Airways, it would now sound nice that Fiji Airways flies to Fiji Airports,” he said.

Fiji Airports executive chair Faiz Khan said the name change reflected the company’s journey as it continued to play an important role in the aviation sector.

“If you look at AFL it has come a long way since its establishment and the renaming of the company allows us that extra edge. When we say Fiji Airports we know we proud of the name and the brand it represents,” Mr Khan said.

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Residents thankful for flood mitigation

PRIYANKA LAL

RESIDENTS of Omark, Narere, Nasinu, no longer live in fear for their lives and possessions every time it rains heavily.

Omark resident 68-year-old Khairun Nisha and her neighbours breathed a sigh of relief after the Nasinu Town Council carried out drainage upgrade and maintenance works in the area earlier this year.

The work entailed grading of drains running through the settlement to allow for council workers to clear debris easily and the construction of retaining walls to stop flooding.

Ms Nisha, a resident of the area for the past 21 years, said homes in her neighbourhood were usually flooded

after a few hours of heavy rain, causing damage to their homes and valuable belongings.

“Now we don’t face flooding problems. Before floodwaters would reach the posts on which our house is built and enter my son’s house. Now the drains are clean,” she said.

“Just late last year when it rained heavily, the drain near our house was flooded. Floodwaters receded after midnight. One of our neighbour’s timber and corrugated iron house was badly damaged.

“Another lady had to run for her life with her one-month old baby. Piles of rubbish clogged the drains that caused the devastating floods in our area,” she added.

The town council conducts regular

rubbish collection in the area from Mondays to Thursdays to stop people from throwing rubbish anyhow.

Expressing similar views, another resident 35-year-old Ana Vula thanked the Government and the council for coming to their aid and addressing the problems they faced for so many years.

“I have been living here for more than 12 years. The grading construction to minimise rubbish collection in the drains is a great help for us. We feel much safer now,” Ms Vula said.

“We believe in this Government because they helped us get proper lease and titles last year.

“We will slowly build new and secure homes. Good things are happening for which we are grateful.”

Drainage works for town’s wards

PRIYANKA LAL

MUCH-NEEDED drainage works that will benefit close to 100,000 residents are being carried out in Nasinu.

Nasinu Town Council manager engineering Moses Yavala said about \$120,000 was given in the second quarter funding and this was used for drainage maintenance and upgrades at Makoi, Muanikoso, Tovata and Narere.

Mr Yavala said they now awaited the third quarter funding to address drainage issues in Nadera, Nadawa, Nasole and Vesivesi Road, Kinoya.

He said the funding provided by the Ministry of Waterways helped address drainage issues in all the seven wards of Nasinu where no works were carried out in the past two to three decades.

“We will get a grant of nearly \$0.5 million. We are trying to play catch-up on our drainage maintenance and development relative to climate change and flooding. We expect to get \$220,000 soon to target Nadawa,” Mr Yavala said.

“Nadawa is a high-risk flood area where we will carry out excavation works. There are two sections in Nadawa where we tend to build drains of channel designs. We will then focus on Nadera and Kinoya because these areas are flooded quite frequently.”

The drainage works involved structural improvements and excavation to widen and upgrade old V-drains to ease water flow during heavy rainfall.

“These drains were built in the early 1970s under the housing subdivision so no improvements have taken place from that time until now. For Nadawa, specifically, we will dig about 10 metre wide channels because of the water table to ease water flow and stop flooding,” Mr Yavala said.

The council was working with seven local contractors to speed up the drainage works.

“People, especially those in densely-populated squatter areas, are thankful for the works done. If it rains for half a day at Omark, Narere, some homes got flooded, but we have addressed that issue,” Mr Yavala said.



Minister for Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy during the commissioning of the Rewa River dredging project at Nasali Landing. Photo: ERONI VALILI

Dredging project for Rewa River

NATASHA BEGUM

THE Ministry of Waterways is carrying out preparatory works to mitigate flooding throughout the country because of its adverse effect on the livelihoods of Fijians and on the economy.

Minister for Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy made this

comment while commissioning the Rewa River dredging project at Nasali Landing last week.

The dredging works will be carried out between the Toga River and Nasali River mouths where 40,000 cubic metres of silt and sand will be removed at an estimated cost of \$670,000.

Minister Reddy said the high intensity of rainfall coupled with catchment activities and physical characteristics of slopes contributed to damaging floods.

“Our conveyance system is spilling now more than ever before. Firstly because of climate change, the intensity and frequency of rain has

increased significantly over the last three decades,” the minister said.

“Secondly, because of deforestation and agricultural activities, our catchments upstream are unable to absorb and hold water as they used to before and, thirdly because of poor cultivation practices, massive amount of soil and debris are now finding its way into our waterways, thus reducing its volume and discharge capacity.”

Major economic activities conducted in the Naitasiri, Tailevu and Rewa Provinces under Nausori Town mainly include agriculture, fisheries, forestry and tourism.

District Advisory Councilor Niyaz Mohammed said farmers and the community at large were thankful of the timely assistance.

“We are thankful that our voices have finally been heard. During floods, farmers have lost their crops and livestock and children could not go to school, but with this project now it will be a great help and relief to all of us,” he said.

The project will protect Fijians from related damage of agricultural farms, farm produce, communities, villages, schools and infrastructure caused by flooding and sea level rise because of climate change.

School relocation ‘a long-term option’

JOSAIA RALAGO

THE Ministry of Waterways is looking at long-term solutions to address drainage and flooding problems in the Northern Division.

Minister for Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy, who toured parts of Vanua Levu including the Bua province last week, said upgrading infrastructure pertaining to drains would be a priority.

Minister Reddy visited Adi Eliane Primary School in Batinivurewai, Wainunu, Bua, where he was told of the challenges faced by the school because of its location, which led to constant flooding of the property.

“Some of these things we can quickly address. Drainage issues in schools, villages and communities will be done first,” Minister Reddy said.

He said, “While we will provide interim solutions, a long-term solution would be to relocate the school”.

Wainunu Advisory Councillor William Brown said the school was usually inundated with water because of the creeks that surrounded the institution.

“And because the school is located next to the shore, seawater flows up a creek close to the school during high tide. So when there is heavy rainfall, the water level rises and the school gets flooded during high tide,” Mr

Brown said.

He said they had sought assistance because this had become a common occurrence.

Minister Reddy, after a thorough discussion with his engineers, said they would install a flap gate and an outlet to help ease this problem. The team members who had carried out scope works at the school confirmed they would begin works soon.

“We will provide interim solutions, but a long-term solution is the relocation of the school,” Minister Reddy said.

Minister Reddy also visited Cawaloa Road, Namulomulo, Bua Village, Lekutu and areas in Dreketi where he held a talanoa session with residents.

Ministry fixes drainage, irrigation issues

JOSAIA RALAGO

FLOODING will soon be a thing of the past for certain areas of Cakaudrove province.

This is after a tour by Minister for Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy to these areas to assure farmers and villagers that the ministry would attend to their drainage and irrigation issues.

One of the areas Minister Reddy inspected was Dreketi Village in Wailevu East, where flooding is a common occurrence.

This often forced people to travel through the village using bamboo rafts (bilibili) whenever there was a flood.

Raising his concerns with Minister Reddy, Dreketi Village development committee chairman Osea Raleba said it was the failure of the drainage system that led to this problem.

“This is a problem that we have been facing for years and thus we are asking for assistance from the ministry to help us with this issue,” Mr Raleba said.

Minister Reddy said they would send a team to do the scoping and assured the villagers that the ministry would prioritise this project.

He added that they have put through a proposal for funding in the next budget to attend to some of these works.

Mr Raleba said they looked forward to this because it would reduce flooding.

“This assurance by the minister is wonderful news to us and we look forward to when work will commence for this project,” he said.

The village has 33 homes and a population of approximately 150 people.



TOP: Minister Reddy with Development Chairman for Dreketi Village Osea Raleba in Cakaudrove.

RIGHT: Minister for Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy at Bua Lomanikoro.
 Photos: JOSAIA RALAGO

Villagers applaud Minister's visit

JOSAIA RALAGO

VILLAGERS of Bua Lomanikoro have extended their appreciation to the Minister of Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy for hearing their plight and taking out time to visit them.

Bua Lomanikoro Village headman Aisea Rabitukoli said there were problems in a drain-

age system next to their village, which often led to flooding.

“This drain runs on the edge of the village, which runs straight to the river - which is mixed with sea water - and during high tide, water flows up the drain often leading to flooding,” Mr Rabitukoli said.

Minister Reddy assured the villagers that the ministry would address this issue.

“We will clear the drains so that the water flows easily and

we will provide a culvert,” he said.

“We have done the scoping and we want to do this in the next two or three weeks. We want to install a flap gate, which will prevent the back-flow of the water into the village.

“The flap gate will be installed after the budget is announced this year,” Minister

Reddy said.
 Villagers thanked the minister for his reassurance.

Minister Reddy then visited Vunivau settlement, Korokadi and the Dreketi Irrigation system and held talanoa sessions.

“Issues raised relating to waterways includes drainage issues, provision of culvert, blocked culvert, surface runoff and siltation of river and canals,” he said.

He directed his team to attend to these issues.





Direct flights Japan ‘open possibilities’

NATASHA BEGUM

THE direct Nadi to Tokyo route relaunched by Fiji Airways to start today (July 3) will be a “big boost” to the flow of economic exchange between the two countries.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said this at the Japan/ Pacific Island Economic Relations Seminar, adding that tourism, trade of goods and services and investment would thrive exponentially.

“The reopening of this route is symbolic

of how much stronger our bilateral relationship has grown in recent years and indicative of how much stronger that relationship will become,” he said.

“It goes without saying that Fiji’s economy is dwarfed by Japan’s, but Fiji still offers abundant opportunities for Japanese investment, and Japan is a promising market for Fijian goods.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama revealed that new and fresh Fijian seafood products would find their way to Japanese supermarkets to meet the Japanese consum-

er demand after the resumption of direct flights three times a week.

The Head of Government also said the relaunching of direct flights would also boost the country’s tourism industry.

“And finally, we come to the most important driver of Fiji’s economy today, tourism. We believe there is strong potential for collaboration among the Japan National Tourism Organisation, Tourism Fiji and Fiji Airways to encourage Japanese citizens to come to Fiji,” PM Bainimarama said.

Top-up payment for 2017 season cane crop

PRIYANKA LAL

PRIME Minister and Minister for Sugar Industry Voreqe Bainimarama recently announced a top-up payment of \$6.30 per tonne of cane for the 2017 season crop.

The decision for the top-up payment came after Government considered extensive damage to the cane farms from recent and continuous flash floods brought by Tropical Cyclones Gita, Josie and Keni and in preparation for the 2018 cane crushing season.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said last week farmers would receive their fourth cane payment of \$8.84 per tonne as per the Master Award and an additional \$6.30 per tonne of cane as a top-up payment from the Government.

This will bring the total to \$15.14 per tonne of cane that will be paid as fourth cane payment.

He said this top-up payment would provide relief to all cane farmers, especially to those who lost their income through damage to their cane farms and were in urgent need of cash to prepare for the 2018 cane-harvesting season.

This top-up payment by the Government was an additional support to the ongoing assistance for cane farmers under the Sugarcane CARE Programme (SCP).

The SCP has assisted more than 6000 cane farmers affected by the recent flood with cane planting, fertiliser, drainage upgrades and clearing of debris to rehabilitate their cane farms.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said he was optimistic that the industry would recover from the damage caused by the natural disasters through the Government’s relief assistance and ongoing budgetary support to the cane farmers with cane planting grants, fertiliser and weedicide subsidies, upgrade of cane access roads and farm mechanisation grants.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and his delegation, which included iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) general manager Tevita Kuruvakadua and permanent secretary iTaukei Affairs Nepote Katonitabua, during a business luncheon with potential investors in Melbourne, Australia. **Photos: PRIYANKA LAL**

Potential investors eyed for iTaukei land

PRIYANKA LAL

THE iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) is urging potential foreign investors to take up commercial agriculture and tourism development projects on native land with 99-year lease.

TLTB general manager Tevita Kuruvakadua highlighted this recently while responding to issues raised by existing and potential investors at a business luncheon with the Victorian business community in Melbourne, Australia.

He said out of the about 1.6million hectares of iTaukei

land managed by the TLTB, one-third was being leased out “For potential investors, we have about two-thirds of other iTaukei land that we want to promote for development,” Mr Kuruvakadua said.

“In terms of lease tenure, we can issue from five years for development lease to start off right up to 99 years. For potential tourism operators, we also issue leases right up to 99 years.”

Rob Crompt, the managing director of famous clothing brand KOOKAI, raised concerns on the challenges they faced with TLTB and other relevant authorities here

in getting their applications processed in a timely manner.

Mr Kuruvakadua said they had streamlined processes for lease applications in recent years to ensure foreign investors got access to land and proceeded with development works in the “shortest possible time”.

“When lease applications were forwarded to us for development previously, it used to be processed in 9 to 12 months. Now we have brought it down to six months and we are working towards trying to reduce it to three months provided all the required information is with

us,” he added.

Mr Kuruvakadua urged foreign investors interested in developing iTaukei land for commercial purposes to provide a brief overview of their business proposals to inform the landowners of what their land would be used for.

TLTB currently had about 30 land leases available that was tailor made for various development purposes.

Mr Kuruvakadua said once their revamped website was online, investors would have access to full information on potential available areas, such as islands for tourism development purposes.

PM acknowledges EU's climate fight role

PRASHILA DEVI

THE European Union's strong support for Fiji's presidency of the 23rd session of the Conference of Parties has been hailed by Prime Minister and COP23 president Voreqe Bainimarama.

Prime Minister Bainimarama has not only applauded the critical role that the EU has played in making Fiji's presidency a success with Germany hosting climate negotiations last year, but also for standing by Pacific Island

States in calling for more ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

"They (Germany), along with all of the EU, have been hugely supportive of our COP23 Presidency and our critical campaign to fully implement the Paris Agreement and raise the ambition of the Nationally Determined Contributions," he said.

"We also enjoyed the support of the EU in our co-hosting of the UN Conference on Oceans, alongside the

Government of Sweden, in New York last year," he said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama was speaking at the third Fiji-European Union Enhanced Political Dialogue held in Suva recently.

"Our COP23 Presidency is one of those great examples that shows how the friendships in this room can change the lives of every person on earth for the better. When we work together, we can achieve tremendous good for our peoples and for our planet."

EU head of Delegation for the Pacific, Ambassador Julian Wilson said there would have been no Paris Agreement had it not been for the alliance between Fiji together with its neighbouring Pacific Island Countries and the EU," he said.

"If we had not come together in that way, the world would have been still facing the greatest threat against our societies and our planet with any legal agreement, binding targets or strategies," Ambassador Wilson said.



Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum with key stakeholders and participants at the Fiji's first Low Emission Development Strategy (LEDS) workshop in Suva.

A-G hopes Fiji will inspire Pacific

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, hopes that Fiji's commitments and initiatives on climate change would inspire

other nations to take greater action.

The A-G made the comments at the opening of Fiji's first Low Emission Development Strategy (LEDS) workshop in Suva last week.

"Carbon emissions that are a direct result of human activity pose an existential threat to the health of our climate. While Fiji, as a small island state with a population of less than one million, is already among the world's lowest

carbon-emitting countries, we are committed to leading the world by example through the development of an ambitious LEDS," he said.

Fiji's LEDS will be a holistic and far-reaching development strategy that promotes both sustainable growth and long-term decarbonisation of the Fijian economy.

"It will guide Government's future decarbonisation efforts, providing a framework to meet CO2 (carbon dioxide)

targets under Fiji's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) through 2030 and beyond," the A-G said.

The A-G stated that Fiji's LEDS will also be a first for a Pacific Small Island Developing State.

"Moreover Fiji's LEDS will support our outgoing COP23 presidency and will further exemplify Fiji's commitment to the Paris Agreement. It will add to an already impressive list of achievements from the

talanoa dialogue to the oceans pathway showcasing Fiji's continued pioneering leadership during a key point in our presidency."

The overall impact of this project is that Fiji will continue to take the lead in setting a pathway to a low carbon future and will be able to effectively plan to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

ACP countries alerted on climate challenges

FIJIAN Prime Minister and COP23 President, Voreqe Bainimarama has urged his Japanese counterpart, Shinzo Abe, who will chair the G20 summit in June 2019, to help garner support on the urgent issue of climate change.

Prime Minister Bainimarama, who met with Prime Minister Abe in his office in Tokyo, Japan, asked him to use the G20 platform "to bring the urgent issue of climate change to the Leaders' attention as well as the importance of adhering to pledges made under the Paris Agreement"

The Fijian Head of Government also provided an update to the

Japanese leader on Fiji's progress in climate change discussions.

Prime Minister Bainimarama was in Japan last week to attend the 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8) held in Iwaki, Fukushima.

After the bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Abe, he said discussions held were very fruitful and covered many important issues aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between Fiji and Japan.

