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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with nurses during his visit to the Western Division. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

PM LAUDS FIJIAN'S FORTITUDE DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS

Recovery mode

PRASHILA DEVI

FIJJANS have been praised for their fortitude in the face of the restrictions that had to be put in place to safeguard the population from the more severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. As he announced the relaxation of many these restrictions, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama hailed Fijians, not just for adhering to restrictions but also those who helped Fiji fight the worst- "the front-line workers, and our teams deploying food rations and disbursing unemployment assistance".

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Voreqe Bainimarama.

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Voreqe Bainimarama
Prime Minister

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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Fiji will issue our #BlueBond next year! With the UK Government's £400k in support, we can raise capital for blue innovation to protect vital ecosystems. From the South Pacific to the North Sea, seafaring citizens owe our existence to the ocean. It's time we return the favour.

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Participants during the Tourism Talanoa Panel Discussion following the announcement on the reopening of the international borders. From left: Fiji Hoteliers and Tourism Association chief executive officer Fantasha Lockington, Tourism Fiji chief executive officer Brent Hill, Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Fiji Airways chief executive officer André Viljoen and Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services Dr James Fong. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

Fiji 'ready to reopen borders'

NANISE NEIMILA

AFTER being closed for nearly two years, Fiji is set to welcome international visitors again- beginning December 2021.

Tourism Fiji chief executive officer Brent Hill said Fiji will be ready to welcome back tourists from December.

"This is the moment we have been planning for nearly two years now and I can assure the world that Fiji is safe and ready to

welcome you back," Mr Hill said.

"The islands are just as beautiful – if not more beautiful – than ever and the locals just as warm and friendly. Fiji is the vacation the world needs and deserves right now, and we can finally offer that again starting December."

Mr Hill highlighted that travellers can book and travel in confidence with the Care Fiji Commitment (CFC), where they could stay in certified resorts, use certified transportation and experiences, and be assured that all tourism

businesses they came in to contact with had 100 per cent vaccinated staff members.

"Tourism Fiji has been working on reopening marketing plans and had changed their message to 'Fiji's Open' to tell the world the good news."

This has been shared across the tourism industry to help the whole industry unite on a single message – "Fiji's Open: 1st Dec".

Mr Hill adds that land and air travel packages were expected to be made available for booking soon, however, travellers could reserve their flights now on www.fijiairways.com and browse and book resort stays at www.fiji.travel.

Meanwhile, Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya said it had been almost two years since Fiji welcomed international visitors.

Minister Koya stated that in those two years, Fiji had struggled, adapted, prepared and today, the national airline is ready, the hotels and tour providers are ready and Fijians are ready to safely welcome the world back.

"We are ready to let happiness find you again. Fiji would still

have entry requirements in place to ensure the utmost safety of both visitors and locals."

These would include being a fully vaccinated travellers from a "Travel Partner" country such as Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Qatar, Germany, Spain, France, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, Japan and most Pacific Island countries and territories.

Minister Koya added that travellers from these countries would also need to provide a negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test taken less than three days before departure from the home country and fulfil any obligation to take an additional test before returning home, based on individual home country requirements.

Unvaccinated children under the age of 18 would be able to travel to Fiji accompanied by a vaccinated adult.

Travel insurance has been highly recommended. For more information on country-specific travel requirements, please visit www.fiji.travel.

Quarantine, flight availability top panel discussion

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum participated in a Tourism Talanoa Panel Discussion following the announcement on the reopening of the international borders.

The participants in the panel had the opportunity to provide an overview on the safe COVID-19 protocols during the re-opening of Fiji's international border by 11th November for international travellers. This follows the announcement made by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama last week.

Discussions centred on quarantine protocols that will be in place, safe opening of resorts and hotels and availability of flights on Fiji Airways.

In terms of livelihoods, jobs and business opportunities, the A-G said the re-opening of international borders augurs well for the economy.

"The reality is that we have to remain focused in ensuring that we adhere to the protocols in place. We expect the number of jobs to increase in the next few weeks.

"Some hotels have already begun re-engaging staff, whether to clean up the kitchen, train the kitchen staff, or clean gardens and driveways. So it is good news and we should take full advantage of the re-opening of our international borders."

"We urge all those who are not vaccinated, those people living in pockets of areas where



Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya and Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during the Tourism Talanoa Panel Discussion. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

there may be low rates of vaccination to get vaccinated because they can also participate and benefit from the opening of the borders for tourists. At this point in time, tourists can only go to green zones and non-red zones or safe zones."

The A-G also acknowledged the governments of Australia, New Zealand, India and USA for their support in providing the COVID-19 vaccines.

Also joining the panel discussion was Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya, Permanent Secretary for

Health and Medical Services Dr James Fong, Fiji Airways chief executive officer André Viljoen, Tourism Fiji chief executive officer Brent Hill and Fiji Hoteliers and Tourism Association chief executive officer Fantasha Lockington.

Panel members were also asked about the preparations for their respective organisations following the Prime Minister's announcement on the reopening of international borders and the protocols in place, including training for hotel workers, airline workers and tourism entities throughout the country.



Recovery mode

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With Fiji nearing 90 per cent vaccination of the targeted adult population, the Head of Government expressed gratitude to the Fijians who have chosen the protection that vaccines offer.

"We did not regain the privilege of returning to our churches, temples and mosques simply because we wanted it or even demanded it. We earned it through sacrifice," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"Fiji's streets were never filled with maskless protestors calling for the premature rollback of health restrictions.

"We returned to our houses of worship, to our places of work, to our businesses and into the arms of our friends and family the right way: By becoming one of the fastest-vaccinated countries in the world. And we should be proud to have made that journey together with compassion, patience, and vigilance."

Prime Minister Bainimarama cautioned that he was not rolling out the victory banner nor were any of the restrictions relaxed irreversible but there were several measures that can be relaxed.

Therefore, from October 10, 2021:

- The curfew hours moved from 11 pm until 4 am

- Nearly all businesses, workplaces including public transportation can operate at 80 per cent capacity to children and to fully vaccinated adults. Exceptions to this relaxation are taverns, bars, and gaming venues

- All venues must use the new VAX-Check tool to verify the vaccine status of their patrons — it's easy and free.

- Anyone who is fully vaccinated can now travel to Vanua Levu by boat or by air with transport companies that are COVID-safe compliant — such as Fiji Link. Travellers must register a negative COVID-19 test result on Rapid COVID-19 Test before travel. Upon arrival, they must immediately enter home quarantine for seven days. Travel to the other islands including the outer islands will still be maintained under the current protocols and will be subject to increased rates of vaccination.

- Fijians can start playing contact sports again, including rugby, netball, football, basketball, and cricket.

- There will be no restrictions on the size of outdoor gatherings- funerals, weddings, birthdays and other events can be held outdoors without restrictions on the numbers. However, indoor venues can only operate at 80 per cent capacity, and everyone at the event must be fully-vaccinated. Mask-wearing is a must in all indoor public spaces and in crowded outdoor spaces.

- Mask mandate will continue for all indoor public venues, on public transportation, and in crowded public settings -- like markets, shopping malls, and bus stands, and the police remain empowered to issue spot fines to rule-breakers. Businesses that poorly enforce mask-wearing will be fined or shut down.

- In all other settings outside homes, mask-wearing has been strongly encouraged.

But it won't be required to wear a mask if you're walking the seawall, going for a jog or walk to exercise, or having a picnic on the beach—and it's not required for a gathering in homes.

On top of the COVID-safe measures, Prime Minister Bainimarama has encouraged COVID-safe habits like doing away with unsafe habits such as "sharing the same bowl of grog or passing around the same cigarette butt should not happen".

A-G holds virtual talks with IMF head of mission

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum virtually met with International Monetary Fund Head of Mission Todd Schneider to discuss the 2021 Article IV Consultation recently.

Discussions centred on Fiji's current economic activity especially the recovery efforts in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic including in the tourism sector.

In his remarks, the A-G had the opportunity to provide an overview on the country's vaccination drive, the gradual

reopening of businesses around the country that will create greater economic activity and lead to more Fijians returning to work.

The A-G also highlighted the current unemployment assistance packages by the Fijian Government that is being made available to Fijians that have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He added that with the reopening of international borders, the tourism sector is expected to gradually recover as preparatory work by the industries involved have been ongoing.

The IMF has stated that aside from the

pandemic, Fiji also remains highly vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters- particularly the effects of tropical cyclones.

In its end of mission statement, the IMF as noted that the impact of the pandemic on Fiji has been severe and emphasised the need for policies that will "aim to continue support in the near term as Fiji re-opens and emerges from the pandemic".

Also present at the discussions was Acting Permanent Secretary for Economy Shiri Goundar and other senior officials from the Ministry.



From left: Republic of Fiji Military Forces Commander Brigadier General Jone Kalouniwai, Minister for Defence and National Security, Inia Seruiratu, President, Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote, Speaker of the Fijian Parliament Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, President of Ex-Serviceman Association Ratu Peni Volavola, Fiji Police Force Commissioner Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho and Fiji Corrections Service Commissioner Francis Kean during the launch of the 100 Year Anniversary of the Poppy Appeal at the State House.

Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

Annual Poppy Appeal marks centennial year

FELIX LESINAIVALU

“Lest we forget,” is the catch cry and rallying theme for the memories of those brave souls who made the supreme sacrifice in our collective endeavour to attain lasting peace, compassion and prosperity for humanity.

This was highlighted by the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote during the launch of the 100 Year Anniversary of the Poppy Appeal at the State House recently.

“As we launch this month-long poppy appeal today, let us continue to care for each other, be compassionate and try to be more considerate and helpful to those less fortunate in our community.”

“The poppy became the accepted symbol and universally adopted as the flower of remembrance - and the subsequent popularity of this annual event over the past decades of war and peace is to be a means to remind present and future generations of our global community about the horrors of



President, Major-General (ret'd) Jioji Konrote at the State House.

Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

war, but more importantly the sacrifices made by brave men and women who perished in conflict within the past 100 years or so in order that peace could forever reign worldwide today,” President Konrote said.

The Head of State further added that the initiative was noble and worthwhile and should be “cherished as a mark of respect and reverence for our forefathers who gave up their young and precious lives in past conflicts”.

“Therefore, let us be ap-

preciative and grateful for their individual and collective sacrifices in humanity's longing and search for everlasting peace for us to be able to live peacefully as responsible and peace loving global citizens in a world which is often plagued by numerous challenges which can result in further conflict.”

President Konrote added that we also need to remember the Fijian men and women of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces and the Fiji Police Force deployed on United Nations and

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Jioji Konrote
President Major-General (Ret'd)

Regional Peacekeeping/Support Operations in some of today's world most troublesome, dangerous and volatile conflict zones.

“As we launch this month Long Poppy Appeal today, Let us continue to Care for Each Other, Be Compassionate and try to be more considerate and Helpful to those Less Fortunate in our Community.”



Natasha Lal of Nakasi, Nausori, (standing, back) is one of the 10 winners of the Win Together Sweepstakes.
Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE

\$5100 win 'an answer to my prayers'

PRASHILA DEVI

THE COVID-19 pandemic has been very hard for my family and I will use the \$5,100 very wisely.

For 26-year-old Natasha Lal from Nakasi, who was one of the 10 winners of the Win Together Sweepstakes which was drawn by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama this afternoon, the prize money will be used on her parents.

"Both my parents are stroke patients and they get social welfare assistance. I don't work because I have to look after them so having \$5,100 will help us a lot," Ms Lal said.

"I had come to Navua to attend a prayer so I only got to know that I had won when my relatives called me. This was the icing on the cake although I think without any rewards, getting vaccinated is very important for Fiji to get back to normal," she said.

Ms Lal said she had lost the same amount at the hands of a scam artist last year when she had been hoodwinked to give \$5,100 for application to travel overseas for the purpose of working so that she could support her parents.

"After losing the money, it was very tough for me because I am not working so I had to face many challenges. I had become really worried and I prayed a lot so I feel winning this lottery was the answer to my prayers."

Ms Lal said although her parents find it difficult to move around, they got themselves vaccinated as they are considered as more vulnerable to COVID and living with an extended family puts them at risk.

In wishing her fellow Fijians a happy independence day, she reminded everyone that getting vaccinated was very important for the betterment of the nation - "if my sickly parents got vaccinated, then I am sure anyone can".



Riayana Khatoon hails from Ciriwai, Sigatoka where the family earns its 'bread and butter' on sugarcane farming. Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE

Mum will splash cash on daughter's wedding

PRASHILA DEVI

THIS win came at the right time because we had lost hope in getting finance to fund my daughter's wedding which we had to differ from August to November.

An emotional Riayana Khatoon, a mother of three, said prior to winning \$5,100 in the Fijian Government's Win Together Sweepstakes, she had been worried how the family would be able to finance the wedding as they were finding it difficult to get a loan.

Mrs Khatoon hails from Ciriwai, Sigatoka where the family earns its 'bread and butter' on sugarcane farming.

Winners set plans for prizemoney



Reshma Maharaj (second from right) with her family members at their home in Valelevu, Nasinu. Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE INSET: Manava Tigareasays he will be sharing half of the prizemoney with his family and donations to the church. Photo: SUPPLIED

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

REISHMI Maharaj only believed that she was one of the 10 winners of the 'Win Together Sweepstakes' when she received a call from the Ministry of Civil Service despite hearing the news from her father.

With the COVID-19 pandemic looming over the world and Fijians facing economic challenges because of it, Mrs Maharaj believes she has killed two birds with one stone by being fully vaccinated – she is able to protect herself and those around her from the coronavirus and also had the opportunity to win \$5,100 by entering the competition.

This year's Diwali festival will be extra

special for her family as the prize money will be used to prepare for the religious festival and to meet their household expenses.

Mrs Maharaj has pleaded with Fijians who are yet to receive their COVID-19 vaccine doses to do so as this is the best form of protection one can have.

Another winner, 28-year-old, Manava Tigare was excited after his win as announced by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama on Fiji Day, because this was the first time he has ever experienced something as such.

"This is the first time I have won in something like this," Mr Tigare said.

"I didn't apply for the lottery to win, I applied for it as a patriotic citizen, we all

are facing problems because of this pandemic but we need to help each other and getting vaccinated was one of the ways to help our country," he said.

"For the prize money, I'll be sharing half of it with my family and donations to the church, I believe that I received it as a blessing and will also share it as a blessing to everyone."

Mr Tigare added that he chose to be vaccinated to do his part to help Fiji as a patriotic citizen.

"This is the time that the country needs its citizens to hold hands and help each other out, and when we do this we can help business open up, lessen restrictions and this will lead to people being employed again."

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Lottery winner

"We have been running around to get a loan for my daughter's but it was tough because we are sugarcane farmers and on top of everything, the pandemic has made it even tougher now," she said.

Mrs Khatoon said the pandemic has brought tough times for many people, even her daughter who had graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education but had not been able to find employment for the past two years.

"It's like a blessing from Allah that I won this lottery, we will be able to have the wedding next month without worrying about the money."

Mrs Khatoon said her whole family is fully vaccinated as by the end of June all the members had received both doses.

Her advice to people sitting on the fence on getting vaccinated for the betterment of the nation was basically, "if you don't want to do it for the nation, do it for yourself and your family because for us, we were worried about the children in the house".



President speaks of hope, best days ahead

FELIX LESINAIVALU

NOW that clouds of the pandemic are parting, we can see a new dawn of hope. If we hold fast to the principles of peace, unity, compassion, and equality, our best days remain ahead of us.

The President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote, while delivering his Fiji Day message, said, "As we celebrate our beloved Fiji, our resilience, our unity and our independence. 51 years ago today, our sovereignty as an independent nation ceased to be an aspiration. It became a reality."

"Today, throughout our islands and abroad, pride swells in the hearts of every Fijian as we look upon our noble banner blue and reflect on the hard work, ingenuity and faith it has taken to forge the Fiji we know and love today."

President Konrote said this Fiji Day was the first step into the next half-century and like so many around the world, it is also the first step into the new normal as Fijians recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote.

"We are on the cusp of a recovery that can take us to new heights if we commit to it together."

"The world is looking to Fiji once again as we champion the cause of climate and oceans action. Soon, the world's leaders — together with our Prime Minister — will convene in Glasgow, Scotland, at COP26, the global climate negotiations."

President Konrote added this will be the

most important year for climate action since leaders signed on to the Paris Agreement almost six years ago.

"Its outcome will determine the extent of our vulnerability to climate change, as well as the security of billions of people in all corners of the world."

"To our children and grandchildren, know that preserving your future, and your potential, is our greatest priority."

The Head of State further emphasised that it was the future generations whose task it was to strive for excellence in whatever they choose to do, in sports, in school, and even in their chores at home.

"Because your success stands taller than any other achievement we strive for as a nation and we want you to stand tall on a foundation of a resilient nation."

"For months, hope of a better tomorrow has been elusive due to the unknowns and uncertainty of the pandemic. Today, let us have the courage to embrace hope, for we have earned it."



Vinay Prasad urges all Fijians to get vaccinated like he has done because it will help to not only protect their families but the nation as a whole.

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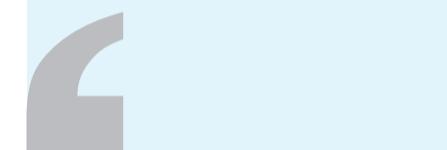
Lottery winner tells of excitement, blessing

FELIX LESINAIVALU

IT was a Fiji Day to remember for the father of two, Vinay Prasad when he received the text that he had won the \$5,100 from the Win Together Sweepstakes vaccine lottery announced by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama.

While having a break after a long day of driving his taxi, Mr Prasad received the news that he had won the lottery from a few family members and friends which he thought was a prank.

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Vinay Prasad
Lottery winner

call and text message (from Ministry of Civil Service) then I couldn't hold in my excitement," he said.

"I felt so lucky and blessed that I had won and I thank my parents for their blessings as they encouraged me to take part in the lottery."

Mr Prasad also thanked God for the blessing and said he and his wife have planned to use the money to renovate their 20-year-old family house.

"I am a strong believer in God and receiving this news made me thank God for this beautiful gift."

Mr Prasad used to work as a chef and had lost his job when the COVID-19 pandemic hit Fiji and that was when he became a taxi driver.