He reassured Prime Minister Abe of Fiji's continuous prosperous bilateral relations with Japan.

"Fiji acknowledges the many developments in the various areas

of engagement with Japan since our last meet in 2015 which has significantly contributed to Fiji's socio-economic development," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"I commend Japan for its efforts to assist the Pacific region in addressing their vulnerabilities and acknowledge its commitment under the framework of the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting in order to realise our collective regional development priorities."

The Prime Minister also discussed areas of natural disaster resilience, Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) Strategy, potential areas of coopera-

tion on Trade in Services for Fiji, and visa exemption arrangement for all Fijian passport holders.

"As the Fijian Prime Minister, I acknowledge the generous assistance the Japanese Government has given to Fiji over the years."

"We can look forward to advancing the relationship between Fiji and Japan now and into the future. I am confident that as a result of today's meeting, the Fiji-Japan bilateral relations will now be elevated to another level."

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Akbar officiates at Red Dress Run

Minister for Health & Medical Services Rosy Akbar officiated at the Bula Interhash Fiji 2018 - Red Dress Run. The Interhash event attracted more than 1700 participants from more than 60

countries. Red Dress Run is a charity event for the hashers and proceeds from the event will go towards the Nadi Hospital. Speaking at the event, Minister Akbar

welcomed participants adding that the event, which is a wellness programme, reiterated the need for healthy living

Photos: ISAAC LAL



PM launches the roadside stall pilot project



Years of selling under the hot sun and sometimes on rainy days came to an end for 68-year-old Marama Mataibau after the launching of the roadside stall pilot project. The launch was officiated

by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama at Vakabalea, Navua. Nine vendors were given the pilot roadside stalls that will also be free of charge.

Photos: ERONI VALILI



A-G hands over priority taxi permits

Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum handed over priority taxi permits to 43 taxi operators at the Albert Park pavilion in Suva.

The new priority taxi permit system is being implemented by the Land Transport Authority. The A-G said the new system, with specific criteria for taxi permits and introduction of zones, brings transparency and modernisation in the industry. He said the system was also empowering because priority was given to people from low-income families. The new permits are given to those applicants who applied prior to and during the taxi permit freeze in 2011.

Photos: ERONI VALILI





Visiting and local Hash House Harriers get ready for the Red Dress Run in Lautoka Club. Photo: ISAAC LAL



WASH 'CRITICAL FOR A ROBUST FIJI'

THE Government has a very clear vision for a modern and dynamic Fiji, but to make it a reality; we need to work together to deliver to our people modern, reliable and resilient infrastructure.

Minister for Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy, speaking at the 2018 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Summit in Nadi recently, said the Fijian Government was committed to providing water and sanitation access to all ordinary Fijians no matter where they live.

The first ever summit of WASH was aimed to allow for a robust water sector backed by very reliable sanitation infrastructure needs to be implemented and maintained to ensure a healthy and productive population driven by hygienic behaviour and healthy lifestyles.

"Fiji has come a long way and we are now holistically addressing our water issues by also addressing wastewater, sanitation and hygiene."

5K WATER TANKS FOR RURAL FIJI

CLOSE to 5000 water tanks have been distributed around the country's rural and maritime areas.

This was confirmed by Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Parveen Kumar when he spoke at the 2018 Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Summit in Nadi.

"In 2017/2018, a total of 4905 water tanks have been installed in drought stricken communities and individual households," Minister Kumar said.

"This is an increase from the 1801 water tanks installed in 2016/2017."

The Government, he said, had allocated a combined total budget of \$413m in 2017/18 for the implementation of WASH projects and programmes within the various Ministries which was an increase from \$376m in 2016/17.

"Fiji has come a long way and we are now holistically addressing our water issues by also addressing wastewater, sanitation and hygiene," Minister Kumar said.

Currently, 78 per cent of Fiji's population (135,498 households) has access to proper water supply and 25 per cent (43,281 households) of our population has access to central sewerage systems.

ISAAC LAL

Run raises \$40K for hospital

ISAAC LAL

MORE than 500 visiting harriers took part in the Red Dress Run in Lautoka as part of the 2018 Bula Fiji Interhash raising close to \$40,000 for the Nadi Hospital.

Bula Fiji Interhash execu-

tive Ranjit Raju said it was a fantastic route through the heart of Lautoka City, which allowed the visiting runners to also indulge themselves in the beauty of Fiji.

Minister for Health and Medical Services Rosy Akbar who officiated at the Red Dress Run in Lautoka said

the competition provided Fijians a chance to re-look at themselves and take more responsibility of their health and wellness.

"Interhash which promotes physical fitness and wellbeing is important as it persuades older members that they are not as old as they feel and it is

an eye opener for us Fijians to start thinking about our health and start making changes to our lifestyle to live a healthier lifestyle," Minister Akbar said.

The biennial event has attracted more than 1700 runners from 60 countries.

Double amputation fails to deter mum

ISAAC LAL

ARIETA Luvu was once a very active mother, working at a printing company until she lost one of her legs to diabetes in 2008 and the other a year later.

For most people, this would result in them staying at home and doing nothing but for Mrs Luvu, 56, she knew she had to continue to work and help her husband look after their four children.

So while at home in Tomuka, Lautoka, she started to sew clothes and sold it around the densely populated area in the sugar city.

"I did not want to sit at home in my wheelchair and do nothing so I got a sewing machine and started making some clothes."

"I need an over-lock machine and you don't know how pleased I am to have received this grant to purchase the equipment."

She was one of 539 recipients in Lautoka who recently received Small Micro Enterprises (SME) grant of up to \$1000 from the Government to assist in allowing people



Fifty-nine-year-old Arieta Luvu (right), with a friend and Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism Faiyaz Koya during the disbursement of Small Micro Enterprises (SME) grant in Lautoka. Photo: ISAAC LAL

like Mrs Lutu to venture into entrepreneurship.

"This Government has done so much for us and even for people like me, they have never said no," Mrs Lutu said. "I am blessed that after losing my legs this Government was there to help me earn for the family."

Another recipient Kamlesh Kumar who runs a small construction company with nine staff said the assistance provided by Government would greatly boost his company.

Mr Kumar, 40, has a small building construction business but he needed a mixer and wheelbarrow to build on his business.

"My business is small and I do small construction jobs but with this grant, I will now

be able to do more work and build the company," he said.

Since its inception in 2015, the Fijian Government has distributed a total of \$17.3 million to 17,970 recipients around the country.

The continuous implementation of the Micro and Small Business Grant portrays the Government's commitment in improving the MSME sector in Fiji and also fulfilling its promise in ensuring improved and sustained living standards for all Fijians.

Speaking at the handing over of these grants to successful recipients, Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism Faiyaz Koya said the SME scheme undertaken by the Government had recorded an 80.3 percent success rate since its

inception in 2015.

At this rate, Fiji's success levels would be one of the highest in the world with countries that have such schemes.

"The MSBG scheme also serves as a platform for registering informal micro and small operators into the formal sector."

"This will assist Government policy makers in formulating policies that will ensure growth in our MSME sector."

Minister Koya said the MSME sector was a critical sector in every country's economy as it contributed towards job creation, backward linkages to larger industries and generates economic activities in communities and the nation as a whole.

NDP helps retiree turn entrepreneur

JOSAIA RALAGO

RETIREMENT is not the end, it is actually a new beginning, says 57-year-old retired teacher turned entrepreneur Setevano Curuki.

In an interview, Mr Curuki who operates a fully-fledged store at Nakorovatu, Wailevu West in Cakaudrove with his wife said it was not easy, but the Government's backing ensured that he achieved his goal.

"My wife and I have been teaching for more than 30 years and a few years before we retired, we realised that we needed a steady source of income," Mr Curuki said.

"That is when this idea was initiated and with the help of the Northern Development Programme (NDP), Fiji Development Bank (FDB) and the Northern Commissioner's office we achieved it."

Mr Curuki is originally from Cogea, Wainunu in Bua while his wife is from Wailevu West and is a member of the traditional landowning unit that owns the land where their store is located.

"It took us six years to go through the proper processes before we began this venture on April 13, 2018," he said.

"My wife has always been on my side, through the ups and downs, and has been a pillar of strength."

He said the total start-up cost came close to \$90,000, which included their contribution as a couple and the assistance from NDP and FDB.

And in the one month since Nakorovatu Shopping Centre started operations, Mr Curuki said the shop was rolling on its own and business was thriving in



TOP: Nakorovatu Shopping Centre, which is managed and operated by 57-year-old retired teacher Setevano Curuki.

RIGHT: Setevano Curuki says it took him and his wife six years to go through the proper processes before they began the venture on April 13, 2018.

Bottom: From left: Maria Disamu, Setevano Curuki and Luisa Curuki inside the Shopping Centre at Wailevu West, Cakaudrove.

Photos: JOSAIA RALAGO



terms of attending to the needs of seven villages, several settlements and a few schools nearby.

"Apart from selling food items, I also have an internet shop for the students and teachers in the area," he said.

"This is my turn of giving back to the community so life could be made easier for these people. They usually hire trucks \$60 one way to Savusavu for shopping and to sell fish, and ever since I started, they have been coming to buy their groceries from here."

They first started as a canteen while they waited for this project to be completed.

A person travelling down that road would not miss the tall blue and gold "Nakorovatu Shopping Centre" building by the roadside.

The colour of the building pays tribute to Tailevu

based Ratu Kadavulevu

School where he was educated.

"RKS taught me a lot of things in life. To be disciplined and to face my challenges head on, it played a very huge role in my life and I proud to be an old scholar," Mr Curuki said.

He also has plans to start a fuel business.

Drier commissioning delights farmer



TOP: Minister for Agriculture Inia Seruiratu with Biraj Nand during the recent commissioning of Mr Nand's new copra drier at Dawana Estate in Savusavu.

RIGHT: Minister for Agriculture Inia Seruiratu, members of his delegation and Biraj Nand at Dawana Estate in Savusavu, Cakaudrove.

Photos: JOSAIA RALAGO



JOSAIA RALAGO

IT WAS the best day of Biraj Nand's life as his Dawana Estate business was given a boost by the Government.

A copra farmer for more than 40 years, Mr Nand could not hide his excitement during the recent commissioning of his new copra drier by the Minister for Agriculture Inia Seruiratu at his estate.

He owns a 75 hectare coconut plantation that supplies an average of 1500 tonnes to 2,000 tonnes of copra every month to the Copra Millers in Savusavu.

The father of three first moved to Dawana Estate with his family from their sugarcane farm in Labasa when he was just 12 years old in 1963.

"This new copra drier will help improve the amount of copra we supply to even 3,000 tonnes a month and I am that brings me so much happiness. The old drier used to be so small and I would like to thank the Government for setting this structure up for us," Mr Nand said.

Dubbed the Best Copra Farmer during the Coconut Day celebrations this year in Savusavu, he said this industry had its fair-share of challenges.

"Labour is a major issue and then we have natural disasters," he said.

Mr Nand said finding labour was hard because they demanded more pay. Apart from this, when Tropical Cyclone Winston hit in 2016, the palm plantation was badly affected and they felt its impact.

"But in all, we are thankful that the Government is here to assist us. I am so happy and so very grateful to the Government for their assistance," Mr Nand said.

While officiating at the commissioning, Minister Seruiratu commended Mr Nand for his loyalty and his hard-work over the years.

He said that copra was a commodity that had a very high demand all around the globe.

Minister Seruiratu added that the ministry would always be available if Mr Nand was to need any assistance.



Fiji honours system



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote bestowed the Order of Fiji Medal last month to Shakuntala Singh at the Borron House in Suva. Photo: NATASHA BEGUM

OBJECTIVES

- To recognise and award citizens/non-citizens for outstanding achievements whilst serving Fiji or humanity at large or for the provision of outstanding service in a particular locality or group

- To recognise specific acts of courage or bravery by individuals who risk their lives in circumstances of extreme peril or hazardous circumstances

HISTORY

The Fiji Honours System was created in 1995 by an Act of Parliament to provide for the establishment of Honours and Awards in Fiji.

CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER

The President of Fiji is the Chancellor. The President appoints the members of the College, and has the final say in the awards given to individuals.

COLLEGE OF HONOUR

The College of Honour consists of five members appointed by the President. They assess and recommend nominations to His Excellency the President. They advise the President on matters concerning the College and perform duties as directed by the President.

ORDER OF FIJI MEDALS

Who can be awarded?

Any individual who meets the criteria for the following awards:



1.COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF FIJI - CF

For eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Fiji or to

humanity at large.



2.OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF FIJI - OF

For distinguished service of a high degree to Fiji or to humanity at large.



3. MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF FIJI - MF

For meritorious service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group.



4. MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF FIJI—MOF

The order has an associated

medal to be awarded for service worthy of particular recognition.

THE AWARDS FOR BRAVERY

The Awards in order of precedence:

1. PRESIDENT'S CROSS

Awarded only for acts of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril.



2. PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Awarded only for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril.



3. BRAVERY MEDAL

Awarded only for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.



NOMINATION PROCESS

Who to write to?

Nominations may be made by any person or persons by

writing directly to the Secretary of the College of Honour or to the Official Secretary to the President.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

As provided in the Nomination Form obtained from:

The Secretary
College of Honour
P. O. Box 2513
Government Buildings
SUVA
Or:
The Office of the President
1 Berkeley Crescent
Domain
SUVA

Details Required on Acts of Bravery Submissions

1. Precise details of the act(s) of bravery or degree of risk to the life of the person being nominated
2. Witness statements: Preferably originals or certified witnessed copies
3. Copies of newspaper/media reports may be submitted
4. Please indicate if the Fiji Police, Fire service, a doctor or hospital were Involved in the case and provide details.

For further details: Call 3314244 | Mobile 9904243 | Email mere.tuqiri@govnet.gov.fj

Honour for special needs teacher

JENNIS NAIDU

SHAKUNTALA Singh was in for a surprise when she received a phone call informing her of the recognition she was to receive from the highest office of the land for her selfless service towards children with disabilities.

The President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote bestowed the Order of Fiji Medal on May 10, 2018 to Mrs Singh at the Borron House in Suva.

“Her dedication to her service has encouraged these people to have a can-do attitude, and that anything in life can be achieved if you put your heart to it,” President Konrote said

Originally from Labasa, Mrs Singh, 65, was a teacher by profession.

During her career, she taught at special schools and dedicated her life to teaching special children, especially those who had hearing impairment and helping them in the path to success.

Once she got the chance to teach these disabled children, she felt such immense satisfaction that she spent over 30 years of her career in this path and retired from it in 2008.

Mrs. Singh was skilled with basic knowledge of the sign language which helped her to teach these special children in different areas of profession, such as machining, sewing, cooking, baking, screen-printing,



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote and First Lady Sarote Konrote with Shakuntala Singh and her family members after Ms Singh's bestowment of the Order of Fiji Medal last month at the Borron House in Suva. Photo: NATASHA BEGUM

tie and dye that helped them to earn some money.

Most of the girls that she taught are now machinists and are earning a living.

“I got very much satisfied when I taught driving to the disabled people, using the sign language knowledge and then they got their license first-hit, never failed.

“I felt so happy about it and now, they all are perfect drivers and some

of them being disabled drivers from the Northern division, they are earning, they are working, they are leading a happy life,” Mrs Singh added.

She went on to say that she had never done all she had done for an award and her goal was just to help those in need which was why she was really surprised that she got the award.

“I think if we help people, we have to keep this in our heart and mind that somebody is watching and to help poor

people, the disadvantaged people, we get the blessing so we feel very much satisfied when somebody does something for these disabled people and they do something for themselves, for their families,” she said.

Not only did she spend her career teaching those in need, she even opened the doors of her home to two of her students, one of whom has been living in her home for more than 23 years now.



Pregnant mother grateful to be alive

ISAAC LAL

TWENTY-seven-year-old Swastika Archana Raju had feared for the worst when at the height of Tropical Cyclone Josie, she started experiencing contractions and labour pains at home in Moto, Ba.

Adding to her agony at nine months pregnant was that movement to and from the area was halted because the crossing to the main road was flooded; restricting even the heaviest of vehicles to reach her.

Even with these complications she was able to give birth to a beautiful baby daughter Amaira, thanks to rescuers from the National Fire Authority officers from Ba who waded through neck high strong currents to transport her to safety.

The brave seven are, –Sub Officer Simone Qiolevu, leading fire-fighter Kinijoji Cakobau, leading fire-fighter Rashid Ali, qualified fire-fighter Inoke Raleba, fire-fighter Kalaveti Vatuinaruku, Firefighter Josaia Vakalala and Firefighter Josefa Waqabaca.

Their heroic journey to flooded sites started from Nasolo Village as heavy flooding in the area denied any movement of vehicles in that area. The rescue team waded through flooded sugarcane fields to reach the Moto Village.

“Their efforts have allowed me and many like me to be rescued at the worst of times and I’m just grateful to be alive,” the mother of three said.