He had won the permit for a taxi during Government's taxi permit lottery in 2018 which was what he made the most of after losing his job.

Mr Prasad urges all Fijians to get vaccinated like he has done because it will help to not only protect their families but the nation as a whole.

"These are hard times and families are struggling, we need to take our chances with whatever life throws at us. If we help people, God will help us."

Mr Prasad also thanked the Fijian Government for the Win Together Sweepstakes vaccine lottery initiative and also thanked his family and friends who have been supporting him.



Ministry staff plant fruit trees to mark Fiji Day

THE Ministry of Agriculture continued its fruit tree planting programme by planting selective fruit trees at the Sawarua settlement in Lokia, Rewa.

The fruit tree planting programme was organised as part of the Ministry's annual Fiji Day celebratory commemoration, which began last year with the #IP-lanted50 campaign whereby 50 fruit trees were planted in 50 villages around the country.

A similar programme was rolled out this year but with 51 fruit trees to be planted in 51 villages.

While speaking to members of yavusa Vulagi, who had settled at Sawarua, Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy said the fruit tree planting programme was intended to complement the assisted community's

current food systems with fruit bearing trees to improve their nutrition security.

Minister Reddy said that though rural and maritime communities had a steady source of staple foods like dalo, cassava and yams, there was always a shortage of nutritional foods available to them.

"While villages may have access to food, it may not necessarily be a balanced diet, and we want our villagers, our people who live there to have not only food security, but nutritional security as well," he said.

"Balanced growth, fitness and wellness is important. Our mental growth is also vital for our overall success and progress."

"All in all, this project aligns well with a number of the Ministry of Agriculture's strategic objectives, most critical of which is securing the food and nutrition security of our citizens."

Meanwhile, Fredy Dumaru, who spoke

on behalf of the yavusa Vulagi, said the agricultural development advice and support shared by Minister Reddy during the talanoa session was a welcomed one.

"Thank you for visiting and choosing our community here in Sawarua, and our yavusa Vulagi is fortunate to have heard from you regarding the areas that we need urgent assistance with regarding our farming, and the assurances given for the development of our growing community," Mr Dumaru said.

Additionally, home gardening packages were also distributed to households to further enhance their food and nutritional security and complement traditional food sources.

Fruit trees ranging from rambutan, jackfruit, dawa, kumquat, cocoa and coconut were planted as part of the programme at Sawarua. -news@govnet.gov.fj



November 1 reopening of schools for years 12, 13

PRASHILA DEVI

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has announced that Year 12 and Year 13 students will be returning to the classroom on November 1, 2021 as they are now being vaccinated.

Outlining the various measures as the number of COVID-19 cases are on a downward trend and the number of vaccinated Fijians increases, Prime Minister Bainimarama said the ability to vaccinate adolescents from ages 15 to 17 has given the opportunity to bring Years 12 and 13 students back to the classroom.

"We will reopen classes for them beginning 1 November. The Ministry of Education will

announce re-openings for other school years later, but we needed to give this group priority because many of these students are preparing for university or vocational training, and they are at an important point in their academic careers," the Head of Government said.

"So, I want to urge parents who have not made sure their 15, 16, or 17-year old is vaccinated to do so urgently so that they can be protected and be safe and get back to their normal schooling."

In line with this, Minister for Education, Premila Kumar said she had this week met with the head of schools who have prepared their schools for the student's return.

A circular on the Ministry of



Saula Muriwaqa (middle) with his parents after receiving his first dose of Moderna vaccination. PM Bainimarama has urged parents who have not made sure their 15, 16, or 17-year old is vaccinated to do so urgently so that they can be protected and be safe and get back to their normal schooli Photo: SUPPLIED

Health and Medical Services protocols for schools has been sent to all Heads of Schools.

Minister Kumar further stressed that "year 12 and 13 students are to be guided on the topics that have been taught both face to face and remotely, and those which are required to be covered with ample time for revisions".

"We will provide replacement teachers for any school losing a teacher due to non-vaccination prior to the reopening; if it hasn't been already done."

She said these school heads have to take on the responsibility to fully prepare the students

for examinations in late January 2022.

"I am also requesting parents and guardians to effectively manage their children's study time at home as well. The Ministry wants our prospective tertiary students to be well prepared for the examinations".

The Ministry has advised that in addition to the need for adequate ventilation in schools, crowded areas should be avoided, masks must be worn, and social distancing should be maintained.

Further information on the opening dates for the other classes will be advised in due course.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during his visit to Blackrock Nadi yesterday. Photo: RUPENI WAQAVONO

PM Bainimarama briefed on \$40m Blackrock redevelopment

MEREANI GONEDUA, RUPENI WAQAVONO

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama visited the Republic of Fiji Military Forces Blackrock redevelopment project in Nadi yesterday.

Captain Cameron Lang, the Australian army's team leader at Blackrock, briefed PM Bainimarama on the newly-completed project.

PM Bainimarama stated that everyone was looking forward to the opening of the new camp, as it would assist Fijian soldiers in their training.

PM Bainimarama also acknowledged the Australian Government for their continuous support.

The \$40 million Blackrock redevelopment project is part of the Vuvale Partnership's Pillar 2: Strengthening our security cooperation.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Bainimarama dur-

ing his visitations of the Western Division has stressed that those seeking entry into Fiji are urged to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

This was highlighted by Prime Minister Bainimarama during his visit to Rakiraki, Tavua, Ba and Lautoka COVID-19 command centres this week.

PM Bainimarama said the Fijian Government will take measures to ensure the safety of everyone entering the country, including all Fijians.

In addition, he said that it was everyone's responsibility to encourage the 20 percent of people who have not received vaccines to do so and urged Fijians in villages and outer islands to get vaccinated so they can travel freely to maritime areas.

The Head of Government also acknowledged frontline workers in the western division for their dedication, hard work, and sacrifice.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama is briefed members of the Australian army on the newly-completed project at Blackrock, Nadi. Photo: RUPENI WAQAVONO

Fiji, Singapore plan economic partnership

FIJI and Singapore have pledged their commitment to sustainable and inclusive recovery, with accelerated and collective efforts to tackle current challenges imposed by COVID19 and the impacts of climate change.

This was articulated during a virtual meeting between the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and acting permanent secretary for Foreign Affairs, Yogesh Karan and Singapore's non-resident High Commissioner to Fiji and Ambassador to the Pacific Islands Forum, Mary Seet-Cheng.

The meeting enabled officials to take stock of ongoing collaboration while discussing potential areas of cooperation to be pursued by the two nations.

In opening remarks, Mr Karan spoke on Fiji's overall response to the pandemic and the national efforts pursued to build back better and ultimately revive the Fijian economy, in partnership with Fiji's development partners.

He said that through the national vaccination program, Fiji was progressing its efforts towards economic recovery while protocols are being mapped out on safely reopening the borders.

Mr Karan said Fiji in its capacity as Chair of the Forum (PIF) looks forward to working closely with Singapore to further advance the interests of the Blue Pacific Continent.

In his update on the priorities of the Forum Chair, he reiterated Fiji's commitment to a unified region, with emphasis on the importance of the 2050 Strategy to advance regional solidarity and prosperity.

Mr Karan said the Forum members are united in their resolve to advocate for collective action on climate change and oceans conservation, particularly at the global level and in anticipation of the upcoming COP26 in November.

In response, High Commissioner Seet-Cheng acknowledged Fiji's exemplary leadership on global and regional issues and commended the Fijian Government for its decisive actions aimed at achieving a resilient and inclusive recovery.

She congratulated Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama for the chairmanship of the PIF and reaffirmed Singapore's commitment to align collaboration that was responsive to the challenges and needs of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Additionally, assurance has been given that Singapore will broaden the scope of assistance in capacity building, with hybrid training and virtual courses to continue for Fiji and the Pacific.

She said Fiji and Singapore have enjoyed cordial relations which continues to flourish in mutual areas of interest and benefit to both nations.-news@govnet.gov.fj



PM, A-G part of virtual Blue Pacific forum



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama virtually participates at the high-level Blue Pacific to Glasgow Forum last week.
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PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and the Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum participated virtually at the high-level Blue Pacific to Glasgow Forum last week.

The Forum was organised by the 45th Vice President of the United States, Al Gore and hosted by The Climate Reality Project and the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute.

Prime Minister Bainimarama delivered powerful opening remarks calling on world leaders to take heed of the climate emergency, raise climate ambition, operationalise these ambitions to keep global average temperature below 1.5 degrees Celsius and mobilise dedicated climate finance for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

He urged leaders to arrive at COP26 in Glasgow with meaningful climate commitments.

During the Forum's high level panel event, the A-G highlighted the critical need to include Oceans into the global climate negotiations.

The A-G emphasised the importance of urgently mobilising US \$100 billion (approx. FJ\$209.4b) per year in climate finance and scaling this up to US \$750 billion per year post 2025 of which at least 10 per cent needs to flow to Small Island Developing States.

He added the need to increase participation of the private sector and the important role played by development partners to de-risk private sector investment.

The A-G emphasised that COVID-19 should not be used as an excuse by development partners to scale back development finance.

New Zealand's Minister for Climate, James Shaw had also joined the discussions.