“They were very careful and very professional which is the



Firefighter Simone Qiolevu with baby Amaira in Ba.
Photo: ISAAC LAL

reason I think my baby and I are alive.”

Mrs Raju was one of two pregnant mothers saved at the height of TC Josie, the other being 24-year-old Ms Ivamere Lewawai of neighbouring Nasolo village who was also expecting.

Recently, the Government recognised the efforts of these brave men who carried out the rescue operations.

Minister for Local Government Parveen Kumar who officiated at the special ceremony of recognition certificates for acts of bravery for

responding beyond the call of duty, applauded the officers.

“We salute the heroes for the Ba National Fire Authority for their bravery. For their resourcefulness and ability to execute fully their rescue plan and for putting into practice successfully their training,” he said.

“Your efforts to help others will not go unrecognized and unrewarded. In the first instance, helping those in need is its own reward and recognition.”

Speaking at the event in Ba which was witnessed by

family members and one of the mothers rescued, Minister Kumar said these acts of bravery were a display of their

training and initiative that came to the fore due to the recent floods caused by TC Josie on 1st April, 2018.

“Their actions, helped in the miracle of life, and I am pleased to report that the two women successfully delivered their babies,” Minister Kumar added.

“And my message to other rescuers, whether from NFA or from other organizations or the general public is this; Your efforts to help others will not go unrecognized and unrewarded. In the first instance, helping those in need is its own reward and recognition.”

One of the rescuers, Sub Officer Qiolevu who is from Savusavu said it was a call of duty and to be able to save two lives was the best feeling of his job.

“We are rescuers and firemen and to be able to save a fellow Fijian in these circumstances is an honour that we always cherish,” Mr Qiolevu said.

“Rescuing pregnant mothers are a challenge when they are in labour because they are more fragile and we need to be very careful however we are grateful that they both were safe during the operation and were able to deliver beautiful babies – that is our ultimate achievement.”

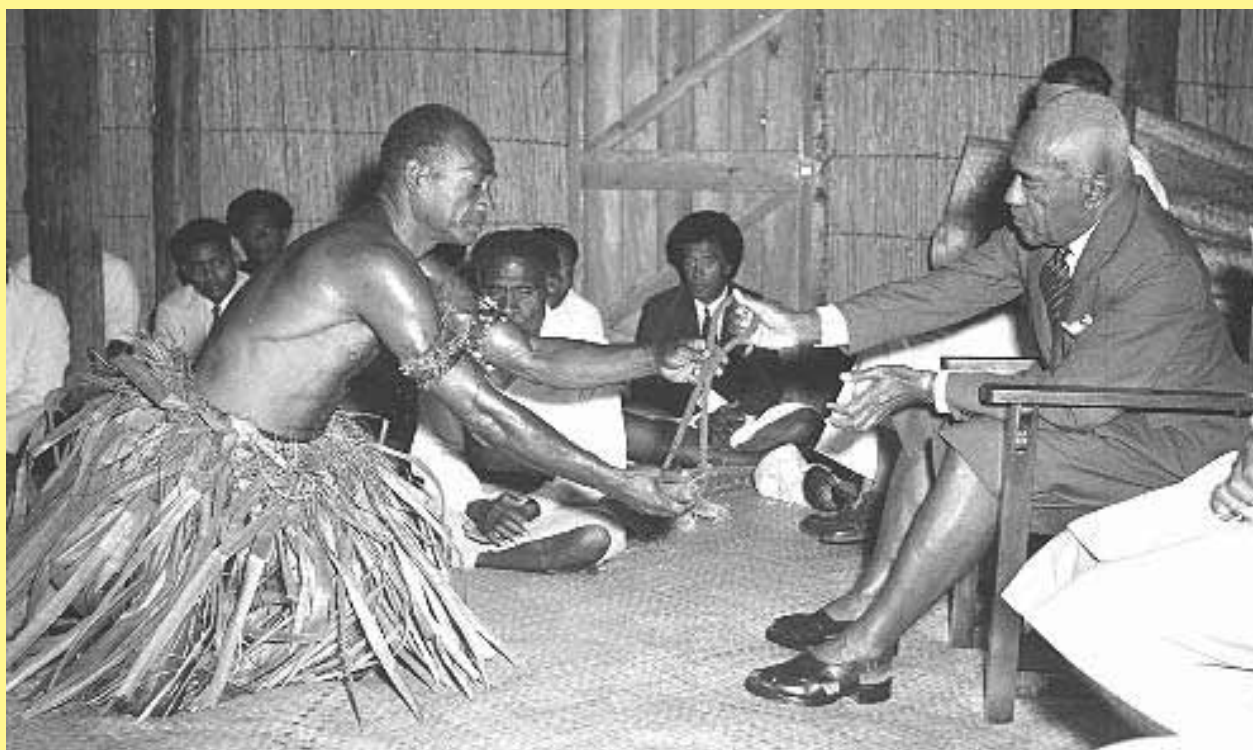
Ratu Sukuna's legacy honoured

JENNIS NAIDU

THE life of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna is a legacy to all Fijians because it has left a deep impact and his influence still prevails in Fijian society today.

In an event celebrating the life of the Fijian statesman, Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management permanent secretary Meleti Bainimarama said Ratu Sukuna was “an exemplary role model challenging us to be better in the way we serve and in strengthening our relationships with others”.

“Ratu Sukuna was a firm believer that life is more satisfactory if it is dedicated to selfless service and humanity,” Mr Bainimarama said during the celebration held at Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna Memorial School (RSMS) in Nabua last week.



Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna (right) was a firm believer that life was more satisfactory if it was dedicated to selfless service and humanity. Photo: SUPPLIED

He said Ratu Sukuna was an exemplary leader with an illustrious career, achievements, wisdom and foresight which had influenced many people and challenged every member of our nation to be better in the way

we serve and to strengthen our relationship with others.

“The life of the late Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna clearly depicted this through his self-less service that benefitted everyone, the impact of which is still

evident today. The legacy that Ratu Sukuna left us serves to guide us in building and strengthening our relationships to strive for higher things as the motto of the school rightly champions,” Mr Bainimarama said.



Ministry raises Men-C awareness

KELERA SOVASIGA

WITH the outbreak of the Meningococcal (Men-C), disease, raising awareness has been a critical form of information to communities around Fiji.

Dr Ana Seru, who serves at the Navua Hospital, was responding to questions at the Namosi Provincial Council Meeting on the disease and what the Minis-

try of Health was doing to prevent the spread of this disease.

"In 2016, 29 cases were found in the whole of Fiji. By 2017, it increased to 48 cases then by January 2018 to April 22, a total of 58 cases were reported," Dr Seru said.

The Fijian Government has committed to conducting a mass Men-C vaccination programme for all Fijians aged 1-19 during this outbreak.

Dr Seru said vaccination was important especially to this age groups as they were more susceptible to Men-C.

"The 58 reported cases in Fiji were from the ages 1 to 19 hence it is a growing concern that if we sustain the vaccines to them, they will in turn protect us and the whole of Fiji," says Dr Seru.

Dr Seru urges parents and guardians to be in support of getting their children vaccinated as soon as possible.

Mum grateful for baby girl's 'gift of life'

PRIYANKA LAL

A thousand questions crossed Preeti Pritika Chand's mind on hearing the dreadful diagnosis of a serious heart defect of her only daughter, Janvi Jessica Chand last year.

And that was only the beginning of tough times for the 36-year-old mother from Bavadra, Lautoka as she grappled with questions such as the finances for treatment, choosing the right doctors, selecting the right place for treatment, looking after her family, what the future held for her baby and so on.

While the news of her daughter's heart condition shook her, Preeti never lost hope that her "princess" would get treatment and live a healthy life just like other children.

The mother and daughter are all smiles after Janvi underwent a heart operation at the Colonial War Memorial (CWM) Hospital through the joint efforts of Sai Prema Foundation and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

Janvi, now 13 months old, was diagnosed with con-



Preeti Pritika Chand and her only daughter, Janvi Jessica Chand. Photo: PRIYANKA LAL

genital heart defect when she was only a few months old in 2017.

"We had received a document to go for a scan and were informed that Janvi had a hole in her heart. From there, we started going for regular check-ups and waited for the time to get a surgery done," Preeti said.

"After waiting for six months, there was no improvement in her heart condition. After one year, doctors told us not to wait for long because she could

have serious problems at a later stage. They assured us that after the operation, she would be fine."

Preeti said the miraculous "Gift of Life" programme of the Sai Prema Foundation changed their lives.

"These kinds of opportunities are rare and we are fortunate that this operation could be done in Fiji free of charge because same treatment in India is expensive.

"My husband is the only breadwinner in our family. If it wasn't for this timely

assistance, we would still be suffering.

"I am happy that my daughter was able to receive treatment. She is active and healthy like she was never sick," Preeti added.

She said such initiatives undertaken by the foundation and the Fijian Government were a huge blessing to families who went through similar difficulties.

The open heart surgeries were conducted last month by doctors from the Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in India.

Classes begin at newly-built college

PRIYANKA LAL

THE commencement of classes from this term at the newly-constructed Bau Central College was a big relief to students and parents in the greater Tailevu South area.

Ministry of Education deputy secretary (primary/secondary), Timoci Bure said the school was built in line with the Government's intention to bring education services closer to the rural people.

Mr Bure said students who travelled long distances from Bau island, Namara and Kiuva in Tailevu to attend secondary schools in Nausori would now fulfil their education dreams closer to home.

The new school would benefit students from Ratu Ravuama Primary, Cautata District, Bau District, Nakelo District, Krishna Vedic School, Dravo District School, Namata District School, Daku Village School, Nasamila District, Sanatan Dharam Primary and Kuku District School.

"Most of the students from Tailevu South area go to Sila Central College, Vunimono High School and Lelean Memorial School, which are densely-populated schools," Mr Bure said.

"Bau Central College is a fully-furnished school with a science lab, computer lab, library, home economic room, playground and other specialised needs for learning."

The Mokani, Tailevu, school caters for 56 students in Years 9 and 10 with numbers expected to increase from next year when intakes would be done for Years 11, 12 and 13.

Mr Bure urged students to make use of the new convenient, modern and functional school facility to further their education.

"Parents should utilise this opportunity because their children will only travel a short distance from home. We do not want our students to get distracted by bus rides to the town where they play at amusement centres," he said.

"To keep them away from this kind of distraction, it is good to bring the students to Bau College. We are advising parents to look after their children rather than sending them to boarding schools. This development is good for the growing population around Tailevu South," Mr Bure said.

The Government invested more than \$1million to construct the Bau Central College.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama is expected to open the new school soon.

Government sets vision for province

KELEREA SOVASIGA

EQUIPPING the younger generation with the knowledge of the vanua and its traditional leadership will benefit them in the future.

Ministry of iTaukei Affairs permanent secretary, Naipote Katonitabua, while opening the Namosi Provincial Council meeting in Navua last week, said this

would be beneficial to the province.

Mr Katonitabua said it was the vision of the Government to make a better Fiji that will cater for all Fijians and focussed on five vital areas that needed to be addressed and pondered upon.

These are good governance, wellbeing, economic development, conservation and climate change and the vanua and traditional leadership in Fiji.

"If we want to move forward we must seek the good and right plan that complies with the elements of good leadership," says Mr Katonitabua.

Council members were advised on conservation officers who have been stationed around the provinces in the conservation and climate change awareness programmes around their communities.



20 per cent rise in LTA enforcement manpower

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Land Transport Authority has increased the manpower capacity in its enforcement unit by 20 per cent since 2016.

Minister for Local Government, Housing, Environment, Infrastructure and Transport Parveen Kumar has attributed this to the increase in LTA's budgetary allocation.

"The LTA budget allocation for road safety alone has increased by 48 per cent from 2015, which was \$362,450, to \$700,000. There was a further increase by 22 per cent from 2016 to 2017. For the financial year 2017 to 2018, the budget was \$900,000," he said.

Minister Kumar added that the increase in allocation would enable teams to reach customers more quickly within the specified 21-day notice period.

In terms of public awareness, some programmes highlighted by the minister that were being undertaken by LTA included home visits, driver intervention, safer pedestrian crossing, schools and community outreach programmes, billboards and road safety messages on bus stops.

"In 2016, a total of 260 schools were visited in which our programme reached a total of 87,936 students in Terms 1 and 2. In 2017, the team continued with our school visitation programme in which 76 schools were visited reaching out to 34,560 students," Mr Kumar said.

He also stated that a total of 4192 text messages were received from members of the public and acknowledged the public for showing interest in the programmes.

200 child labourers back in classrooms

KELERA SOVASIGA

THERE were 200 children engaged in cases of child labour in Fiji who the Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations helped put back into classrooms.

The Ministry, the line Minister Jone Usamate said, has undertaken two phases of the European Union funded Tackling Child Labour through Education (TACKLE) since 2008 and was on the second phase or TACKLE II.

"This initiative also noted that the cases of child labour are not only about working children, but also the right of a child to be in school," Minister Usamate said.

"Through the establishment of a robust labour inspection system on child labour

within our ministry from 2011, my Ministry has investigated a total of 200 child labour cases to date and has withdrawn these children and returned them to the various schools through the efforts of the interagency committee on eradication of child labour.

In 2014, the ministry convicted an employer for child labour with the penalty being a fine of \$8000.

Since 2011, school teachers, police officers, sugar cane farmers, Fiji Sugar Corporation field officers, community leaders and labour inspectors have been equipped through training on child labour awareness and monitoring programmes.

Minister Usamate said with the progress shown from the initiative, the second phase of the TACKLE project was

launched in February 2015 over a 24 month period with the implementation in Fiji that ended on 28 February, 2017.

The launch was in collaboration with the ILO and the European Union, in collaboration with Government agencies and the private sector.

Minister Usamate said the Fijian Government was investing in the lives of young people by allocating a big chunk of its annual budget towards this as it did with the 2017-2018 whereby \$964.5 million was allocated for the provision of quality education.

"This is indeed a massive investment towards our children and young persons to ensure that we provide the best possible guidance and education to all Fijians," Minister Usamate said.



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FRA reviews road hump requests

JOSAIA RALAGO

THE Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) has assured members of the public that road humps will be installed next to all schools, health centres and villages situated along major highways.

This was stated by the FRA chief executive officer Jonathan Moore after requests were made by some Cakaudrove district representatives for road humps to control speeding.

Navakaka Village headman Apolosi Silaca made this request during their district representatives meeting, saying that they needed this to prevent accidents because drivers did not always adhere to the speed limit.

"There have been two accidents next to our village with one resulting in a death because of speeding, thus it has become an issue of concern for us," Mr Silaca said.

"This is especially when our children have to cross the

road to the bus stop to go to school and anything can happen. We really need this so we can protect our children's lives."

Mr Silaca said quite often drivers that drove past their community showed no respect for the village or the sign that reads for them to slow down.

Mr Moore said they have never banned the installation of road humps and that they would review requests case by case.

"The FRA has never 'banned' road humps. We have repeatedly stated that, humps will be placed at all schools, humps will be placed at all health centres, humps will be installed at villages on major highways, such as Queens Road, Buca Bay Road et cetera," he said.

"All request for humps will be reviewed a case-by-case basis.

"The selection criteria will be an engineering assessment."

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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama buys vegetables from Siteri Suka, one of the eight vendors who received their new roadside market stalls at Vakabalea, Navua. Photo: ERONI VALILI

Vendors pilot roadside stalls

MEREANI GONEDUA and
KELERA SOVASIGA

TWENTY years of bearing the heat and rain while selling their produce by the roadside at Vakabalea, Navua, ended for a group of vendors after the launch of the roadside stall pilot project.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama launched the project, which was praised by vendors because they would not pay for stalls and stall fees while selling their produce.

Marama Mataibau, 68, could not hide her emotions as she acknowledged the Fijian Government for the initiative.

"I have been selling along this roadside for the past 20 years and this is

the first time I have come across such assistance from the Government," Mrs Mataibau said.

"We have come across many governments. However, I feel that now our pleas for assistance have been heard. Now we will be able to sell our produce without getting wet from the rain or going back home sunburnt."

Mrs Mataibau, who is a mother of seven children, earns about \$500 weekly from roadside sales with help from her entire family.

"Land is money and I encourage every Fijian who has land to make use of it. Build your farms and sell your produce because it can cater for all your financial needs," she said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the project helped take the market-

ing of small businesses to an entirely new level; a new look, a new level of reliability and a new opportunity for all to capitalise on and increase their profits as vendors.

"To our vendors here today, when you put in the time selling produce and then take your profits and invest them in your farms, in your businesses, in your homes and in your communities, you are building the Fijian economy," he said.

"Running a roadside stall is not easy work. It's not easy bringing goods to your stalls and it's certainly not easy setting up those stalls, maintaining them and running a profitable business. It takes very long hours of work, it takes endless persistence and it takes resilience, because in bad con-

ditions or during severe weather, the going can get very tough indeed.

"While all other past governments in Fiji saw those struggles and the hardships you faced, it is this Government, under my leadership, that is the first to step up in such a big way to make your lives better and make your businesses stronger through this new programme."