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Hon Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney-General, Minister for Economy, and

Minister responsible for Climate Change, Fiji

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during a virtual high-level Blue Pacific to Glasgow Forum. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

A-G is Pacific High-Level Champion for Oceans

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum participated virtually at the Amplifying Pacific Voices at COP26 through the Political Climate Champions High-Level Launch Event held recently.

The event officially marks the beginning of a major regional campaign on amplifying Pacific voices in the lead up to, during and after COP26.

Leaders of the Pacific Forum have nominated the A-G to serve as the Pacific's High Level Champion for Oceans at

COP26 as well as supporting the Champion of Finance, Prime Minister of Cook Islands, Mark Brown.

This responsibility reflects the faith placed in Fiji by the Pacific to amplify regional climate priorities in the global arena.

During the launch event, the A-G highlighted the need to mainstream the Oceans-Climate nexus into global climate discussions.

He added that grant and concessional finance for climate action and creating the right balance between adaptation and mitigation finance are crucial priorities

for the Pacific going into COP26.

The A-G was joined by the following high-level champions at the event today:

- Cook Islands Prime Minister, Mark Brown – Climate Finance
- Republic of Marshall Islands, Minister for Finance, Alfred Alfred Junior – Climate Ambition
- Tuvaluan Minister for Finance, Seve Paeniu – Loss and Damage
- Palau Minister for Environment, Steven Victor – Environment Integrity

The upcoming COP26 will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from the 1 to 12 November 2021.



The Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during a virtual Pacific Islands Meeting with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Deputy Managing Director, Bo Li, hosted by the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

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Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum
Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change

Climate change 'biggest threat to region's progress'

AZARIA FAREEN

CLIMATE change poses the greatest threat to our development progress as a region.

This was relayed by the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during a virtual Pacific Islands Meeting with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Deputy Managing Director, Bo Li, hosted by the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department recently.

"Aside from the phenomenal

destruction and economic loss caused by natural disasters, there are also untold human and social costs that have far-reaching effects on Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)," he said.

"Therefore, to mitigate these socio-economic costs it is imperative that SIDS put in place Disaster Resilience Strategies (DRSs) as blueprints for nationwide mitigation and resilience building."

"Fiji has extensive experience in preparing comprehensive DRSs and the Fijian Government, in

partnership with key development partners, has produced a number of all-encompassing strategies that guide Fiji's climate mitigation and adaptation efforts," he added.

These include the Green Growth Framework, the National Adaptation Plan, the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Implementation Roadmap, the National Oceans Policy and the Climate Vulnerability Assessment.

The A-G said the Climate Vulnerability Assessment provides deep insights into the extent of Fiji's

vulnerability to climate events, and the disproportionate impacts that climate change can have on the wealthy and poor.

"According to the assessment, an FJD \$1 loss in assets due to a disaster causes a drop in national consumption of \$1.80, therefore, in terms of well-being, the FJD \$500 million in average annual asset losses from tropical cyclones and floods is equivalent to an FJD \$900 million drop in annual consumption," he highlighted.

"This underscores the critical

importance of mobilising donor financing towards programs that help SIDS better address the rising toll of climate change, whether through risk-transfer initiatives such as disaster insurance or programs to improve infrastructure resilience through "building back better"."

"Initiatives such as the proposed Resilience and Sustainability Trust are key platforms for SIDS to secure funding towards building climate resilience and adaptation," the A-G added.



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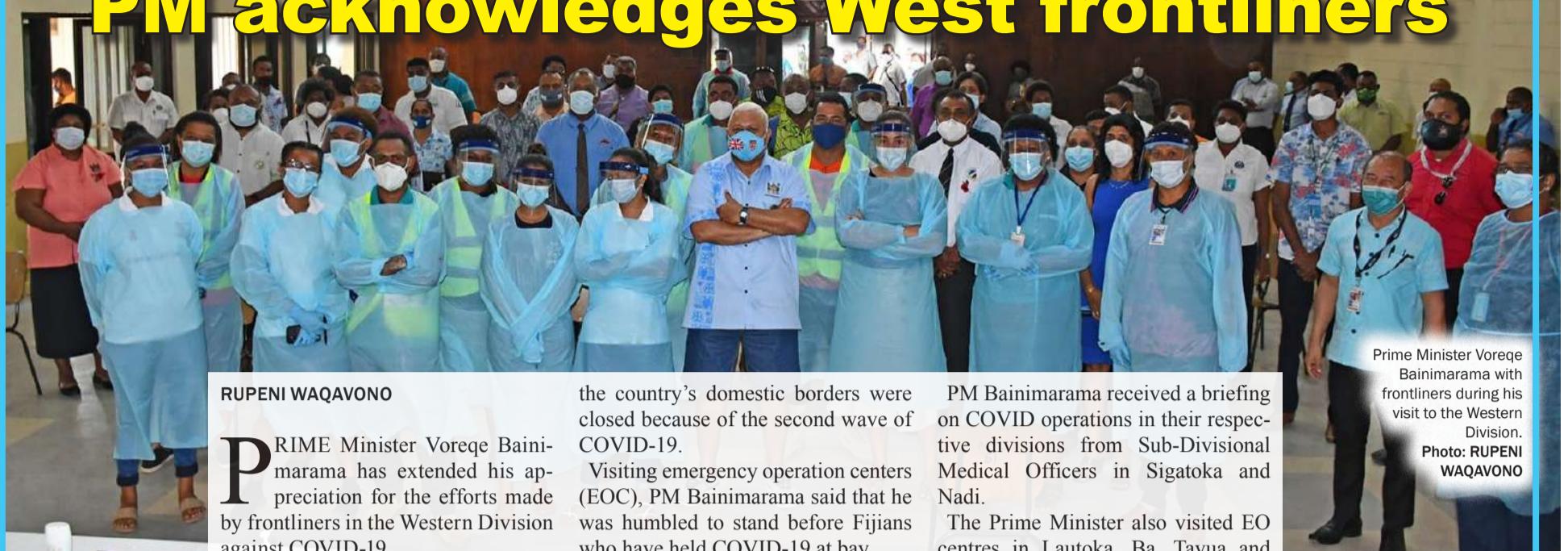
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PM acknowledges West frontliners



RUPENI WAQAVONO

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has extended his appreciation for the efforts made by frontliners in the Western Division against COVID-19.

The Prime Minister's visit is part of his three-day tour of the Western Division touring vaccination centres and command centres, five months after

the country's domestic borders were closed because of the second wave of COVID-19.

Visiting emergency operation centers (EOC), PM Bainimarama said that he was humbled to stand before Fijians who have held COVID-19 at bay.

"On behalf of the people of Fiji, I wish to thank you for your tremendous work," the Head of Government said.

PM Bainimarama received a briefing on COVID operations in their respective divisions from Sub-Divisional Medical Officers in Sigatoka and Nadi.

The Prime Minister also visited EO centres in Lautoka, Ba, Tavua and Rakiraki where he conveyed his gratitude for the hard work conducted by every civil servant.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with frontliners during his visit to the Western Division.
Photo: RUPENI WAQAVONO



Minister for Youth and Sports Parveen Kumar with youths in Nadi.
Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

A-G meets stakeholders on border reopening

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Civil Aviation, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum recently met with border control agencies, the tourism sector and the Health Ministry to discuss COVID-19 border control safety measures in Nadi.

Discussions centred on the implementation of safety measures at the Nadi International Airport, including the various hotels, before the announcement of the reopening of Fiji's international borders.

The A-G highlighted some of the Fijian Government's plans and also stressed the importance of ensuring safety among our front-liners, tourists and all Fijians.

He added that every stakeholder will play a critical role when international borders open as Fiji will not want to close its borders and hotels again - creating strain on everyone.

"We don't want that, we want to be rather methodical and sure of our steps and open up our borders properly and rebuild. It is critically important that everyone participate in this - we are already creating the soft and hard infrastructure to cater to the thousands of tourists that we are expecting."

The A-G said that the only hotels that should be allowed to operate are the ones that agree to adhere to the various requirements under the protocols to facilitate safe travel.

A question and answer session was also held with the Permanent Secretary for Health Dr James Fong, where stakeholders were able to clarify key issues regarding the COVID-19 Safety protocols, plans and other measures that will be implemented when international borders reopen.

Meanwhile, the A-G also visited the new Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) lab in Namaka, which is able to produce COVID test results within a 24-hour period.

The lab is based in an ideal location as it is in close proximity to the Nadi International Airport and will also boost COVID testing in a fast and timely manner.

Govt 'empowers youth with skills, expertise'

MEREANI GONEDUA

CTHE Government is empowering young Fijians with skills and expertise not only through competitions, but also through opportunities such as the Youth Farm Initiative programme.'

These were the sentiments expressed by the Minister for Youth and Sports Parveen Kumar while announcing the winners of the TikTok poetry competition held in Nadi recently.

Minister Kumar stated that whilst the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted the global and national economy including our daily lives, it has also become a driver of creativity and innovation.

"We have seen creativity in the submissions received. I am told the videos stretched from topics in COVID-19, food

security, loving local food, backyard gardening, fitness and health. I am heartened by the approach and efforts of all participants who put together ideas to create their masterpiece with a message.

"At this juncture, I wish to reiterate, the importance of continuity in providing a platform to our youth to sharpen their talent, knowledge and innovation as this would encourage and strengthen their development.

The Minister stated that the Fijian Government is committed to eradicate all challenges faced by the youth but cannot do this alone without everyone playing their part in the community that they serve.

He urged everyone to utilise the 'Talanoa' concept championed by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and discuss ways and means to improve their current progress and

partnerships going forward.

"Similarly, your Government believes in an affluent future for all young Fijians and your development now plays an important role in our realising that future and thriving in it."

"Nonetheless in order to thrive, young people require a range of personal attributes that support you to make positive choices. Attributes like competencies, knowledge, experiences, behaviours and beliefs which are developed as you progress over the years."

He also urged youths to remain focused on the positive side of life.

"You may not all be rewarded today but rest assured that your good deeds and the services to yourself, your peers, your associations and your communities are not in vain."



51 YEARS OLD TODAY

Independence after 96 years as a British colony

HAPPY Fiji Day Viti. 51 years old today.

What began as a decision by Ratu Cakobau and his chiefs in the 1870s to cede Fiji to the Crown was celebrated with Fiji's Independence on the same date 96 years later.

Between that Fiji went through administration and legislative changes that saw agriculture as the main source of income for the young colony. The first 50 years of colonial rule changes were introduced. In 1929 official members of the Legislative Council rose to 13, selected European members dropped to 6, the franchise was granted to Indians who elected three members and Fijian representatives rose to three. An important change was introduced in January 1951 when the Legislative Council was given financial autonomy, formerly it could not approve the colonial budget without reference to London. However in 1956 a Speaker of the Legislative Council was appointed to preside over its proceedings when the Governor was not present. This was an important political step for Fiji and Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna became the first Speaker.

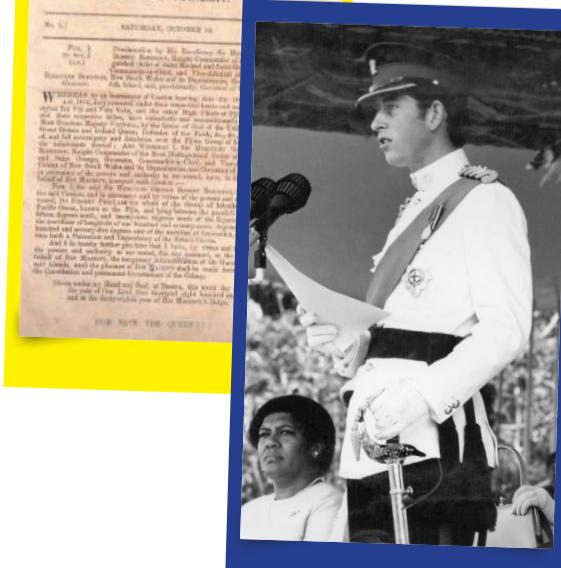
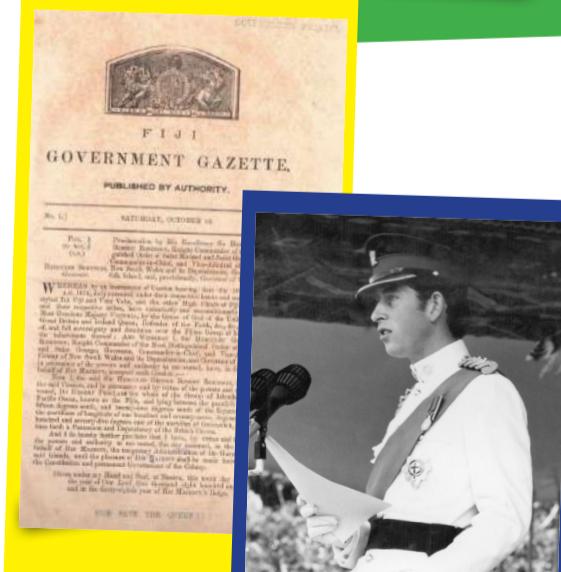
From 1961 our journey to Independence began with propos-

als to introduce a full ministerial system of Government, there was a strong opposition but constitutional changes were still announced. In April and May of 1970 members of the Legislative Council attended the London Constitutional Conference. It was through the Conference report that the new Constitution of Fiji was based. The date was then proposed and the report endorsed by the Fiji Legislative Council and by the British Parliament.

The tone for the event was set, at 5.30pm 9th October the Union Jack was lowered after 96 years. This simple ceremony was witnessed by Prince Charles, foreign representatives and thousands of Fijians. The very next day 10th October 1970 at 9.30am, Prince Charles read a personal message from the Queen to the people over Fiji and handed over to the Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the Constitutional Instruments creating Fiji and Independent State within the Commonwealth. At 10am the new national flag was raised. Fiji had become master of its own destiny.

HAPPY FIJI DAY!

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What happened after Deed of Cession was signed

AFTER Cession, a Provisional Government was established. His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Governor, Commander in Chief and Vice-Admiral of the Colony of New South Wales and its dependencies, Governor of Norfolk Island became Provisional Governor of Fiji carrying out administration of the new colony.

He served as Provisional Governor from October 1874 to September 1875.

Sir Arthur Gordon arrived in June 1875 but did not assume Governorship immediately as some of his principal officers who had been appointed had not arrived yet and as the immediate promulgation of the Charter erecting Fiji into a separate British Colony would, without the concurrent enactment of several legislative measures, create confusion, the provisional state of affairs continued till September 1875.

The transition into Colonial rule was not easy. Sir Gordon gave priority to restoring confidence and trust of the Fijians.

He re-affirmed and consolidated the system of native administration set up by Sir Hercules Robinson in 1874, and passed legislation prohibiting all land transactions between Fijians and others. He also appointed a Land Claims Commission to enquire into all claims to lands arising from transactions concluded prior to Cession. The Commission completed its work in 1883 and of

the 132 claims investigated three-quarters were allowed as bona fide or allowed on grounds of occupation, while quarter was disallowed or withdrawn.

Gordon's native policy was aimed primarily at securing the Fijians in their ownership and occupancy of their lands, and in preventing any sudden disruption in their social organization which was the very basis upon which the native administration was founded.

Gordon was very much criticized by the settlers about these policies because they saw in them the end of their hopes for more land and for a plentiful supply of cheap labour but as far as the land was concerned he stood his ground. For the question of labour he was sympathetic and did his best to meet the planter's demands by introducing measures for the proper supervision and control of the recruitment of Polynesian labour from other Pacific Islands.

When this source of labour was found to be inadequate, he recalled his previous experience in Mauritius and turned to India.

The first shipload of Indian Indentured laborers arrived in Fiji on the Leonidas May 1879. The new source of labour completely replaced that of other Pacific Islands.

Rotuma was added to Fiji in 1881. The Principal Rotuman Chiefs repeatedly offered to cede the island to Britain in order to prevent continuance of a succession of religious wars and following

an offer in 1879 by the three Principal Chiefs, Rotuma was formerly annexed on 13th May 1881.

In August 1882, the Governor and his staff were moved to Suva which became the seat of administration. In 1875 due to limited land availability for expansion new sites for Fiji's capital were being identified. Port Kinnaird on the South West of Ovalau, Savusavu Bay, Suva, Galoa in Kadavu and Likuri in Nadi. By August 1875 it was narrowed down to Suva and Nadi.

By 1876 the obvious choice was Suva. Sir William Des Voux who succeeded Sir Arthur Gordon made the final preparations for the move to Suva deploying the Royal Engineers to construct Government buildings and the necessary facilities for new township.

An influenza epidemic swept through Fiji in 1918 – 1919 claiming hundreds of lives especially amongst the Fijian people.

This was a major setback in the protection of the native race. During WW1 Fiji contributed hundreds of pounds towards the British Empire effort and more than 700 men including the Fijian Labour Corp saw active service in Europe and the Middle East. At the end of the war, the general public of Fiji contributed towards a War Memorial. After raising enough funds, work began on the Colonial War Memorial Hospital. The hospital was completed in 1923.

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Ministry of Justice
Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) Office
Information on Change of Name

Criteria

- A person may only change his or her given name or surname if he or she is at least 18 years of age and if the change of name is registered in accordance with section 15 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1975 (**Act**) and any regulations made under the Act.
- The parents (including adoptive parents) of any child who has not attained the age of 18 years may only change the given name or surname of the child by registration in accordance with section 15 of the Act and any regulations made under the Act.
- If a child's name is to be changed, then both parents have to give their consent to the name change, unless one of the parents has deserted the child or is deceased, unknown, missing or of unsound mind.
- If parents are separated or divorced, and not available at the time of lodgment of the application form, consent of the other parent is required.

Who can register a name change?

To register a name change in Fiji, an individual must have his or her birth registered in Fiji.

How long will it take?

Processing of the application for name change may take up to 5 working days to allow for back-end manual and system verifications, from the time a correct and complete application is received. If you have requested for a birth certificate showing your new name, it will be issued as soon as the name change is processed on the eBDM system.

Guidelines for the new name

The application form does not require any reason for changing names and once the name on the BDM system is changed and a most current birth certificate is issued, the applicant must use the new name for all official records and renewal of ID.

You must make true statements

You must make true statements when completing the Application for Registration of Change of Name and declaration. If you make, or cause to be made, any false statement or declaration you will be liable on conviction to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term up to 5 years or both.