The Fijian Government handed over 20 semi-permanent stalls and 10 portable vendor stalls during the pilot phase of the project and the programme is expected to grow every year.

The stalls are made from high-quality materials and are certified by Government engineers to withstand up to Category 5 cyclone conditions.



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पचास परिवारों को लीस की स्वीकृति मिली

रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री, वॉरेन्गे बर्डनिमरामा ने इस सप्ताह पूर्व काउन टावस मेलबर्न औस्ट्रेलिया में विकटोरियन मल्टीकल्चरल स्पोर्ट्स असोसिएशन व्यापारिक समारोह में हिस्सा लिया।

प्रधानमंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने इस युवा संस्था को खेलकूद के प्रति उनके प्रेम के लिए उनकी प्रशंसा की और धन्यवाद भी दिया। उन्होंने उनकी जबरजस्त क्षमता को भी मान्यता दी और असोसिएशन ने फीजी और फीजीवासियों को प्राकृतिक साथी बनाया है।

“मैं सबसे पहले, जुलाई महीने में आपको अंडा 19 नेशनल फुटबॉल टीम को होस्ट करने के लिए धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूँ जबकि वे ताहिती में वॉल्ड कप की तैयारी कर रही है। फीजी में बाढ़ से पीड़ित लोगों के लिए पैसे इकट्ठा करने के लिए भी मैं आपका शुक्रगुज़ार हूँ। हालांकि आपकी संस्था उतनी बड़ी नहीं है फिर भी आपके प्रभाव का भारी असर महसूस किया जा रहा है,” प्रधानमंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने कहा।

दो सौ से ज़्यादा मेहमान जिनमें ज़्यादा करके फीजी के भुतपूर्व नागरिक जो अब औस्ट्रेलिया में बसे हैं को प्रधानमंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने फीजी में हो रहे विकास के

बारे में बताया। इनमें बड़ रही फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था, अंतराष्ट्रीय मंच पर फीजी द्वारा मुख्य भूमिका निभाना जहाँ तक लोगों द्वारा सामना किए गए विषयों और उनके भविष्य को सुरक्षित करने का सवाल है।

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उन्होंने कहा कि पिछले दस सालों में फीजीयन सरकार ने रास्ते, पुल, स्कूल तथा अन्य संसाधन में सात दशमलौ चार बिलियन डॉलर खर्च किया है।

फिलहाल, प्रधानमंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने विकटोरियन मल्टीकल्चरल स्पोर्ट्स असोसिएशन की ओर से लम्बासा के श्री एलफेड जोन सहायम और सिडनी के रविनेश चन्द का सम्मान करने के लिए उन्हें पुरस्कार दिया।

श्री सहायम को कृषि क्षेत्र में उपब्लिधियों तथा टिकउ ज़मीन प्रबंधन की ओर योगदान देने जबकि श्री चन्द को फीजी में दानशील काम करने के लिए सम्मानित किया गया।



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प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेन्गे बर्डनिमरामा।



फीजी सम्मान प्रणाली

उद्देश्य

* यह एक ऐसी प्रणाली है जिसके तहत फीजी के नागरिकों द्वारा उन लोगों के उत्कृष्ट योगदान की पहचान की जाती है जिन्होंने अपने समुदायों और राष्ट्र की सेवा में उत्कृष्टता हासिल किया है।

* यह प्रणाली उन लोगों की भी पहचान करता है जो अपना जीवन दाँव पर लगा कर किसी दूसरे के जीवन की रक्षा करते हैं।

इतिहास

फीजी में सम्मान और पुरस्कार की स्थापना करने के लिए 1995 में एक्ट ऑफ पार्लिमेन्ट के तहत फीजी सम्मान प्रणाली (फीजी ओनर्स सिस्टम) को स्थापित किया गया।

चान्सलर ऑफ द ओडर

फीजी का राष्ट्रपति चान्सलर है। राष्ट्रपति कोलज के सदस्यों को नियुक्त करते हैं, तथा उनका फैसला आखरी होता है कि किन्हें ये पुरस्कार मिलना चाहिए।

कोलज ऑफ ओनर

कोलज ऑफ ओनर में पाँच सदस्य हैं जिन्हें राष्ट्रपति ने नियुक्त किया है। वे राष्ट्रपति के समक्ष मिले सिफ-परिशों को पेश करते हैं। वे कोलज से संबंधित मामले को लेकर राष्ट्रपति को सलाह देते हैं और राष्ट्रपति के आदेश के मुताबिक ज़िम्मेदारी निभाते हैं।

फीजी मेडल्स का ओडर

किन्हें पुरस्कार मिल सकता है? कोई व्यक्ति जो निम्नलिखित श्रेणियों में आता है को पुरस्कृत किया जा सकता है।



1. कोम्पैनिन ऑफ द ओडर ऑफ फीजी (सी एफ)
जो फीजी और मानवता को उच्चतम सेवा के लिए प्रख्यात उपलब्धि और योग्यता के लिए दिया जाता है।



2. ऑफिसर ऑफ द ओडर ऑफ फीजी (ओ एफ)
जो फीजी और मानवता को विशिष्ट सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए दिया जाता है।



3. मेम्बर ऑफ द ओडर ऑफ फीजी (एम एफ)
जो किसी विशिष्ट समूह के लिए किसी खास इलाके या क्षेत्र में सराहनीय सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए दिया जाता है।



4. मेडल ऑफ द ओडर ऑफ फीजी (एम ओ एफ)
जो विशेष मान्यता के लिए योग्य सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए दिया जाता है।

अवोर्ड्स फोर ब्रैवरी

ये पुरस्कार इसलिए तैयार किए गए हैं ताकि उन नागरिकों को सम्मान मिल सके जिन्होंने ऐसे बहादुरी के कार्य किए हैं जिन में ज्यादातर वे अपने जीवन को जोखिम में डाल कर दूसरों के जीवन की रक्षा करते हैं।



1. प्रेसिडेंट कोस
केवल सबसे चरम खतरे की परिस्थितियों में साहस दिखाने के लिए सम्मानित किया जाएगा



2. प्रेसिडेंट मेडल
केवल सबसे महान खतरे की परिस्थितियों में साहस दिखाने के लिए सम्मानित किया जाएगा

लिए सम्मानित किया जाएगा



3. द ब्रेवरी मेडल
केवल खतरनाक परिस्थितियों में बहादुरी दिखाने के लिए सम्मानित किया जाएगा

मनोनयन/नामांकन प्रक्रिया किसके पास लिखे?

कोई भी व्यक्ति अकेले या एक से ज्यादा संख्या में राष्ट्रपति के ऑफिशल सेक्रेटरी के पास सीधे नामांकन लिखित में भेज सकते हैं।

ज़रूरी जानकारी
जैसा मनोनित वाले फॉर्म में है और जानकारी के लिए इस पते पर संपर्क करें:
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कोलज ऑफ ओनर,
पी ओ बॉक्स 2513
गवर्नमेंट बिल्डिंग्स
सूवा।

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ऑफिस ऑफ द प्रेसिडेंट
1 बेंकली केसन्ट
डोमईन
सूवा

बहादुरी वाले कार्य के लिए ज़रूरी विवरण

1. नाकांकित व्यक्ति के जीवन के लिए बहादुरी या जोखिम की डिग्री के कार्य का पूरा विवरण

2. गवाहों के बयान: जो ओरिजनल होने चाहिए या मूल या प्रमाणित साक्षी की कोपियाँ

3. समाचार पत्र/समाचार माध्यमों की रिपोर्ट भी पेश की जा सकती है
4. कृपया संकेत दें अगर फीजी पुलिस, आग बुझाने वाली सेवा, एक डाक्टर या अस्पताल इस मामले में शामिल था, इसका विवरण दें।

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प्रधानमंत्री सभी फीजीवासियों का जीवन सुधारने के लिए तैयार

रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री, वीरेन्गो बर्डिनिरामा का कहना है कि इस साल जबकि आम चुनाव होने को है तो ऐसे में विभाजन, भ्रष्टाचार और बुरे शासन की पुरानी ताकतें फिर से बढसूरत शक्ल में सामने आ रही हैं।

मेलबर्न औस्ट्रेलिया स्थित विकटोरियन मल्टीकल्चरल स्पोट्स असोसिएशन व्यापारिक समारोह में श्री बर्डिनिरामा ने कहा कि यह अब फीजीवासियों पर है कि वे खड़े होकर अपने देश, अपने लोग, हमारे समान नागरिकता और पहचान का बचाव करें, जो हमने पिछले दस सालों में हासिल किया है।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि वो देश को सही मार्ग पर कायम रखने तथा फीजीवासियों को राष्ट्रीय विकास और प्रगति का हिस्सा बनाए रखने के लिए तैयार है। उन्होंने कहा कि वो हर फीजीवासी के लिए जिन्दगी भी सवारने के लिए तैयार है फिर चाहे वो देश में कही भी बसे हो।

उन्होंने भुतपुर्व फीजी नागरिकों से कहा कि उनमें से कई लोग ऐसे फीजी में रहते थे जहाँ कई सालों से हमारे समाज में गहरे और हानिकारक विभाजन के कारण देश की प्रगति रूकी थी। प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि उन दिनों फीजीवासियों में एकता नहीं थी और सिर्फ अमीर और विशेषधिकार प्राप्त लोग ही भारी फायदा उठाते थे जबकि आम फीजीवासी सिर्फ रद्दी चीज़ों के लिए आपस में लड़ते थे।

उन्होंने जोर दिया है कि वो दिन अब बीच चुके हैं जब फीजीवासी अपने हक के लिए लड़ते थे और उन्हें ऐसे ही छोड़ दिया जाता था।

उधर, प्रधानमंत्री ने इसी समारोह के दौरान यह भी कहा कि सन् दो हज़ार सात से लेकर अभी तक सरकार ने सोडेलपा के नेता सित्तिनेवी रम्बूका द्वारा की गई गड़बड़ तथा अन्य सरकारों द्वारा लिए गए कर्ज़ के ब्याज के तौर पर दो बिलियन डोलर भरा है। उन्होंने कहा कि रम्बूका के हाथ में फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था थी जब नेशनल बेन्क ऑफ फीजी ढह गया जो कि एक ऐसा शर्मनाक हादसा था जिसके कारण बड़े कर्ज़ पैदा हुए जिन्हें चुकाने के लिए कई पीढ़ियाँ लग जाएंगी।

श्री बर्डिनिरामा ने कहा कि सरकार, हमारी अर्थ-व्यवस्था में कई समझदार आर्थिक प्रबंधन लेकर आई लेकिन दुख की बात है कि वो पिछली सरकारों की गलती की भरपाई कर रही है। उनके अनुसार पिछली सरकारों ने गैर-ज़िम्मेदारी से कर्ज़ लिया और अर्थ-व्यवस्था का दुरुपयोग किया। अगर उन्होंने ज़िम्मेदारी से काम लिया होता तो फीजी अबतक कर्ज़ से मुक्त हो चुका होता।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि पिछले ग्यारह सालों से सरकार चालिस प्रतिशत खर्च संसाधन सुधारने में करती थी। इसमें सात बिलियन डोलर का खर्च हुआ। लेकिन उससे

छब्बीस साल पहले कुल तीन दशमलौ पाँच बिलियन डोलर संसाधन सुधारने में लगाए गए थे।



एफ एस सी की सलाह गन्ना मत जलाओ

रोनल देव

फीजी शुगा कौपेरेशन के चीफ एक्ज़ेक्टिव ऑफिसर ग्रेहम क्लार्क का कहना है कि गन्ना जलाना चीनी व्यवसाय और वातावरण के लिए हानिकारक है।

“हालाकि कुछ समय के लिए ये तरीका शायद फायदेमंद हो जहाँ तक गन्ना जल्द कटने का सवाल है लेकिन एफ एस सी के अनुसार लम्बे समय के लिए इस तरीका को प्रोत्साहित नहीं करना चाहिए। मिल के नज़रिये से जले गन्ने को प्रोत्साहित नहीं करना चाहिए क्योंकि इससे चीनी के स्तर पर असर पड़ता है जिसके फलस्वरूप फीजी को मिल रहे खास दाम भी घट सकते हैं जो फीजी, चीनी के निर्यात करने के लिए कमाता है,” श्री क्लार्क ने कहा।

उनके अनुसार वे गन्ना जलाने के पक्ष में नहीं हैं क्योंकि जब जला गन्ना काटा जाता है जो वो जल्द खराब होता है, तथा मिल में पेरार्ई के बाद चीनी का स्तर गिरने के साथ-साथ कम चीनी बनती है।

“अंतराष्ट्रीय खरीददार इस चीनी को ठुकरा देते हैं जबकि अन्य चीनी के लिए फीजी को अच्छी कीमत मिलती है। इसकी सम्भावना है कि चीनी बनाते समय, किसी रसायनिक पदार्थ के द्वारा चीनी से उस पदार्थ को निकाला जाए जो उसका स्तर गिराता है लेकिन यह प्रक्रिया काफी महँगी है जिससे उत्पादन का खर्च बढ़ जाएगा जिसे चीनी बेचकर वसूल नहीं किया जा सकता है,” श्री क्लार्क ने कहा।

उनके अनुसार गन्ना जलाने से वातावरण तथा खेतों में हवा के साथ-साथ सार्वजनिक स्वच्छता पर भी बुरा असर पड़ता है। श्री क्लार्क ने कहा कि फीजी में बुरे इरादों के कारण गन्ना जलाया जाता है और इससे आर्थिक तौर पर बहुत बुरे परिणाम सामने आ सकते हैं।

मौसम के बाहर जब मिल नहीं चलती है उस समय गन्ना जलाने से फसल पुरी तरह बरबाद हो जाता है तथा कच्चा या छोटे गन्ने जलाने से किसानों को भारी नुकसान होता है। अगर चीनी मिल का संचालन हो रहा है तो एफ एस सी को जले गन्ने की जानकारी मिलने पर इन्हें पेरार्ई के लिए स्वीकार किया जा सकता है लेकिन जैसा कि शुगा इंडस्ट्री ट्रायबुनल मास्टर अवोर्ड में अंकित है, मिल के पास अधिकार है कि वो गन्ना जलाने के सात दिनों बाद गन्ना स्वीकार न करे। अगर सात दिनों के अन्दर जले गन्ने पेरार्ई के लिए स्वीकार किए गए तो गन्ना जलाने के एक दिन बाद जले गन्ने का ज़ुर्माना चार्ज किया जाएगा।

फिलहाल, मेकेनिकल हावेस्टर से गन्ना काटने का एक फायदा यह भी है कि इस प्रक्रिया में गन्ने से पत्तियाँ अलग होकर खेत में जड़ के उपर कम्बल का काम करती है जिससे खेत में घास वगैरह नहीं जमते या ढेर में जमते हैं। इससे मिट्टी भी उपजाऊ होती है। इसलिए गन्ना जलाने को प्रोत्साहित नहीं किया जा रहा है जबकि जले गन्ने के मुकाबले, हरे गन्ने काटकर मिल पहुँचाने के बहुत से फायदे हैं।



प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेन्गो बईनिमरामा तथा जापानी प्रधानमंत्री शीनजो आबे के बीच द्वीपक्षीय रिश्ता सुधारने को लेकर कई विषयों पर बातें हुई। प्रधानमंत्री ने प्रशान्तीय क्षेत्र को सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए जापान की सराहना की और आभार व्यक्त किया प्रशान्त की प्राथमिकताओं को समझता

प्रधानमंत्री ने की जापान की सराहना

रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री, वॉरेन्गो बईनिमरामा का कहना है कि उन्हें उम्मीद है कि हालमें जापान के प्रधानमंत्री शीनजो आबे के साथ उनकी मुलाकात से फीजी और जापान के बीच संबंध और भी गहरा तथा मज़बूत हो गया है।

जापान के दौर पर श्री बईनिमरामा ने श्री आबे को उनसे मिलने का मौका देने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया और कहा कि उनके बीच द्वीपक्षीय रिश्ता सुधारने को लेकर कई विषयों पर बातें हुई।

उन्होंने प्रशान्तीय क्षेत्र को सहायता

प्रदान करने के लिए जापान की सराहना की और आभार व्यक्त किया कि जापान, प्रशान्त में हमारे क्षेत्रिय विकास की प्राथमिकताओं को समझता है।

इस साल की प्रशान्तीय नेताओं वाली सभा ने प्रशान्तीय नेताओं को मौका दिया कि वे जापान के साथ प्राथमिकता वाले मुद्दों पर बातचित करें।

प्रधानमंत्री बईनिमरामा ने कहा कि उन्होंने ने इस क्षेत्र में शान्ति और सुरक्षा के प्रति अंतराष्ट्रीय प्रयासों का समर्थन करने के लिए अपनी प्रतिबद्धता को भी दोहराया। फीजी के प्रधानमंत्री होने के नाते, उन्होंने आभार प्रकट किया कि