What is not acceptable?

The new name (or combination of names) may not be accepted for registration if:

- It might cause offence to a reasonable person; or
- It is unreasonably long (i.e. it should be less than 100 characters long, including spaces); or
- Without adequate justification, i.e. includes, or resembles, an official title or rank (in which case attach a letter of explanation); or
- It is not a name (i.e. it must not include numbers or symbols).

Birth registered in Fiji

If your birth is registered in Fiji, any new birth certificate after name change that is issued will show the new name and will invalidate the previous birth certificate issued.

Use of new birth certificate after change of name

If a person has changed his or her name, he or she must only use his or her new birth certificate and must not use his or her previous birth certificate. Please note that use of previous birth certificates or previous names after the name change will amount to an offence under the False Information Act 2016.



Documents to attach

You must provide your previous birth certificate (if any) and one of the following valid photo ID:

- Fijian or overseas Passport bio data page
- Fijian or international Driving Licence
- Fiji Revenue and Customs Service/ Fiji National Provident Fund joint card (FRCS/FNPF Card)
- Fijian Voter Card

For child under 18 years of age

- Parent(s) to provide one of the above valid photo ID
- Child's passport size photo
- Child's previous birth certificate (if any)
- If separated or divorced, and not available at the time of lodgment of the application form, consent of other parent is required

Fees

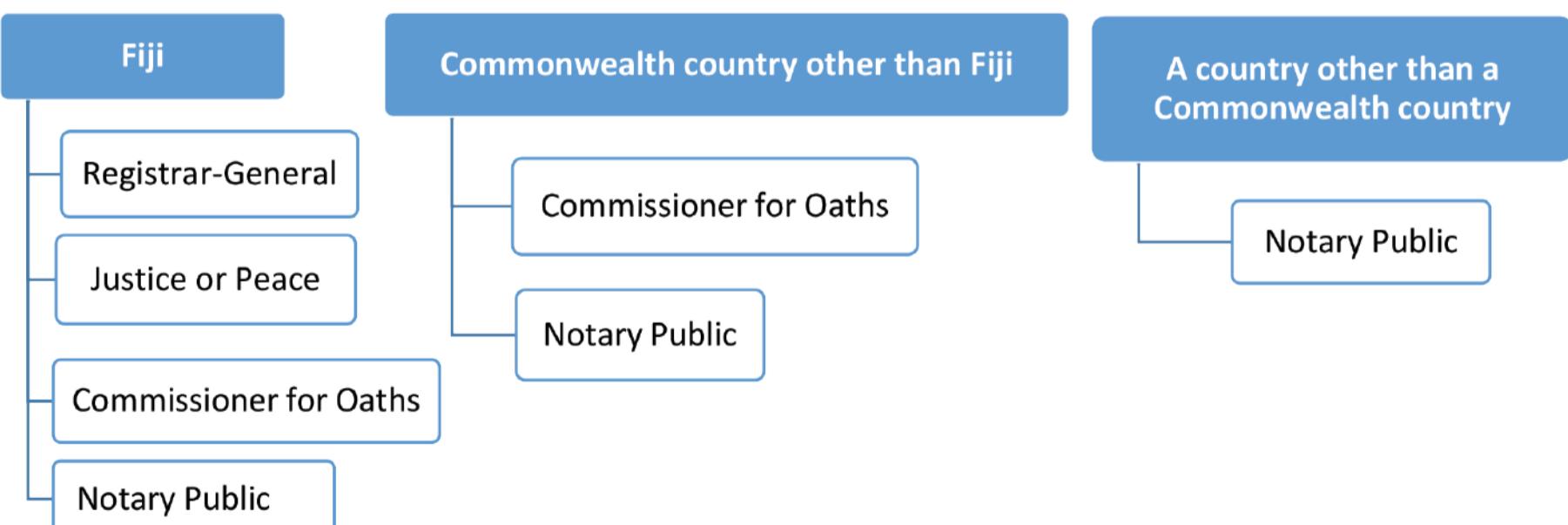
Application to register a name change is **FREE**

Commissioner for Oaths and Justice of the Peace cannot charge any fees in cash or kind for their services.

You must sign the application before one of these people

The qualification of the person authorised to take a statutory declaration must be one of the following and depends on whether you are making the declaration in Fiji, or outside Fiji and in a Commonwealth country.

For those applying from within Fiji, the application form can be witnessed by the staff of BDM and any other authorised person acting on behalf of the Registrar-General including staff of the Fijian Elections Office (FEO).



Commissioner for Oaths are available in all Legal Aid Commission offices all over Fiji, all branches of the Office of the Attorney-General and a list of all Commissioner for Oaths in Fiji can be found on <https://judiciary.gov.fj/find-a-commissioner-for-oaths-or-jp/> and a list of Justice of the Peace can be found on www.justice.gov.fj



If you require any clarifications or have witnessed Justice of the Peace charging fees for witnessing of the application form, please contact the Registrar-General on email neel.singh@justice.gov.fj or on 9905125 or the Deputy Registrar-General on email makereta.sotutu@justice.gov.fj or on 9908953.

If you have witnessed Commissioner for Oaths charging fees for the witnessing of the application form for change of name, please contact the Deputy Registrar at the Judicial Department on email krishan.prasad@live.com or 8916234.

Applications for Registration of Change of Name can be made at the following Offices:

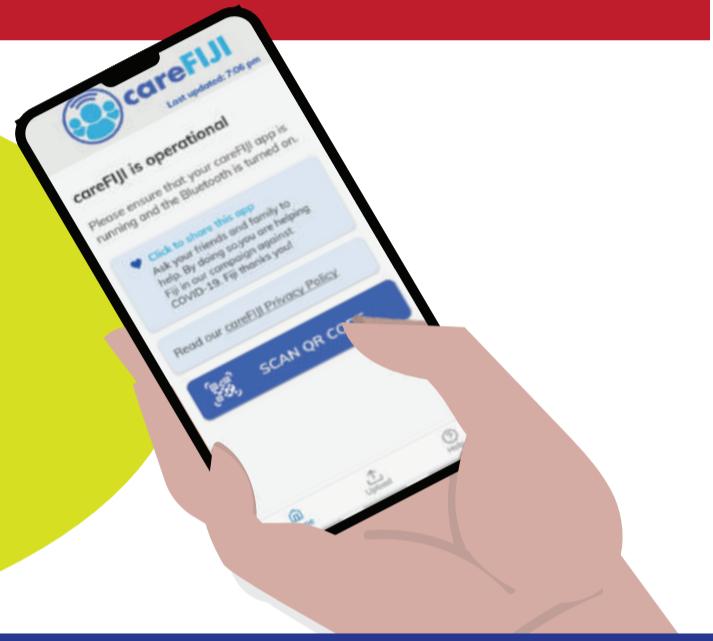
BDM Offices	Location
Suva	Ground Floor, Suvavou House, Suva
Nasinu	Unit 11 & 12, Valelevu Complex, Nasinu
Nausori	Tara's Building, River Road, Nausori
Navua	Ro Matanitabua House, Navua
Korovou	Harbhai Patel Buildings, Korovou, Tailevu
Sigatoka	Keasuna Buildings, Sigatoka
Nadi	Level 1 GT Plaza, Vunavou Crescent, Nadi Town
Lautoka	Level 1 Westfield Building, Tukani Street, Lautoka
Ba	Ground Floor, Koronubu House, Ba
Tavua	Mobil Building, Tabavu Street, Tavua
Rakiraki	Ground Floor, Bhima Building, Vaileka, Rakiraki
Labasa	Ground Floor, Namuka House, Labasa
Nabouwalu	Naulumatua House, Nabouwalu
Savusavu	Justin Smith Building, Office 11, Mains Street, Savusavu
Taveuni	District Office Complex, Waiyeko, Taveuni
Lakeba	Lakeba Provincial Office, Tubou, Lakeba
Vunisea	Vunisea Government Station, PA's Office, Vunisea
Levuka	Lomaiviti Holdings Building, Beach Street, Levuka
Rotuma	Rotuma Government Station, Rotuma
Vunidawa	Vunidawa Government Station, Vunidawa
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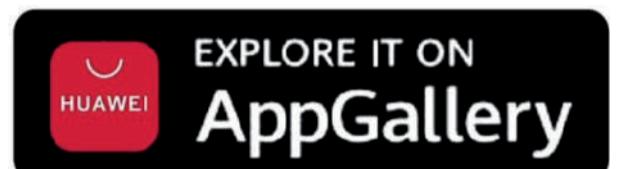
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Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum
Attorney-General and
Minister for Economy

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has urged Fijians applying for the \$360 Government-funded unemployment assistance to provide consent for the Fijian Government to access vaccination details should there be a need to provide clarification on vaccination details, otherwise the application will not be processed. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

\$360 HELP

GOVT REOPENS CASH AID FOR UNEMPLOYED FIJIANS

NANISE NEIMILA

UNEMPLOYED Fijians living in formal and informal sectors in Viti Levu were given the opportunity to apply for the second round of the \$360 Government-funded unemployment assistance from October 11-15, 2021.

This announcement was made by Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum where he categorically stated that the assistance will only be provided to eligible Fijians who are fully vaccinated.