जापानी सरकार पिछले कई सालों से फीजी को उदार सहायता देता आ रहा है।

“हम अभी और भविष्य में फीजी और जापान के बीच रिश्ते और आगे बढ़ने की उम्मीद कर सकते हैं। मुझे भरोसा है कि इस सभा के बाद फीजी और जापान के बीच द्वीपक्षीय संबंध एक और स्तर उपर चला जाएगा,” श्री बई निमरामा ने कहा। इस दौरान प्रधानमंत्री ने जापान की तकनीकी सहायता तथा औवासीज़ डिवेलोपमन्ट असिस्टन्स या विदेशी विकास सहायता का भी आभार व्यक्त किया।

प्रधानमंत्री ने जापान के प्रधान से की मुलाकात

रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री, वॉरेन्गो बईनिमरामा ने जापान इंटरनेशनल कोपेरेशन असिस्टन्स (जापेका) के प्रधान श्री शीनिची किताओका से ईवाकी, जापान में मुलाकात की।

दोनों नेताओं के बीच फीजी और जापेका के बीच तकनीकी सहयोग जिनमें शामिल है फीजी में जारी संयोग कार्यक्रम तथा जापेका द्वारा वर्तमान में फीजी में जारी प्रमुख योजनाएँ।

कुछ प्रमुख योजनाएँ जिनमें नान्दी नदी वाली योजना तथा तामावुआ-ई-वाई पुल का निर्माण शामिल है पर खास बातें हुई।

प्रधानमंत्री ने जापेका की तकनीकी सहायता तथा औवासीज़ डिवेलोपमन्ट असिस्टन्स (ओ डी ए) या विदेशी विकास सहायता का भी आभार व्यक्त किया जो फीजी के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में तकनीकी प्रशिक्षण, मानव संसाधन और परियोजना विकास लगातार बहुमूल्य सहायता प्रदान करते आ रहे हैं।

श्री किताओका ने भी फीजी की नेतागिरी को एक उल्लेख के रूप में सराहना की



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और कहा कि फीजी अंतराष्ट्रीय दृश्य पर बहुत दिखाई देता है। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि फीजी जो कि प्रशान्तीय द्वीप का हिस्सा है, प्रशान्तीय महासागर से बंधे हैं जो उनके महासागर को बनाए रखने के लिए सामान्य ज़िम्मेदारी के सं हयोगी हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि फीजी-जापान का अच्छा साथी है जिन्होंने सफलता का सार दिखाया है।

प्रधानमंत्री ने प्रकाश डाला कि फीजी, प्रशान्त का केन्द्र होने की वजह से हमेशा ध्यान में रखा कि बुनियादी ढाँचे, प्रवेश के हवाई अड्डे तथा बंदरगाहों का विकास हो। लगातार इस प्रगति में विकास होने के फलस्वरूप जुलाई महीने से नान्दी से टोक्यो तक सीधी उड़ान भरी जाएगी।



नए नसीनू मेजिस्ट्रेट कोर्ट हाउस के लिए न्यू डालने का समारोह

हाल ही में अर्टीनी-जेनरल आईयाज़ सैयद-खैयुम ने हालमें नए नसीनू मेजिस्ट्रेट कोर्ट हाउस के लिए न्यू डाला। समारोह में उन्होंने कहा कि नउसोरो और लामो के बीच नसिनू देश में सबसे बड़ी नगरपालिका है। उन्होंने कहा कि पहले के मिलान में देश की न्यायपालिका भी काफी बड़ चुकी है तथा यह ज़रूरी है कि जजस, मेजिस्ट्रेट तथा कर्मचारियों के काम करने का वातावरण अच्छा हो। इस नई इमारत में चार कोर्ट रूम के अलावा अन्य ज़रूरी कमरे तथा अन्य सुविधाएँ उपलब्ध रहेंगी।



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लौकल गवमन्ट, हाउजिंग, वातावरण, संसाधन तथा यातायात मंत्री परवीन कुमार बाला ने हालमें 2018 उर्जा बचाव प्रतियोगिता का विमोचन करने के साथ साथ 2017 पुरस्कार समारोह में विद्यार्थियों को पुरस्कार भी दिया। नान्दी के संगम साधू कुप्पुस्वामी मेमोरियल कोलज की राष्ट्रीय श्रेणी में पहला इनाम मिला। मंत्री बाला ने इस साल वाली प्रतियोगिता का भी विमोचन किया।



डाक्टर रेड्डी ने रेवी नदी में ड्रेजिंग संचालन कमिशन किया गया

बोटावैस मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी का कहना है कि हाल में रेवा नदी में ड्रेजिंग संचालन चालू करते वक्त कहा कि सरकार चाहती है कि सभी समाज में सुरक्षित और उत्पादक वातावरण हो। नसिलाई लैंडिंग में हुए इस समारोह में डाक्टर रेड्डी ने कहा कि मंतालय अब खुद बाढ़ वाली समस्या कम करने के लिए व्यवस्था करना शुरू कर दिया है। यह योजना फीजीवासियों के खेतों, फसलों, समाज, कोरों, स्कूलों तथा अन्य संसाधनों को बाढ़ तथा समुद्र में पानी के स्तर उपर लाने से होने वाले नुकसान से बचाएगी।



राष्ट्रपति ने बूला फीजी इन्टाहेश 2018 का किया समापन

हाल ही में राष्ट्रपति महामहोम चियोची कोनरोते ने नान्दी में बूला फीजी इन्टाहेश का समापन किया। इस दौरान उन्होंने दुनिया भर से आए एक हजार सात सौ लोगों को धन्यवाद दिया जो साठ से ज्यादा देशों से इस समारोह में हिस्सा लेने के लिए आए थे। उन्होंने नान्दी अस्पताल के लिए चालिस हजार डॉलर से ज्यादा इक्कठा भी किया जो कि उनके देश में उदार कार्यों का नतिजा था। राष्ट्रपति ने उनसे कहा कि उन्हें भरोसा है कि मोमो से लोमोलोमो के बीच आठ जगहों के नज़ारों का उन्होंने मज़ा लिया होगा तथा उन्हें खुशी है कि वे उन्हें फीजी के एक हिस्से को दिखाने में कामयाब रहे।





पचास परिवारों को लीस की स्वीकृति मिली

रोनल देव

सिंगातोका, नान्दी और लौतोका के पचास परिवारों को हाल में लेन्ड्स ओर मिनरल रि-सोसस मंत्री फर्डियाज़ सिदिक कोया ने ज़मीन की लीस की स्वीकृति दी।

ये लीसें वर्तमान और नए असामियों के लिए है जिन्होंने काउन और सरकारी ज़मीन की लीस की अवधी बढ़ाने या नई लीस के लिए अर्ज़ी दी थी। लीस प्रदान करते हुए मंत्री कोया ने दोहराया कि सरकार, फीजीवासियों के लिए एक सुरक्षित देश बनाना चाहती है जहाँ उनके पास अवसर है कि वे अपने परिवार के लिए ज़मीन सुरक्षित करें।

“लीस प्रदान करना एक संकेत है कि

सरकार लोगों की भलाई पर ध्यान देने को लेकर कितना प्रतिबद्ध है।

हम इस बात का ध्यान रखेंगे कि हम हर सम्भव प्रयास करके आम फीजीवासियों तक ज़रूरी सेवा और संसाधन पहुँचाएँगे,” मंत्री कोया ने कहा।

पचास में से बाईस घरेलू तथा बाईस कृषि लीस थी जबकि बाकी छः सिविल और कोमर्श ल लीस थी।

पचास में से दस लीसें सिंगातोका, अट्टारह लौतोका और बाईस नान्दी के लिए दी गई।

वेलेवेलो लौतोका के सड़सठ साल के एक गन्ने के किसान, मरियप्पा गाउन्डर का कहना है कि उनके लिए जिन्दगी का सबसे

खुशहाल दिन है क्योंकि वो कई सालों से लीस की अवधी बढ़ने का इंतज़ार कर रहे थे।

उन्होंने सरकार को धन्यवाद दिया जो उनके जैसे कई लोगों के लिए ज़मीन की लीस की अवधी बढ़ाई है जो अपने दैनिक जीवन में ज़मीन पर कड़ी मेहनत करके अपना पेट पालते हैं।

“मैं सरकार के बहुत अभारी हूँ क्योंकि ज़मीन की लीस न रहने से उन्हें लगता था कि उनके सर पर छत नहीं है लेकिन अब लीस बढ़ाने के कारण सरकार को जितना धन्यवाद दिया जाए कम है। मुझे अब शान्ति मिली है क्योंकि मेरे बच्चे और उनके बच्चे तथा उनका घर सुरक्षित है” श्री गाउन्डर ने कहा।

राष्ट्रीय प्रतिरक्षण अभियान के लिए प्रशिक्षण

रोनल देव

केन्द्रीय और रा सब डिविज़न में जबकि एक साल से उन्नीस साल के बीच बच्चों को मेनिंगजोकोकल बीमारी से बचने के लिए टीके लगाए जा रहे हैं तो ऐसे में फेमली हेल्थ टीम, उत्तरी विभाग में नेसी को प्रशिक्षण दे रही है।

इसी तरह की ट्रेनिंग पश्चिमी और पुर्वी विभाग की नेसी के लिए आयोजित की गई है।

स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारी देश भर में बच्चों और युवकों को टीके लगाना जारी

रखेंगे, जबकि इस अभियान में एक साल से उन्नीस साल के बीच बच्चों को निशाना बनाया गया है जिन्हें इस बीमारी की चपेट में आने का सबसे भारी खतरा है।

सबसे पहले केन्द्रीय तथा रा सब डिविज़न पर गौर किया गया है फिर ये देश भर में जारी होगा जबतक एक साल से उन्नीस साल के बीच सभी बच्चों को टीके न लगा दिया जाए।

मेनिंगजोकोकल एक जानलेवा बीमारी है जिसका असर दिमाग और रीढ़ की हड्डी पर होता है तथा इससे खून में ज़हर भी हो सकता है। बड़े बच्चों और बड़ों में इस बीमारी के चिन्ह और लक्षण हैं, अचानक बुखार लगना, उलटियाँ आना, सर दर्द, गर्दन में अकड़न और पीट में दर्द। शिशुओं के लक्षण और चिन्ह में आम तौर से बुखार, गर्दन का अकड़ना, चिड़चिड़ाहट, झपकी लगना, उलटी, ठीक से भोजन न करना, तथा सुस्त रहना शामिल है।

अगर इस बीमारी के बारे में जल्द पता चला तो इसका इलाज हो सकता है। इसी लिए यह ज़रूरी है कि क्यों सभी इनके चिन्ह और लक्षण को जाने और अगर लोगों को इस बीमारी का शक हो तो उन्हें तुरन्त अपनी नज़दीकी हेल्थ सेंटर या अस्पताल जाना चाहिए।

लोग साफ-सुथरा अभियास करके भी इस बीमारी से बच सकते हैं जैसे कि खाँसते या छीकते वक्त अपने नाक और मुँह को किसी रूमाल या टीशू से ढाके; खाँसने या छीकने के बाद टीशू को बिन में डाले, हाथ को हमेशा साबुन पानी से धोए।



एक साल से उन्नीस साल के बीच बच्चों को तईस हज़ार चार सौ टीके लगाए गए हैं। जो स्कूल में हैं, उनको माता पिता की अनुमति से स्कूल में टीके लगाने वाली टीम उन्हें टीके लग रही है। मेनिंगजोकोकल एक जानलेवा बीमारी है जिसका असर दिमाग और रीढ़ की हड्डी पर होता है तथा इससे खून में ज़हर भी हो सकता है। इस बीमारी के चिन्ह हैं, अचानक बुखार लगना, उलटियाँ आना, सर दर्द, गर्दन में अकड़न और पीट में दर्द।



मेन-सी राष्ट्रीय प्रतिरक्षण जारी

रोनल देव

केन्द्रीय और रा-सबडिविज़न में एक सप्ताह में मेनिंगजोकोकल बीमारी के खिलाफ राष्ट्रीय अभियान में एक साल से उन्नीस साल के बीच बच्चों को तईस हज़ार चार सौ टीके लगाए गए हैं। इस देशव्यापी जन टीकाकरण अभियान की अगुवाई स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और मेडिकल सेर्विसेस कर रहा है जिसका समर्थन युनाएटड नैशन्स चिलरन्स इमेजेन्सी फंड तथा विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन कर रहे हैं।

इस अभियान का लक्ष्य है तीन लाख पचीस हज़ार बच्चों को टीके लगाना ताकि वे

मेनिंगजोकोकल बीमारी से बच सकें जबकि इन उम्र के बच्चों को यह बीमारी पकड़ने का सबसे ज़्यादा खतरा है।

यह कार्यक्रम चौदह मई को केन्द्रीय और रा सबडिविज़न में शुरू हुआ जो इस साल शुक्रवार उनतीस जून तक जारी रहेगा। एक साल से उन्नीस साल के बीच बच्चों को टीके लगाना इस कार्य कम का लक्ष्य है जो केन्द्रीय विभाग और रा सबडिविज़न के स्कूलों में, हेल्थ सेंटर तथा नेसिंग स्टेशन में जारी है। बाद में यह अभियान पश्चिमी विभाग, उत्तरी तथा पुर्वी विभाग में जारी होंगे।

* जो बच्चे एक साल से पाँच

साल के बीच हैं और स्कूल नहीं जाते हैं, के माता-पिता और उनकी देखभाल करने वाले उन्हें नज़दीकी हेल्थ सेंटर या नेसिंग सेंटर लेजाकर टीके लगवा सकते हैं।

* पाँच साल से सत्रह साल के बीच बच्चे जो स्कूल में हैं, उनको माता-पिता की अनुमति से टीके लगाने वाली टीम स्कूल में जाकर टीके लगा रही है। अगर किसी बच्चे को स्कूल में टीके नहीं लग पाए हैं तो वो भी नज़दीकी हेल्थ सेंटर या नेसिंग स्टेशन जाकर टीके लगवा सकते हैं।

* जो बच्चे अट्टारह साल से उन्नीस साल के बीच टेशरी स्तर की पढ़ाई कर रहे हैं, घर पर

रहते हैं या नौकरी करते हैं के लिए किसी भी हेल्थ सेंटर या नज़दीकी हेल्थ सेंटर में टीके उपलब्ध हैं। स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय इस उम्र के लोगों को टीके लगवाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित कर रहा है।

* अट्टारह साल से कम उम्र के बच्चों के लिए कोनसेन्ट फॉर्म उपलब्ध किए जाएँगे, और उन्हें बच्चों को टीके लगाए जाएँगे जिनके माता-पिताओं ने कोनसेन्ट फॉर्म पर हस्ताक्षर किया है।

मंत्रालय सलाह दे रहा है कि मेन सी का टीका सुरक्षित और असरकारक है तथा दुनिया भर में टीके कार्यक्रमों में इस्तेमाल किए गए हैं।



फीजी केयर माफी अवधी बढ़ाई गई

रोनल देव

सरकार की समुद्री आँधी का राहत पैक केयर फोर फीजी सिर्फ उन लोगों की मदद करने का इरादा रखता है जिनपर समुद्री आँधी जोसी और केनी का सीधा असर पड़ा था जैसा कि पहले भी कई बार कहा गया है। विमन, चिलरन और पोवेटी अलेविशेशन मंत्रालय के मार्फत, फीजीयन सरकार, हजारों लोगों तक केयर फोर फीजी राहत सहायता लेकर पहुँची है, लेकिन देश भर में इसके गलत इस्तेमाल

की कुछ रिपोर्टें सामने आ रही हैं। अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्रालय की ऑडिट टीम, सहायता प्राप्त करने वाले लोगों और घरों के बारे में जाँच-पड़ताल कर रही है तथा गलत इस्तेमाल के कुछ आरोपित मामले सामने आए हैं जिन्हें छानबीन करने के लिए फीजी पुलिस फोर्स के हवाले किया गया है।

जिन फीजीवासियों पर समुद्री आँधी जोसी या केनी का असर नहीं पड़ता था लेकिन उन्होंने सहायता के लिए अर्जी लगाई थी और उन्हें केयर फोर फीजी कार्य

क्रम के नीचे सहायता मिल गई है को अब पंद्रह जून तक का समय दिया गया था कि वे अपने एलेक्ट्रॉनिक कार्ड या किसी अन्य तरह की प्राप्त सहायता सरकारी अधिकारियों को लौटा दें।

यह माफी अवधी फाम्स केयर, होम्स केयर, ई-ट्रान्सपोर्ट केयर, लीस-होल्डर केयर तथा शुगरकैन केयर के नीचे सहायता प्राप्त कर चुके अनुचित लोगों के लिए है। इस अवधी के दौरान अगर अनुचित लोगों ने एलेक्ट्रॉनिक कार्ड में पैसे खर्च कर दिए हैं तो उन्हें पूरे पैसे चुकाने होंगे।

केयर फोर फीजी कार्यक्रम के गलत इस्तेमाल में शामिल है, अर्जी वाले फॉर्म पर गलत जानकारी लिखना, एक ही घर से एक ही सहायता के लिए अलग-अलग रजिस्टर करना, सहायता वाली समाग्री फिर से बेचना या एलेक्ट्रॉनिक कार्ड्स किसी ऐसे व्यापारी के पास खर्च करना जिन्हें इसका अधिकार नहीं दिया गया है।

फाम्स केयर के नीचे मिले एलेक्ट्रॉनिक कार्ड्स देश में किसी भी कृषि दफ्तर को लौटाए जा सकते हैं। अन्य सभी केयर फोर

फीजी एलेक्ट्रॉनिक कार्ड्स या किसी अन्य तरह की सहायता या पैसे देश में किसी भी सौशल वेलफेयर दफ्तर को वापस किए जा सकते हैं।

सरकार को किसी भी तरह की गलत जानकारी देना कानून के तहत अपराध है जिसके लिए फायदे की रकम लौटाने, बीस हजार डोलर जुर्माना या दस सालों तक की जेल की सज़ा या सभी लागू हो सकते हैं। फीजीयन सरकार फिर से सभी अनुचित लोगों से माँग कर रही है कि वे इससे फायदा उठाए।



अर्तोनो-जेनरल अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयुम ने कहा कि नई टेक्सी पेमिट मिलने से कम आमदनी कमाने वाले अब अपने खुद का व्यापार शुरू करने में समर्थ होंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि यह व्यवस्था खास करके कम आमदनी कमाने वालों को अधिकार देने के लिए है

तैन्तालिस फीजीवासियों को मिली टेक्सी पेमिट

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स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री, माननीय अईयाज़ सैयद खैयुम ने तैन्तालिस (43) फीजीवासियों को टेक्सी पेमिट्स प्रदान किया जबकि सात साल पहले टेक्सी पेमिट्स देने पर रोक लागू की गई थी।

पेमिट्स देते हुए माननीय सैयद खैयुम ने कहा कि टेक्सी पेमिट्स हासिल करने के नए तरीके से सार्वजनिक यातायात वाले क्षेत्र में सुधार होने के साथ-साथ कम आमदनी कमाने वालों को समर्थ बनाया जाएगा जो अपना खुद का व्यापार शुरू करना चाहते हैं। “यह व्यवस्था खास करके कम आमदनी कमाने वालों को अधिकार देने के लिए है, इसलिए अगर आपकी घरेलू कमाई सालाना बीस हजार डोलर से कम है तो ही आपकी अर्जी पर गौर किया जाएगा, सैयद-खैयुम ने कहा।

उधर, स्थानापन प्रधानमंत्री सैयद-खैयुम ने कहा कि पिछले कई सालों से लोगों को पेमिट तबही मिलती थी जब वो किसी को

जानते थे, कभी-कभी जातीयता के आधार पर, अगर किसी के साथ स्कूल में पढ़ाई की, किसी एक प्रांत के होने, साथ मंदिर या मस्जिद जाने वगैरह जैसे विषयों ने लेन्ड ट्रान्सपोर्ट और यातायात वाली व्यवस्था में बहुत से संदेह पैदा किए हैं।

एक विदवा ऐलेसी रानावुए ने कहा कि इतना लम्बा इंतज़ार व्यर्थ नहीं गया जबकि पाँच साल पहले अपने स्वर्गीय पति के साथ मिलकर उन्होंने अवकाश प्राप्त करने के बाद की योजना बनाते हुए टेक्सी पेमिट की अर्जी लगाई थी। वो अब धार्मिककार्य में ज़्यादा व्यस्त रहती है तथा इस नए व्यापार से उनके तथा उनके नाती-पोतों की शिक्षा हासिल करने तथा अपनी ज़िन्दगी आगे बढ़ाने में मदद मिलेगी।

पेमिट हासिल करने वालों ने कहा कि उनके और उनके परिवार का भविष्य अब काफी उज्जवल दिख रहा है।

कुछ लोगों ने हालमें नई गाड़ियाँ खरीदी थी तो कुछ ने कहा कि वे कर्ज़ लेकर नई गाड़ी खरीदेंगे ताकि वे टेक्सी का व्यापार

कर सकें।

लेन्ड ट्रान्सपोर्ट अथोरिटी बोर्ड चेयर-मैन, विजय महाराज का कहना है कि एक मानकीकृत और पेशेवर

सार्वजनिक यातायात क्षेत्र की ज़रूरत है। यह नई व्यवस्था फीजी को एक नई दिशा में लेजा रहा है।

“पब्लिक सेविस गाड़ियों की माँग बहुत ज़्यादा है तथा कई लोग इस व्यवसाय में शामिल होना चाहते हैं ताकि वे किसी पर निर्भर न रहे, खुद मालिक बने और अपने व्यापार की देखभाल करें,” श्री महाराज ने कहा। उनके अनुसार एक इन्डालेन्डन्ट रिव्यू बोर्ड को चुना गया है जो एक स्वतंत्र चुनाव कमिटी के द्वारा नई अर्जियों पर गौर करेगी। स्वतंत्र रिव्यू कमिटी द्वारा अर्जी लगाने वाले सफल लोगों का चुनाव होने के बाद यह तय करने के लिए कि टेक्सी पेमिट के असली हकदार कौन हैं उनकी अर्जी दोबारा ड्रॉ करने के लिए बेरल में डाला जाएगा जब बोर्ड असफल लोगों की अपील पर फैसला कर लेगा,” श्री महाराज ने कहा।

एक हजार छः सौ व्यापारों को मिला ग्रान्ट

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इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड और टुरिज़्म मंत्री फईयाज़ सिदिक कोया ने इस सप्ताह नान्दी, म्बा, तावुआ और वतुकउला के एक हजार छः सौ से ज़्यादा सुक्ष्म और छोटे व्यापारों को ग्रान्ट दिया।

नान्दी में छः सौ लोगों को ग्रान्ट मिला जबकि म्बा, तावुआ और वतुकउला में एक हजार उनचालिस लोगों को ग्रान्ट दिया गया।

“यह ग्रान्ट कोई ख़ैरात नहीं बल्कि सहायता है कि आप एक राष्ट्र के रूप में फीजी की प्रगति में भी मुख्य भूमिका निभाए। इस ग्रान्ट से लोग नया व्यापार शुरू कर सकते हैं या वर्तमान व्यापार को बढ़ा या सुधार सकते हैं,” मंत्री कोया ने कहा।

तीन साल पहले इस कार्यक्रम के विमोचन के बाद देश भर में करीब बीस हजार लोगों को यह ग्रान्ट दिया गया है जिसमें सरकार ने अट्ठारह मिलियन डोलर खर्च किया है।

“सरकार ने ग्रामीन इलाकों, गरीब समाज में विकास लाने, महिलाओं को प्रोत्साहित करने तथा युवकों के लिए अवसर प्रदान करने में कई महत्वपूर्ण बदलाव किए हैं। इस प्रक्रिया में फीजीयन सरकार, फीजी डिवेलोपमन्ट बैंक के साथ है,” मंत्री कोया ने कहा।

उन्होंने कहा कि जितने लोगों की अभी तक मदद की गई है में से चालिस प्रतिशत महिलाएँ हैं जो अपना खुद का व्यापार करती हैं। इस कार्यक्रम के सफल होने का दर अस्सी प्रतिशत है जो कि अंतराष्ट्रीय स्तर का है।

फिलहाल, नान्दी में मंत्री कोया ने कुछ नए और वर्तमान के असाभियों को ज़मीन की नई लीसें दी हैं।

फ़ीजी फ़ोकस

फ़ीजी सम्मान
प्रणाली के
लिए पुरस्कार

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मेन-सी
राष्ट्रीय
प्रतिरक्षण जारी

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फ़ीजी में औस्ट्रेलिया की पुँजी बढ़ी



उपर: प्रधानमंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डिनमरामा यूरोपियन
यूनियन के तीसरे संवाद में भाषणा देते हुए।

बाई ओर: प्रधानमंत्री के साथ, माननीय अटोर्नी
जेनरल के अलावा, मंत्रीमण्डल के अन्य सदस्य,
यूरोपियन यूनियन के अधिकारियों के साथ।

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प्रधानमंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डिनमरामा ने इस सप्ताह पूर्व विकटोरिया मेलबर्न में व्यापारिक समाज से मुलाकात के दौरान कहा कि औस्ट्रेलिया द्वारा फ़ीजी में लगाई गई पुँजी बढ़कर 1.33 बिलियन डॉलर हो गई है।

उन्होंने व्यापारियों से कहा कि वे अगर फ़ीजी में अपना व्यापार लेकर आना चाहते हैं तो वे पहले व्यापारी नहीं होंगे क्योंकि और भी फ़ीजीयन और औस्ट्रेलियन व्यापारी साथ मिलकर काम कर रहे हैं। उन्होंने खास करके टुरिज़म, आर्थिक क्षेत्र तथा उत्पादक व्यवसाय में पुँजी लगाए हैं

जो कि दोनों देशों के लिए अच्छा है।

“कुछ घण्टों की उड़ान भरके आप फ़ीजी पहुँच सकते हैं जो कि बहुत ही आसान है। फ़ीजी के पास बहुत सी मज़बूत आर्थिक संस्थाएँ हैं जैसे कि ए एन ज़ेड, वेस्टपेक, ब्रेड बेन्क तथा बेन्क ऑफ़ दी साउथ पैसिफ़िक तथा हम डिपाटमेन्ट ऑफ़ इमिग्रेशन और इनवेस्टमन्ट फ़ीजी के मार्फ़ित नए व्यापार रजिस्ट्रार कर सकते हैं।

उन्होंने प्रकाश डाला कि फ़ीजी ने विदेशी पुँजी-पतियों को आकर्षित करने के लिए कई लक्षित प्रोत्साहन प्रदान करता है। उन्होंने कहा कि फ़ीजी का कोर्पोरेट टैक्स दर बीस प्रतिशत है। अगर कोई विदेशी कम्पनी फ़ीजी में अपना हेडक्वार्टस

स्थापित करता है तो कोर्पोरेट टैक्स घटकर सत्रह प्रतिशत हो जाएगा और अगर कम्पनी, साउथ पैसिफ़िक स्टोक एक्सचेंज की सूची में है तो टैक्स का दर और भी नीचे गिरकर दस प्रतिशत हो जाएगा।

प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा कि वित्तिलेवू में कई ज़मीनें तथा समुद्री क्षेत्रों को टैक्स फ़्री क्षेत्र घोषित किया गया है तथा लोग अगर इन खूबसूरत इलाकों का दौरा करेंगे तो ज़रूर वहाँ उन्हें कोई व्यापार शुरू करने की क्षमता दिखाई देगी। उनके अनुसार यातायात के विभिन्न तरीकों से फ़ीजी में नई-नई जगह पर पहुँचा जा सकता है तथा वे भरोसे के साथ कह सकते हैं कि फ़ीजी में अवसर बहुत है जिसका लोग

फायदा उठा सकते हैं।

“हमारा टुरिज़म व्यवसाय लगातार बढ़ रहा है तथा वे फ़ीजी के नए इलाकों तथा क्षेत्र की ओर बढ़ रहा है

जैसे खेलकूद तथा पर्यावरण टुरिज़म। जहाँ तक देश में पुँजी लगाने के अवसर खुलने की बात है तो यह केवल शुरूआत है। फ़ीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था लगातार बढ़ रही है तथा पहले के मिलान में आज काम-काज करने वाले और भी पढ़े लिखे तथा कुशल हो गए हैं।

ज़नए व्यवसाय बढ़ रहे हैं तथा नौकरी के नए-नए मौकों पैदा हो रहे हैं तथा फ़ीजीवासी खाली जगहों को भर रहे हैं।

Noda Viti

‘Namaka ni ko na sotavi’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

KEVAKA e vaka evei na itu-vaki ni bula ni tiko kina vakagoney-alewa nam-Tadulala Tuinamoala aka niko na sotavi vei ira na tabana ni Matanitu ka tu vakarau me ra veivuke.



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Ko Tadu e ciqoma na icovi ni qaqa ena vakacicivaki ni bisinisi lalai ka solia na Baqe ni Lavo Maroroi ena nodra tuva itutu se tauri co-covi vakayabaki.

“Se vakaevei sara na itu-vaki eda tu kina era sa tu na veitabana ni Matanitu e rawa ni vukei keda me da rawata na veika e da tatadrataka meda rawata,” kaya ko Tuinamoala.

“Kivei kemuni na goney-alewa itabagone au kila ni sega ni dua na ka e dredre kevaka eda biuta cake ga na veika e tiko e lomada vua na Kalou.

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Taura okoya na icovi ni itabagone dau ni bisinisi Viti ena soli ni icovi ni bisinisi lalai ena Baqe ni Lavo Maroroi se Reserve Bank of Fiji.

“Taumada au vakavinavinaka vua na Kalou ena veika sa rawati ena bogi ni kua,” kaya ko Tadulala.

“E luluvu na yaloqu ena gauna e tukuni kina vei au baleta noqu raica lesu na sasaga kei na veika au sota-va me baleta na caka bisinisi ka vakabibi na noqu via veivuke vei ira na tamata e tiko ena tagede ni bula dravudravua. Vakabibi vei ira ena taudaku ni koro lelevu.



LAVETI NA BISINISI NI MAKETE E GAUNISALA

Sa namaki me vakalevutaka na nodra rawaka vakailavo na lewe ni vanua era dau volitaki kakana ena gaunisala. Oqo ena nodra dolava e ciwa na makete lalai ni volitaki kakana e Vakabalea, Navua, ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama. Ko iratou na lewe ciwa na lewe ni vanua oqo eratou na vakayagataka na veiqaravi oqo me ratou vukea na nodratou bula vakailavo vakamatavule. Kaya ko PM Bainimarama ni oqo e isevu ni veiqaravi ena noda vanua me vaka ena levu tale era na dola ena veiyasai Viti. iTaba: **ERONI VALILI**

Veivuke levu

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA vakilai tiko na yaga ni bisinisi lalai me vaka nira vakacakacakataki rawa kina e 60 na pasede na lewei Viti ka vakalailaitaki kina na dravudravua.

Oqo na veivakadeitaki ni kovana ni Baqe ni Lavo maroroi ko Arif Ali ena soli ni icovi ni bisinisi lalai

Na bisinisi lalai e Viti esa veivuke sara ena nodra vakacakacakataki e 60 na pasede na lewei Viti me vaka e vakadeitaka na Kovana ni Reserve Bank ko Arif Ali ena soli ni nodratou icovi ni bisinisi lalai ni 2017 se National Microfinance Award.

“E vakabauti ni bisinisi lalai e Viti e cau kina 60 na pasede ni veivakacacataki ena noda vanua. Baleta ni sa vakavure cakacaka na bisinisi lalai ka

vakalailaitaka na bula dravudravua,” kaya Ali.

“Na tubu ni bula vakailavo e Viti ena loma ni walu na yabaki sa sivi e vu talega ena kena sa levu cake na vakacicivaki bisinisi lalai.”

Tukuna ko Waisale Tuidama na mandia ni Northern development program ni “sa \$18m na levu kece ni ilavo keitou sa solia vei ira na itaukei ni bisinisi lalai ena vualiku. Kara sa vukei kina e 2100 na bisinisi lalai e Vanua Levu.

“Na 10 na yabaki ni kena cici tiko mai NDP sa via 84 na pasede na kena rawaka se success rate ni NDP.”

Ratou ciqoma talega na icovi ni tabana e dau veivuke ena bisinisi lalai na Northern Development Programme (NDP) Vakacaucautaka na qaqa ni NDP ko Satish Kumar, na iliuliu ni Labasa Chamber of Commerce.

“Totoka vakaoti na icovi oqo ni NDP baleta ni oqo na sala duadua ga e rawa nira vakauqeti kina na lewenivanua e Vanua Levu mera tubu,” kaya ko Kumar.

“Ka mera na veisisivi ena buturara ni bisinisi kevaka e sega era na tu vakadua tu ga. Evinaka kina vei ira ka vinaka talega kina noda vanua. Sa levu sara era sa rawa cakacaka talega kina.”

Kaya na Vunivola Tudei ni Minisitiri ni Veivoli ko Shaheen Ali ni “bisinisi lalai e vaka na yavu tudei ni noda bulibulika keina noda vakasamataka na sala ni vakavure bisinisi e rawa ni da rawa ilavo kina. E tiki tiko ni lalalwa ni Matanitu enaloma ni lima kina 20 na yabaki,” kaya ko Ali.

“Sega ni vakabekataki tiko ni bisinisi lalai e draivataka tiko na bula vakailavo ni noda vanua.”



\$12.4m mai Urope

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

S A veivuke na European Union (EU) ena \$12.4m ena kena vaqacacotaki na noda taqomaki keda ena draki veisau kei na vakadeitaki ni tikoga e veigauna na keda kakana. Oqo na veika e tukuna na Vunivola Tudei ni Minisitiri ni Teitei ko David Kolitagane.