"Only those that have received both doses of the vaccine by 31 October can qualify for this assistance. Some may not have received the second dose at the time of the

application (11-15 October), but they can still apply; however they will need to get vaccinated by 31 October and provide evidence of it," the A-G said.

The A-G urged Fijians applying for the assistance to provide consent for the Fijian Government to access vaccination details should there be a need to provide clarification on vaccination details, otherwise the application will not be processed.

"Individuals who are employed and those who receive other forms of government assistance are not eligible for this assistance. As I stated earlier on, this includes civil servants, those employed in the private sector and statutory bodies, including those on reduced hours, all those on the FNPF pension scheme."

"All students on Tertiary Education Loan Scheme (TELS) and Toppers scholarship recipients receiving living allowances and social welfare recipients, and all those below the age of 18 years will not be able to apply."

The A-G added that applications made using postpaid phone numbers will not be accepted.

"This is because payments to digital wallets are not possible for postpaid numbers, people will need to apply using a prepaid SIM registered under them only. If the current sim they are using is not registered under their name, they cannot use it to apply."

"In the first round of the \$360 assistance we actually allowed people to apply on behalf of their relatives, using phones regis-

tered to another name. This time around we expect everybody to apply under their SIM name. Now having your own SIM name or SIM under your name does not mean that you will have to buy a phone."

Meanwhile, the Fijian Government has provided \$343 million in direct cash assistance to affected Fijians, this includes \$205million in top ups for the Fiji National Provident Fund COVID-19 unemployment assistance, \$10.6million for the \$90 cash assistance and \$21.4million for both rounds of the \$50 cash assistance, and \$106 million for the first round of the \$360 cash assistance.

These programs have helped to support roughly 300,000 Fijians through the COVID-19 pandemic.

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अधुरी सुरक्षा काफी नहीं है

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प्रधान मंत्री वोरेनो बईनिमरामा का कहना है कि भले ही देश में अस्सी प्रतिशत से ज़्यादा लोगों ने पुरी तरह से सुई लगवा ली है लेकिन अभी भी कई फ़िजिवासी हैं जिन्होंने सुई का सिर्फ एक ही डोस लगवाया है। उन्होंने ज़ोर दिया है कि अधुरी सुरक्षा काफी नहीं है।

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि सरकार का लक्ष्य है कि सभी फ़िजिवासी दूसरा डोस भी लगवा ले और जहाँ तक कुछ हज़ार लोग जिन्होंने अभी तक सुई नहीं लगवाया है -- ये लोग हमारे समाज के कुछ हिस्सों में हैं -- हमें उन्हें इस

हमारे विन टूगेदा स्वीपस्टेक्स में दस विजेता हुए हैं तथा हर एक को पाँच हज़ार एक सौ डॉलर दिया गया है।

विजेताओं के नाम कुछ इस तरह हैं:

- * विनय प्रसाद
- * ऐरेमासी नरांगा
- * मनावा तिरांगी
- * चोने रोलन्ड
- * रेशमी ज्योतिका महाराज
- * रितेश कुमार
- * निकिता नताशा लाल
- * मानकुवारी
- * रियाना खानून

अगर आप इस बार नहीं जीत पाए हैं तो चिन्ता मत करें क्योंकि जीतने के और अवसर रहेंगे।

हमने डिसम्बर में किसमस ड्री की योजना बनाई है जहाँ दस लोग जिन्हें दोनों सुई लग गई हैं दो हज़ार पाँच सौ डॉलर जीत सकेंगे और बारह से सताह साल के बीच बीस बच्चे जिन्हें दोनों सुई लग जाएंगी पाँच-पाँच सौ डॉलर जीत सकेंगे।

हम इसकी धोषणा बाद में करेंगे कि इसके लिए कब और कैसे अर्जी लगानी है।

मैंने ये पहले भी कहा था कि सुई लगवाने का सबसे बड़ा इनाम है कोविड-19 के खिलाफ सुरक्षा।

हमारा राष्ट्रीय पुरुस्कार है हमारे लोगों का अच्छा स्वास्थ्य और जैसा हम चाहे हमारी जिन्दगी जीने की काबिलियत।

प्रधान मंत्री ने धोषणा की कि दस अक्टूबर से कुछ नियम ढीले किए गए हैं। केफ्यू रात ग्यारह बजे से सुबह चार बजे तक होगा।

‘केफ्यू हमेशा के लिए नहीं रह सकता। जैसे ही नब्बे प्रतिशत बड़े लोगों को पुरी तरह सुई लग जाएगी केफ्यू के घण्टे रात बारह बजे से सुबह चार बजे तक कर दिया जाएगा। और जैसे ही हमें ये आकड़े मिल जाएंगे कि इस वायरस से आम जनता को कोई खतरा नहीं है तो केफ्यू हटा दिया जाएगा।



नियम डीले हुए

रेनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री वोरेन्गे बईनिमरामा का कहना है कि लगभग सभी व्यापार, नौकरी वाली जगह जिन-में सार्वजनिक यातायात,

(public transporation) अस्सी प्रतिशत बच्चों और सुई लगे बड़े लोगों के लिए खुल सकते हैं।

लेकिन एक जगह बैठकर भोजन करने, बार, गईमिंग वाली जगह बन्द रहेंगे। यह खतरे वाले व्यापार है क्योंकि यहाँ पर लोगों की भीड़ रहती है। सभी जगहों को हमारा नया वैक्स-चेक टूल का उपयोग करना होगा ताकि पता चल सके कि ग्राहकों ने सुई लगवाई है या नहीं -- यह बिलकुल आसान और मुफ्त में हो सकता है।

फीजी में कई लोगों को मजबूर होकर अपने घर से दूर रहना पड़ा क्योंकि हमें वायरस को एक द्रीप से दूसरे तक फैलने से रोकना था, और मुझे उनके लिए बुरा लग रहा है। मुझे यह घोषणा करते

हुए खुशी हो रही है कि जो लोग पुरी तरह से सुई लगवा चुके हैं अब उन द्रान्सपोट कम्पनीस के पानी वाले जहाज़ या हवाई जहाज़ से बनुआ लेवू जा सकते हैं जो कोविड-सुरक्षा नियमों का पालन करते हैं -- जैसे कि फीजी लिंक।

सफर करने वालों को जाने से पहले रेपिड कोविड-घश टेस्ट के बाद एक नेगेटिव कोविड-घश टेस्ट परिणाम हासिल करना होगा। वहाँ पहुँचकर उन्हें तुरन्त सात दिनों के लिए घर पर कोरंटीन पर रहना होगा लेकिन अंत में वे अपने परिवार के साथ होंगे। सकृद नियमों के नीचे अन्य द्रीपों और बाहरी द्रीपों तक सफर करने पर प्रतिबन्ध अभी भी लागू है और इन प्रतिबन्धों को तबही डीला किया जाएगा जब सुई लगने का दर बढ़ेगा। इसलिए प्रधान मंत्री ने बाहरी द्रीपों के निवासियों से माँग की है कि वे कृप्या जल्द से जल्द दोनों सुई लगवा ले।

“हम बाहरी द्रीपों तक सफर करने वाले क्वरंटीन की ज़रूरत को हटाना चाहते हैं जैसे ही बनुआ लेवू और बाहरी द्रीपों में

और भी फीजिवासी पुरी तरह सुई लगवा लेंगे। ग्यारह नवम्बर से हम रोज़ाना बाहरी द्रीपों तक सफर को खोलना चाहते हैं अगर उत्तरी विभाग और बाहरी द्रीपों में सुई लगाने का दर लगातार बढ़ता रहा।

हमारे पास कुछ नियमों को लागू रखने के सिवा और कोई रास्ता नहीं हैं। हम लगातार अन्दर वाले सार्वजनिक बैन्य,

सार्वजनिक गाड़ियों और भीड़ वाली जगहों - जैसे कि मार्केट, शोपिंग मोल तथा बस स्टेंड पर लोगों को मास्क पहनने पर ज़ोर देंगे तथा कानून तोड़ने वालों को पुलिस स्पॉट फाईन करेगी।

जो व्यापारी मास्क पहनने वाले नियम पर सक्ती नहीं बरतेंगे को जुर्माना भरने को कहा जाएगा या उनका व्यापार बन्द किया जाएगा। आपके घर से बाहर अन्य जगहों पर सक्ती से मास्क पहनने का नियम लागू है। लेकिन आपको

मास्क लगाने की ज़रूरत नहीं है अगर आप सी ओल के पास टहल रहे हैं, दौड़ रहे हैं या बीच पर पिकनिक मना रहे हैं और अपने

परिवार वालों के साथ इक्ट्रा हो रहे हैं।

उन्होंने घोषणा की कि खेलकूद शुरू हो सकते हैं जैसे कि रग्बी, नेबोल, फुटबोल, बास्केट बॉल और क्रीटल बैगराह।