Tukuna ko Kolitagane ni sa sotava oti ko Viti e 33 na cagilaba ka salavata na waluvu ka volai ena itukutuku ni Matabose kei Vuravura ni ko Viti e

oka tiko ena 15 na vanua e vuravura kara dau sotava wasoma na leqa tubu koso.

“E bolei keda vakalevu na yaco wasoma ni cagilaba, na waluvu kei na leqa tubukoso tale eso ka salvata na tubu ni waswasa ka laki bolei talega kina na bula ni teitei se vakayagtaki qelee na noda vanua,” kaya ko Kolitagane.

“Na ilavo oya ena wase vakarua, na imatai ni iwasewase ena gole kina Minisitiri ni Teitei ena nona cakacaka vata kei na Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) oya ena votai kina e

\$7m.”

“Na vo nai ilavo ena vagolei kina Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).”

Na tabana e rua oqo e rau na vakarautaka na teivaki ni kakana ena kena sotavi na revurevu ni draki veisau.

Rau sainitaka vata na soli mai ni ilavo levu oqo na Minisita ni Teitei ena noda vanua ko Inia Seruiratu kei na Director General ni Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) ko General José Graziano da Silva kei na mata kei Varanise e Viti ko Sujiro Seam.

Rawa na 100 na pasede ni soli ni yasana

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

TEKI isausau na bose ni yasana ko Namosi ena isevu ni gauna me rawata na yasana e 100 na pasede ni soli ni yasana ena loma ni yabaki. Vakamacala kina na Roko Tui Namosi ko Rupeni Kunaturaga.

“Era marau vakalevu na lewe ni yasana ko Namosi ena kena sa rawati na soli ni yasana ena loma ni yabaki na 100 na pasede esa rawati. Dina ga ni se vo tale e vica na vula me vakacavari na yabaki vakailavo,” kaya ko Roko Tui Namosi.

“Au kila ni nodra cakacaka vata na lewe ni bose ni yasana na mata ni tikina na turaga ni koro ena kena vakadewataki tiko vei ira na lewe ni vanua na inaki bibi ni kena soli na soli ni yasana.”

“Na kena rawati vakalevu ni kua na 100 na pasede e vu tiko mai vakalevu ena kena sikovi tiko na veikorokoro ka vakadewataki vei ira na itu-kutuku ni soli ena veiyabaki sa oti ka kerei kina vei ira me rawati na 100 na pasede ni yabaki. Sa vakamatatataki talega vei ira na vanua e vakayagtaki kina na ilavo kei na kena cicivaki na vale ni volavola ena loma ni dua na yabaki ni kevaka ena sega ni soli na soli ni yasana ena sega ni rawa ni qaravi vinaka na lewe ni yasana ko Namosi,” kaya ko Roko Tui Namosi.

“Na soli ni yasana e taketaki tiko ena loma ni yabaki e \$62, 159 ia ni mai qaravi na soqo vakayabaki ena yabaki ni Namosi Day ena yabaki sa oti oka tiko iloma na soli ni yasana a mai kumuni kina ena yabaki sa oti e \$87,000.”

“Na soli ni yasana e baleta sara ga na kena cicivakai na valenivolavola ni yasana. Saumi kina na ivola, na waiwai ni lori, nodra veilakoyaki na ivakaillesileisi, saumi kina na isevusevu na livaliva, na wai na talevoni oya na veivai-vai vagolei kece kina na soli ni yasana ena dua na yabaki,” kaya na Roko Tui Namosi.

Keimami sa nanamaki tiko oqo kina soqo ni Adi Namosi ni yabaki ni kua ka na kumuni kina e dua tale na kena ilavo ni soli ni yasana me baleta na yaba ki vou vakailavo.

Na soqo ni Adi Namosi ena qaravi tiko ena ika walu kei na ciwa ni vula ko Noveba

Draya vou ni niu nei Biraj

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

S A oti e 20 na yabaki na nona dau volitaki niu buta tiko kina ko Biraj Nanda yabaki 65 ena nona loga ni niu e Dawana Bay e Cakaudrove.

Ia, e vakayagataka voli ga mai e dua na draya ni vavi niu lailai ka rawata voli tko kina e 1.5 kina 2 na tani na niu buta ena veivula.

Ni kua sa yaco na marau vei Biraj ni sa lolomataka yani na Minisita ni Teitei ko Inia Seruiratu e dua na nona draya ni niu vou ka levu cake sara

“Au sa vakavinavina-ka vakalevu kina matanitu ni vukei au ena draya ni niu vou oqo, na kena qoka au sana rawata kina e 3 na tani niu buta ena veivula,” kaya ko Biraj.

Taukena tiko ko Biraj e dua na nona loga ni niu ka kovuta e 75 na ekatea na kena levu.

Vakacaucautaki Biraj ko minisita Seruiratu ena balevu ni gauna e dinata tiko mai kina na bisinisi ni volitaki niu buta.

“Qoka e edua na tauraga yalodina ena bisinisi ni volitaki niu buta kau marautaka ni mai vukei.”

“Na bisinisi ni niu e gadrevi vakalevu ena kena makete ni kua. Au sa kerei Biraja me tomana tiko na bisinisi vinaka ni voitaki niu buta sa vakayacora voli maika tu vakarau na noqu minisitiri me vukei koya ena ka e gadreva,” kaya ko minisita Seruiratu.

Na bisinisi ni niu nei Biraj eratou vukei koya tiko kina e tolu na luvena.



Rau waqaca tiko oqori na draya vou ni vavi niu ko Minisita Inia Seruiratu kei nei Biraj Nanda e Dawana Estate, Cakaudrove. iTaba: JOSAIA RALAGO

Uqeti ko Namosi me voli sea

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

S A vakauqeti ira na lewe ni yasana vakaturaga ko Namosi na vunivola tudei ni veika-vakaitaukei ko Naipote Katonitabua me ra voli sea ena Fijian Holdings me rawa kina na vakatubu ilavo ni nodra dui matavuvale.

“Na gauna qoka e dola tu vei keda na itaukei volai ena ivola ni kawa bula meda voli sea ena Fijian holdings. E rawa ni da vukei keda ga kevaka eda bulataka na varoroi ilavo kei na vakatubuilavo me sotavi kina na noda gagadre ena gauna ni leqa gauna ni tubukoso,” kaya ko Katonitabua.

“E dau tukuni vakawasoma vei keda nida dravudravua voli ga ena

dela ni noda vutuniyau. ena rawa ga oqo keveka e veisua na noda rai ka meda vulica na mamaroroi se na kei na vakatubuilavo me baleti ira na luveda kei na makubuda ena veiya-baki.

“Sa tiko li na ituvatuva ni mamaroroi kei na vakatubuilavo vei ira na makubuda kei na luveda?”

Me da biuta tiko mai eso na ivurevure ni kawa mai muri,” kaya ko Katonitabua.

Eratou a la’ki tiko talega na vakaillesileisi e na South Pacific Stock Exchange ena nodra vakauqeti tikoga na vei ira na lewei Namosi ena voli sea kina veikabani era sa cicivaki bisinisi vinaka tu ni kua ka ra tiko ena ruku ni South Pacific Stock Exchange.



Na vunivola tudei ni Veikavakaitaukei ko Naipote Katonitabua.



Qarauni na veivoli ca ena Pasifika

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SEGA ni vinaka na sogo makete e vakaraitaki tiko ena Pasifika mai vei ira eso na matanitu.

Vakasalata tiko ena tabana oqo na Minisita ni Veivoli, Faiyaz Siddiq Koya ka tukuna ni yaco tiko na tikina oqo baleta na veisosomitaki ni bisinisi se veivoli ca ena buturara ni veivoli.

Tukuna ko minisita Koya ni nodra veiba ni veivoli na veimatanitu lel-evu e rawa ni valeqa na veivoli ni veiyanyanu lalai ena Pasifika.

Baleta ni matalia na boleble ni veivoli era sotava na veiyanyanu lalai ka dodonu mera kauwaitaki talega ena World Trade Organisation (WTO).

“Na tauyavutaki ni Vale ni mata nei Viti mai Geneva ena yabaki 2014 sai

vakadeitaka na sasaga nei Viti me rogo na domana ena veivoli ni veimatanitu e vuravura,” kaya ko minisita Koya.

“Era gadreva na veiyanyanu matanitu lalai ni Pasifika mera taqomaki ena qito ni veivoli era cakava tiko na veimatanitu lalai.

“Sa gadrevi na veitaqomaki ni WTO kina veimatanitu lalai ena Pasifika.”

A vosa tiko ko minisita Koya ena dua na bose ka tiko kina na Director General ni WTO ko Roberto Azevedo.

Vakabibitaka na noda minisita ni veivoli ni dua na ivoli eda vakabibitaka oya na ika ka ivurevure talega ni noda bula.

Na bose oya evakaraudaka ena Pacific Island Forum Secretariat kei na WTO.



Era veqaravi tiko ena lomani koronivuli na nasi ena porokaramu ni cula baleta na Men-C ka ra taketaki na noda gone yabaki 1-19 me rawa ni taqomaki ira mai na mate oqo. Sa ratou kere veitokoni kina na Tabana ni Bula ena kena soli na veivakadonui mai vei ira na tubutubu kei na dau ni veisusu me baleta na nodra cula na noda gone.

iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA

Tomani na veicula

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA toso vinaka sara tiko na nodra cula tiko na gone yabaki dua kina yabaki 19 e Viti me baleta na mate na Meningococcal infections.

Macawa sa oti a qaravi kina na iwasewase e loma kei na Ra Subdivision.

Liutaka tiko na Minisitiri ni Bula na veiqaravi oqo ka veitokoni kina na United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

kei na World Health Organisation (WHO).

Namaki mera na cula kina e 325,000 na gone lalai kei na itabagone-oqo na itaba ni bula e kunei ni rawarawa na kena tauvi ira na Meningococcal.

Tukuna na Daunivakasala liu ena tiko bulabula ni Matauvale ko Vuniwai Torika Tamani ni sa toso vinaka sara na veicula oqo.

Na matai ni wasewase ena qaravi kina na iwasewase e loma kei na Ra Subdivision ka na ono na macawa taucoko na balavu ni veicula oqo.

“Na veicula oqo e sega ni

saumi ka oni sa kerei na itubutubu moni soli ira mai luvenuni mera mai cula ena veikoronivuli se veivaleniwai era voleka kina,” kaya ko Vuniwai Tamani.

Veivakadeitaki ko Vuniwai Tamani ni veicula oqo era taqomaki vinaka kina na wekada kasa vakadinadina-taki oti mai Canada, Peritania kei Ositerelia.

“Na mate na Meningococcal

infection e dau vakavuna na mate ni mona kei na gaga ni dra, na viavia lua, na sega ni via kei na malumalumu ni yadra na gone,” kaya ko Vuniwai Tamani.

“E rawa nida taqomaki keda mai kina kevaka eda maroroya na tiko savasava, na taqomaki ni gusuda ena gauna ni suru kei na vu, na sava vinaka ni liga ena sovu kei na veivanimate ni tiko bulabula eso.”

Namaki na vakavinakataki ni Syria Park

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA oti vinaka e 87 na yabaki na kena tauyavu na tauni mai Nausori, ia ni kua sa levu sara na veiveisau vovou sa yaco tiko kina.

Me vaka na makete vou sa tu ni kua kei na gaunisala levu sa cici e daku ni tauni. Sa namaki talega me vakavinakataki ka laveti cake na ivakatagedede ni Syria Park mai Nausori.

Na rara oqo e gagade vei ira mai Nausori ka vakataokayaca kina dua na waqa era a voda mai kina na Qirimiti mera mai cakacaka ena loga ni dovuni e Viti.

Na inaki ni veiveisau vovou oqo me daumaka cake na veiqaravi e soli vei kemuni na lewe ni vanua e Nausori kei kemuni na dau saumi ivakacavacava.

Tukuna na Minisita ni Veitauni ko Parveen Kumar ni sa namaki mena tara talega ena Syria Park e dua na multipurpose court.

“Namaki na veivakatorocaketaki oqo ena loma ni vica na vula ka tu e matada ka na veisautaka kina na irairai ni Syria Park me vinaka cake sara,” kaya ko Minisita Kumar.

“Na kena vakavinakataki na gaunisala keina vakatorocaketaki ni tauni sa drete tio mai na lewivanua ki Nausori.”

“Qoka na tauni ni 3 na yasana Rewa, Tailevu kei Naitasiri.”

A vosa tiko ko minisita Bala ena nona dolava tiko na Tebara Festival ka vakavinakavinaka talega kina vei ira na cicivaka.

“Sa yabaki 87 na tauni e Nausori sa tiko kina na makete levu duadua ena iwase ni vanua oqo,” tukuna ko Minisita Kumar.

Sivia na tolu na udolu na lewei Viti vou

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKARAITAKA na ililiu ni noda Matanitu ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ni ra sa vakadeitaki mera lewei Viti e 3815 mai vanua tani me tekivu mai na yabaki 2014 me yacova na Veverueri ni yabaki oqo 2018.

Tukuna ko PM Bainimarama ni 1140 era gole mai Ositerelia, 591 era gole mai Niusiladi, era 585 era sega ni volai kina dua

na vanua, 334 era gole mai USA, era lewe 242 mai Jaina, 172 era gole mai Canada kei na 117 era a lewe ni vanua tu e Viti e liu.

Tukuna ko PM Bainimarama ni ko ira na sega ni volai kina dua na vanua se stateless sai ira na luvedra na lewei Viti era qai lai sucu mai vanua tani.

Vakaraitaka na ililiu ni Matanitu ni 334 mai USA era lewe 180 era dau lewe ni vanua tu eliu e Viti, vei ira na lewe 172 mai Canada e lewe 117 vei ira

oya era a lewe ni vanua tu eliu e Viti.

E kaya ko PM Bainimarama ni ko ira na lewe 1140 na gole mai Ositerelia e 763 era a lewivanua tu e liu eke. Vei ira na lewe 591 na gole mao Niusiladi e 342 era dau lewe ni vanua tu e liu e Viti.

E tukuna talega ko PM Bainimarama ni 741 na noda lewivanua mai vanua tani esa solia talega vei ira na ivolatara ni curu vanua ni Viti (Fiji Passports) ena maliwa ni yabaki

2014 kina 2018.

Ko ira na soli na nodra ivolatara ni curu vanua ni Viti e oka kina e 271 na lewe ni vanua ni Niusialdi, 126 na lewe ni vanua ni Ositerelia, 84 na lewe ni vanua ni Jaina, 47 na na lewe ni vanua mai USA kei na 33 na lewe ni vanua ni Peritania.

E tukuna ko PM Bainimarama ni so talega na lewe ni vanua era sa vakadeitaki me ra lewe ni vanua e Viti era sega ni kerea na ivolatara ni curu vanua ni Viti.



Dola na vale ni veilewai vou e Nasinu

Sa dolava na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum na vale ni veileiwai vou mai Nasinu. Tukuna na Vunilawa ni kena ogo sa usovi sara mai na kena ka vakayagataki ogo e tili. Na vale ni veilewai vou ogo e tiko e loma e va na rumu ni veilewai kei na va na rumu ni tribunal, tiko talega na nodra rumu na assessors, kei na nodra rumu na ivakadinadina. E 8 na kena cell, vanua nodra na tauvimate kei na ikelekele ni motoka. Mo sarava mada yani eso na kena itaba era.

iTaba: ERONI VALILI



*Udolu na bisinisi
lalai era vukei ena
mua-i-Ra*

Sivia na udolu na lewenivanua ena muira
sa solia na Matanitu na nodra dua na
uadolu na dola na ilavo ni veivuke ni
bisinisi lalaj.

Ono na drau na lewenivanua mai Nadi
era ciqoma na nodra ilavo ni veivuke ni
Matanitu ena nodra bisinisi lalai oya na
\$1000 grant ka laki solia yani ena vuku ni
Matanitu na Minisita ni Veivoli ko Faiyaz
Siddiq Koya.

Kuria tikoga ga qoo na kena a laki soli tale vei ira e sivia na udolu mai Ba, Tavua kei Vatukoula. Soli vata tale ga na nodra lisi ko ira sa vakadonuya na nodra lisi na Matanitu.

Ni sarava mada eso na itaba ni soqo oqo
mai Nadi.

iTaba: ISAAC LAL



Veisisivi ni maninitaki ni livaliva

E sa laki solia na Minisita ni Veitauni
ko Parveen Bala Kumar na icovi ni
veisisivi maninitaki ni livaliva ena vei
koronivuli.
Soli na icovi ni veisisivi ni yabaki sa

oti kina na koronivuli na Sangam
Sadhu Kuppaswamy Memorial
College mai Nadi
Ka sa tavo talega kina na veisisivi ni
yabaki oqo 2018.

Sarava sara mada yani eso na kena itaba.

iTaba: ISAAC LAL





Tuvatuva ni veidokai ni Viti

INAKI

•Me ra kilai ka vakaicocovitaki na lewei Viti tudei kei ira na sega ni lewe ni vanua tudei ena nodra itovo ni veiqaravi vei Viti kei na vakasakiti ni nodra vakaitavi ena dua na vanua se soqosoqo.

•Me kilai kina na veiqaravi qaqa se yalodei ni lewenivanua ena nodra vakaitavitaki ira ena gauna dredre se vakarerevaki.

KENA ITUKUTUKU TAUMADA

Na tuvatuva ni veidokai oqo e teki-vutaki ena 1995 ka vakalawataki mai Palimedi me vakarautaka na kena tauyavutaki na veidokai kei na icocovi e Viti.

CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER

Na Turaga Peresitedi e Viti e Chancellor. O koya ena digitaka na lewe ni Matabose ka nona na vakatulewa ena soli ni icocovi vei ira na lewe ni vanua.

COLLEGE OF HONOUR

Na Matabose ni Veidokai oqo e lima na lewena ka ratou digitaki mai vua na Peresitedi. E ratou dikeva ka soli veivakadonui ena vakaturi ni yaca vua na Peresitedi. E ratou ivakasala vua na Peresitedi ena veika me baleta na Koronivuli Matabose ena qaravi ni itavi me vaka sa lewai mai vua na Peresitedi.

ORDER OF FIJI MEDALS

Ocei e rawa ni vakaicocovi?
E dua na lewe ni vanua e rawa ni yacova na gagadre ni soli ni icocovi oqo:



1.COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF FIJI—CF

Na Companion of the Order of Fiji (CF) e baleta na nona dokai kei na nona kilai levu e dua ena cecere ni nona veiqaravi vei Viti se ki na bula ni tamata raraba.



2. OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF FIJI—OF

Na Officer of the Order of Fiji (OF) e baleta na uasivi ni nona veiqaravi vei Viti se ki na bula ni tamata raraba.



3. MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF FIJI—MF

Na Member of the Order of Fiji (MF) e baleta na veiqaravi cecekia e vakayacora ena dua na vanua se dua na ila-walawa.



4. MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF FIJI—MOF

Na Medal of the Order of Fiji (MOF) e baleta na nona veiqaravi ka dodonu me vakacautaki kina.
NA ICOCОВI NI YALO QAQA NI LEWE

NI VANUA RARABA

E baleta na ivakarau ni nona yalo qaqa e dua na lewenivanua ena dua na ituvaki ka rawa ni vakayalia kina na nona bula ko koya e vakaturi mai.

VEITARAVI NI ICOCОВI SE METALI NI YALO QAQA

1.PRESIDENT'S CROSS

Soli na metali oqo ena vakarau ni nona yalo qaqa edua ena gauna ni dredre se vakarerevaki.



2. PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Soli na metali oqo ena vuku ni nona yalodei edua me qarava nona itavi ena gauna ni dredre.



3. BRAVERY MEDAL

Soli na metali oqo me baleta nodra vakaraitaka na nodra yalodei ena vuku ni veiqaravi.



VEIVAKATURI

Na Order of Fiji esa vaqara tiko eso na lewe ni vanua raraba, lewe ni iso-qosoqo, lewe ni veitikotiko, lewe ni isoqosoqo ni dau ni bisinisi me vakaturi mai na wyacadra mera okati ena soli metali ni veidokai nei Viti.

Na ivakarau ni soli metali ni veidokai oqo e marautaki kina na duatani ni nodra cau eso na lewe ni vanua e Viti ena kena tokoni na noda Vanua ka kune talega kina na duavata ni veikawatamata e Viti.

Sa rawa ni tauri mai na fomu ni veivakaturi ena vale ni volavola ni kena qaravi na soli metali ni veidokai ka

tiko talega kina na iwalewale ni veivakaturi.

E ciqomi talega na veivakaturi e volai ga yani ena veva. Ia, me dodonu na ka e vakaturi yani ka dodonu talega na vanua e vakaitikotiko kina kei na yacadratou kei na nodratou itikotiko e va na ivakadinadina.

SALA NI VEIVAKATURI

Mo volavola vei cei?

Na veivakaturi erawa ni vakayacora edua se o ira na lewe ni vanua ena nodra volavola vakadodonu ki vua na Vunivola ni Matabose ni Veidokai se ki vua na Vunivola Vakamatanitu ni Peresitedi.

TUTUTUKU ENA GADREVI

Me vaka etoka ena fomu ena rawa ni tauri mai vei:

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Naba ni Positovesi 2513
Vale ni Tabacakacaka, Suva
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TUKUTUKU E GADREVI ENA VAKATUTU NI VEIQARAVI NI YALODEI

1. Tukutuku matata baleta na veiqaravi ni yalodei se na kena soli wale na bula me vakaturi

2. Dua na tikina mai vei ira na vakadinadina: Dua na nodra vosa bubuluitaki se vakadinadinataki

3. Sa kerei me vakamatatataki na nodratou vakaitavi na Tabana ni Ovisa, Tabana ni Bokobuka, dua na vuniwai se valenibula ena kisi oqo ka me vakarautaki na kena itukutuku vakamailalai.

Kurabui ka marau ko Cabenasiga

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

ESA guilecava tale tu ko Mosese Rarasea Cabenasiga ni a kerea edua na nona pemiti ni civivaki motoka vakabisinisi se taxi vua na Matabose ni Veilakoyaki ena vanua mamacase Land Transport Authority.

Okoya edua na fomani ni tara vale vakacegu ka sa dau caka bisinisi lalai tuga me rawa ni vukeya kina nona matavuvale me vaka nisa yacova oti talega na yabaki 55.

Sa voleka tale ga ni 10 na yabaki na nona waraka tiko na macala ni kerekere oya ka sa sega talega ni bau kauwai tu kina.

E ka ni kurabui ni ratou qai

veitaratara yani vua na kena matabose.

“Au kidacala ena loma ni rua na vula sa oti oqo e ratou qiriti au mai na LTA meu lako mada yani me keitou veitalanoa baleta na soli ni noqu pemiti,” kaya ko Cabenasiga.

“Sa via ciwa na yabaki na noqu waraka tiko au sa qai mai taura ni kua. Au vakavinavinaka vakalevu vua na Land Transport Authority na nona veisautaka na lewa ni soli pemiti ka savasava sara. “Sa yaga na wawa niu sa mai guilecava tale tu o au ni sa balavu na gauna.

“Ia ni sa yaco tale mai o koya oqo na permit oqo au sa vakavinavinakataka na veivuke oqo ni sa rawa ni tosoya cake tale na bula ni matavu-

vale.”

Ko Cabenasiga e dua vei ira na lewe 43 na lewenivanua a solia na nodra dui permit ni bisinisi ni taxi na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena Albert Park.

“Meda ciciva yani na rara ni bisinisi ni taxi,” kaya o Cabenasiga.

“Au sa vakavinavinaka vakalevu ni sa rawa qo na permit qo au sa na lai tara sara mai e dua na motoka au sana tovolea me lai vakacivivi na motoka me vukeya na bula ni matavuvale.

“Vakabibi na bula ni matavuvale na gauna dredre eda sotava tiko sa yaco mai e dua naka vinaka oqo au sa vakavinavinaka vakalevu kina Matanitu.”



Ciqoma tiko oqori ko Mosese Rarasea mai vua na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum na nona pemiti ni cici motoka vakabisinisi.



E ratou taba toka oqo eso vei ira na tauri icocovi ena soli icovi ni bisinisi lalai ena Reserve Bank of Fiji 2017 Microfinance Awards. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA

Teki isausau na NDP

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA Northern Development Program esa yabaki 10 e Vanua Levu.

Na kena manidia ko Waisale Tuidama, e vakavinavinakataka na kena mai soli kina na icovi ka sa vakavotukana kina na veiqaravi e Vanua Levu me vakaratou tarai Udu sara e cake ko Cikobia, Qamea Taveuni, Bua, Cakaudrove kei Macuata.

Wilika yani na veitalanoa ni noda niusiveva NODA VITI kei Tuidama ni oti na kena mai qoqona na NDP na icovi ena itagede ni Microfinance Service Providers Category ena 2017 National Microfinance Awards ena Baqe ni Lavo Maroroi (Reserve Bank of Fiji) ena ika 28 ni siga ni vula ko Me 2018.

Noda Viti: Sa dua na teki isausau vinaka mai rawata na Northern Development Program (NDP) ena nomudou mai qoqota na icovi ni dau veivukei vei ira na cicivaki bisinisi lalai.

Tuidama: Au via vakavinavinakataka na kena soli na icocovi me vakavinavinakataki kina na kena dau soli na veivuke ni bisinisi lalai ka sa soli ni kua kina Northern Development Program (NDP) mai Vanua Levu. Au via vakavinavinaka tiko nikua vua na Kalou ena nona saumi keda ena veika e vinaka eda cakava.

Noda Viti: Ena gauna dou tekivu kina me yacova tiko nomuni sa mai taura na icovi ni kua sa vica kece beka na dau ni bisinisi lalai era sa qaravi oti ena veivuke vakailavo ni NDP.

Tuidama: Keitou a tekivu dolava na vale ni volavola oqo ena 2008 ena Macuata House mai Labasa. Ena 2018 oqo sa 10 vinaka na yabaki na



Taura na icovi ni itabagone gugumatua ena bisinisi lalai ko Elenoa Rika e dua na goneyalewa dau kesakesa e Raiwaqa, Suva, ka dau kesava na sulu vakatoga kei na sote ka dau vakayagataka na mona livaliva kei na italanoa e gusu me volitaka kina na nona ivoli. Sa lalawataka tiko me dolava e dua na nona sitoa. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA

kena cici tiko mai ni NDP. Loma ni 10 na yabaki keitou sa mai vakailavotaka e 2100 na bisinisi lalai.

Noda Viti: E vica kece na ilavo ni veivuke dou sa solia oti kina?

Tuidama: E \$18m (tini ka walu na milioni na dola). Na ilavo oya era qai lai vakasucuma yani na veibisinisi lalai era vukei.

Noda Viti: Na mataqali bisinisi cava so era vukei tiko oqo ena NDP?

Tuidama: Na NDP e vakatabakidua tiko ena kena vakayagataki na iyaubula yacani vaka peritania na resource base projects. Qoka na vakayagataki ni qele me vaka na tei yaqona, dalo, tavioka, dovua, oka talega kina na susu manumanu, na bulumakau, na sipi, na me, kei na susu oni ka vakakina na qoliqoli.

Noda Viti: Nomudou veivuke ena qoliqoli e sa levu na ilavo dou a

vakayagataka kina?

Tuidama: Sa levu sara na ilavo keitou vakayagataka ena qoliqoli. Ni kua nida lako yani ki Vanua Levu sa levu sara waqa lalai eki na idini cavu sa cici tiko ena veibaravi kei na veikorokoro.

E levu na waqa oya e vakailavotaki tiko mai na Northern Development Program. Tiko talega eso na bisinisi lalai me vaka na culacula, na vavi madrai, na vakamakete, na makete ena veikorokoro, na vavi niu, eso era volitaki yaqona, na volitaki ni ika, na veimataqali bisinisi vakaoya keitou vakailavotaka tiko.

Noda Viti: Sa vakilai tiko li vei ira na lewe ni vanua e Vanua Levu na vinaka se yaga ni bisinisi oqo?

Tuidama: Au marau ni lako vinaka tiko na porokaramu oqo mai Vanua Levu ena 10 na yabaki, sa via 84 na pasede na success rate ni NDP ena veibisinisi keitou vakaduria mai Vanua Levu, ni keitou raica lesu e dua naka e vinakata na Matanitu me kila



Taura na imatai ni icovi ena cicivaki bisinisi lalai yadua ko Meri Meki e dua na marama dau volitaki cakacaka ni liga vei ira na saravanua e Nadi.

E dau volitaki tiko nona cakacaka ni liga ena otela na Wyndham Resort e Nadi. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA

na kena yaga se impact se na cava e kauta mai na bisinisi oqo. Era rawaka vakailavo o ira era taukena na bisinisi oqo. E tubu cake na nodra rawaka vakailavo.

Noda Viti : Ni tukuna mada e dua na kena ivakaraitaki?

Tuidama: E dua keitou raica e dua rawata tiko e \$3000 ena dua na yabaki nisa vukei ena dua na waqa dua na idini sa lai \$30,000 sara na levu ni ilavo e sa rawata. E levu sara na lade ni ilavo esa rawata.

E dua talega na kena yaga ni vakavure cakacaka. E via 6000 era vakasucuma na 2000 na projects oya. Sara cakacaka ka ra rawa ilavo kina. E dua tale na kena vinaka oya ni tubu na nodra iyau tudei se asset. E levu vei ira ni tekivu na porokaramu sega tu na nodra iyau ni bisinisi. Ni keitou vakailavotaka sa rawa nira voli katavila voli lori, tara vinaka nodra vale, ra vaka waqa ka ra vakaidini. Qo sa tubu cake na nodra iyau tudei se assets, e vica na yaga ni porokaramu oqo e Vanua Levu.



KURABUI KA MARAU KO CABENASIGA

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TOMANI TIKO NA VEICULA

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VULA I WEREWERE

SIGA TABU, 3 NI JIUNE, 2018 - 8 NA DRAUNA- KA 11 NI TABANA

Noda Viti



BULA VINA
FIJI AIRPORTS LIMITED

Era taba toka oqo na ivakalesilesi ni kabani na Fiji Airports Limited kei na Vunilawa Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum mai na teminala ni rara ni waqavuka levu ena noda vanua mai Nadi. Oqo ena soqo ni kena mai veisautakia na yaca ni kabani na Airports Fiji Limited me Fiji Airports Limited. Vakaraitaka ko Vunilawa Sayed-Khaiyum ni kena i balebale

na veisau oqo me rawa ni maketetaki vinaka ka vakalevu kina na noda vanua kei na veimataqali bisinisi era tiko kina. Dua tale na vina oya na kena vinakati me vakayagati tiko vakavinaka na yacai Viti ena vei yaca kece ni bisinisi se branding beka ena yaca vakavalagi me vaka na Fiji Airways. ITaba: ISAAC LAL

iSevu ni Matanitu

NA isevu ni gauna ena ituku-tuku ni veigauna kei Viti me qai dua na lawa me vakadeitaka me wasei ena 80 na pasede na ilavo e rawa mai ena keli ni watu talei kei na iyau bula e loma ni qele na itaukei ni qele. Ka sa vakalawataki kina me 20 na pasede me qai nona na Matanitu. Sa vakadonui ena Palimedi ena vula oqo na na lawa vakaturi na Fair Share of Mineral Royalties 2018 Bill ka sa yaco me lawa se Fair Share of Mineral Royalties 2018 Act. Oqo sa dua na cavu ikalawa levu ni

noda Matanitu ni kua ka dau tatadra-taki voli ga mai ena veiyabaki sa sivi, ia ni kua sa qai mai vakavotukanataka na Matanitu oqo. Oqo se qai isevu ni gauna me ra wasei kina vakavinaka na itaukei ni qele. E kaya na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum nira oka eke na veimataqali itaukei ni qele, ko ira na itaukei ni qele volivakadua se freehold, kei ira na itaukei ni qele ni Rotuma kei Rabi. Tukuna ena Palimedi na Vunilawa ni sa dau kilai tu mai e na veigauna ni watu talei kei na iyau bula taucoko e keli mai e loma ni qele e dau gole na

i matai ni ka ki vei ira na itaukei ni qele. Ia, na Yavu ni Vakavulewa ni yabaki 2013 sa vakamatatataki kina ni dodonu mera wasei vakavinaka na itaukei ni qele ena ilavo ni watu talei kei na iyau bula e keli e loma ni qele. Tukuna na Vunilawa ena Palimedi ni dina ni sa volai talega na nodra nani na itaukei ni qele ena Yavu ni Vakavukewa ni 1990 kei na kena ena 1997 wase 186. Ia erau sega ni vakalawataki na rua na matanitu rau veitaravi mai ena gauna koya na ka e lavaka mai na

Yavu ni Vakavulewa koya. Tukuna na Vunilawa ni tekivu mai na yabaki 1997 kina yabaki 2006 na matanitu e rua oyae tu vei rau na gauna me rau vakalawataki kina na lawa oqo ia e rau sega ni vakayacora. Tukuna na Vunilawa na Matanitu ni kua sai isevu ni Matanitu me qai vakalawataki na nodra saumi vakavinaka na itaukei ni qele ena ilavo ni watu talei kei na iyau bula e keli e loma ni qele. -MAI NA BOSE LAW

VOQA NI DAVUI

Moniti - Tusiti
8.30pm (15 na miniti)
Radio Fiji One

Vukelulu - Lotulevu
8pm (15 na miniti)
Radio Fiji One

Vakarauwai
9pm (30 na miniti)
Radio Fiji One

Sigatabu
8.45pm (30 na miniti)
Radio Fiji One