सार्वजनिक स्थान पर इक्ट्रा होने पर अब कोई प्रतिबन्ध नहीं है। अतिक संस्कार, शादी, जन्म दिन और अन्य समारोह अब बाहर आयोजित हो सकते हैं तथा इनपर कोई प्रतिबन्ध नहीं है कि कितने लोग इसमें शामिल हो सकते हैं। अन्दर वाले बैन्य अस्सी प्रतिशत कोपसिटी पर संचालित हो सकते हैं, और यह ज़रूरी है कि समारोह में शामिल होने वालों को दोनों सुई लगी हो। और मैं सभी को एक बार फिर याद दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि अन्दर वाली पब्लिक जगहों और बाहर भीड़ वाली जगहों पर सभी को मास्क पहनना ज़रूरी है। स्टेंडिंग खुल सकते हैं लेकिन दर्शकों को दोनों सुई लगी होनी चाहिए तथा उन्हें मास्क पहनना चाहिए अगर वे एक दूसरे के नज़दीक बैठकर आयोजित खेल देखेंगे।

मार्केट बिकरेताओं को सुई लगाने की समय सीमा

रेनल देव

लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्रालय ने मुनिसिपल काउन्सिल्स के प्रयासों की सराहना की है जिन्होंने ध्यान में रखा है कि विभिन्न मुनिसिपल मार्केट के बिकरेता सुई लगवाए।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और मेडिकल सेविसेस द्वारा शुरू किए गए सुई लगाने वाले अभियास के मार्फत मुनिसिपल काउन्सिल सभी मार्केट बिकरेताओं से माँग कर रही है कि वे सुई लगवाए ताकि सभी फीजिवासीयों के लिए एक सुरक्षित वातावरण बनाया जा सकते हैं।

मार्केट जो भूमिका प्रदान करते हैं वो मुनिसिपल सीमा से बाहर तक जाते हैं। ये लगातार पहुँचाने वाली वो सेवा है जो देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था के लिए बेहद ज़रूरी है। इसलिए मार्केट बिकरेता तथा उनके परिवार और मार्केट जाने वालों की सुरक्षा का ध्यान रखने की ज़रूरत है।

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प्रेमिला कुमार,
लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्री

“मंत्रालय यह देखकर खुश हुआ है कि मार्केट बिकरेता अपनी मर्जी से सुई लगवा रहे हैं जिनमें से कई बिकरेताओं ने दूसरा डोस भी लगवा लिया है,” मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने कहा।

हेल्थ एन्ड सईफटी एट वोर्क रेगुलेशन 2021 के तहत जो बिकरेता सुई नहीं लगवाएंगे को मार्केट के प्रांगन के अन्दर जाने की अनुमति नहीं रहेगी जबतक वे सुई नहीं लगवाएंगे।

सात मुनिसिपल मार्केट जिनमें सूवा, नसिनू, लामी, बा, सिंगातोका, लेवूका तथा सावूसावू के सभी वेन्डस ने सुई का पहला डोस लगवा लिया है।

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मंत्री ने बिकरेताओं से माँग की है कि वे इस साल पहली नवम्बर तक पुरी तरह से सुई लगवा ले ताकि उन्हें मार्केट आने-जाने का मौका मिलते रहे।

जहाँ तक जाली सुई लगाने वाले काइस फैलाने का सवाल है तो मंत्री ने प्रकाश डाला है कि डिजिटल वेकसिनर्इशन

वेरिफिकेशन (वैक्स चेक टूल) पर मार्केट वेन्डस के कार्यक्रम के लिए लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्रालय और मुनिसिपल काउन्सिल, कोमुनिकेशन्स मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहे हैं।



सेकन्ड्री स्कूल की एक छाता कोरोना वायरस से बचने वाली सुई लगवाती हुई। चित्र: प्रदान किया गया।

बड़े बच्चे वापस स्कूल जाएंगे

रेनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री वोरेन्गे बईनिमरामा का कहना है कि पंद्रह से सत्राह साल के युवकों को सुई लगाने की क्षमता से हमें साल बारह और साल तेरह के बच्चों को वापस क्लासरूम में ले जाने का मौका मिला है तथा पहली नवम्बर से सिर्फ़ इन बच्चों के लिए क्लासस जारी किया जाएगा।

शिक्षा मंत्रालय अन्य क्लासस वापस खोलने पर घोषणा बाद में करेगा लेकिन हमें बड़े बच्चों को प्राथमिकता देना पड़ा क्योंकि इनमें से कई विद्यार्थी युनिवेसिटी या वोकईशनल द्रईनिंग की तैयारी कर रहे हैं और अपनी पढ़ाई के करियर में ज़रूरी जगह पहुँचे हैं। इसलिए मैं उन माता-पिताओं से

नहीं दिया है कि उनके पंद्रह, सोलह या सत्राह साल के बच्चे को सुई लगे, कि वे जल्द से जल्द सुई लगवाएं ताकि उनकी सुरक्षा हो सके और वे समान्य स्कूलिंग के लिए लौट सकें।

फिलहाल, प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि लगभग सभी देश जिनमें औस्ट्रेलिया, निउज़ीलैंड और फीजी शामिल हैं ने स्वीकार किया है कि यह वायरस, आम सर्दी जुखाम की तरह फैलता रहेगा तथा सुई लगाना ही इससे बचने का सबसे अच्छा तरीका है। फीजी में कोविड के मामले रिकोर्ड होते रहे हैं; हमें इसपर ध्यान देना चाहिए जो अभी लागू है न कि उन नियमों से अनुचित लाभ उठाना चाहिए जो हटा दिए गए हैं। मास्क पहनना और एक दूसरे से दूरियाँ रखना, केयाफीजी एप का उपयोग उन जगहों पर जारी रहेगा जिनके बारे में पहले कह दिया गया है।

लेकिन जैसा मैंने पहले कहा था कि कुछ फीजिवासी पूरी तरह सुई नहीं लगवाए हैं और बहुत कम लोगों ने बिलकुल भी सुई नहीं लगवाई है।

हम अभी भी अपने बच्चों को सुई लगाने की प्रक्रिया जारी किए हैं और हमें उनकी सुरक्षा करनी है। इसीलिए, अभी के लिए हम पहले की तरह, बिना सोचे-समझे जीन और व्यापार करने के तरीकों की ओर भीड़ को बदार्शत नहीं कर सकते।

हमें उन नियमों का पालन करने पर ध्यान देना चाहिए जो अभी लागू है न कि उन नियमों से अनुचित



नय वनुवाकुला फार्म के लिय इरीगेशन किट्स दिए गए

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कृषि उत्पादन क्षेत्र को बढ़ाने और
मूर्ख से निपटने के प्रयासों में फि-
जीयन सरकार सूखे का सामना कर
रहे किसानों की लगातार मदद कर
रही है।

अभी हाल ही के पहल में फि-
जीयन सरकार ने बोटरवैस मंत्रालय
के साथ मिलकर नए वनुवाकुला
मेथडिस्ट ट्रान्सफोर्मेशन स्कीम को
सिंचाई किटों का पूरा सेट प्रदान
किए।

इस सहायता से वनुवाकुला,
नाओरिया, नासुकामाई और नाइलुवा



किसानों को सिचाई वाला किट प्रदान करते हुए कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी चित: प्रदान किया गया
राकीराकी के कुल 52 परिवारों के
400 से ज्यादा समूह के लोगों को
मदद मिली है।
समूह को किट्स देते हुए जलमार्ग,
पार्यवरण और कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर
महेन्द्र रेड्डी ने कहा कि यह मोडल
फार्म कृषि गतिविधियों को बढ़ाएगा
और अधिक युवाओं को आकर्षि
त करेगा क्योंकि इसके तकनिकों
आधुनिक कृषि के निर्धारक हैं।
मंत्री रेड्डी ने कहा कि इस इरीगेशन
प्रोजेक्ट से कृषि गतिविधियों को
बढ़ावा मिलेगा जिससे समूह के
सदस्यों को अधिक लचीला बनने
और कृषि उत्पादन क्षेत्र को बढ़ाने
में मदद मिलेगी।
उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार किसानों
और विशेष रूप से युवाओं की
सहायता के लिय प्रतिबद्ध है, जो
अपने भोजन, आय और नौकरी की
सुरक्षा के लिय कृषि में शामिल होने
का इरादा रखते हैं।
मंत्री रेड्डी ने कहा कि आर्थिक
विराम के कारन, जो कि कोविड-
19 का सीधा असर था जहाँ कृषि
क्षेत्र को सबसे आगे किया गया जहाँ
लोगों ने अपनी दैनिक जरूरतों को
पूरा करने के लिय कृषि व्यवासाय
को चुना।

सोशल पेंशन स्कीम से 45K बूजुर्गों की सहायता



विमन चिल्हन और पोवर्टी अलिविएशन मंत्री रोज़ी अकबर, एक महिला से मुलाकात करती हुई चित: प्रदान किया गया

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सरकार की सोशल पेंशन स्कीम के तहत
45,134 बूजुर्गों को सहायता प्रदान की जा
रही है।

विमन, चिल्हन और पोवर्टी अलिविएशन मंत्री
रोज़ी अकबर ने कहा कि उन्होंने सोशल पेंशन
स्कीम 65 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के उन लोगों के
लिय आलावन्स प्रदान की है जिनके पास किसी
भी प्रकार की आपदनी या पेंशन नहीं है या जो
कभी सेवानिवृत्ति योजना के लाभार्थी नहीं रहे हैं।

मंत्री अकबर ने इस बात पर प्रकाश डाला कि
फीजी सरकार ने 2013 में सोशल पेंशन स्कीम
शुरू की और तब से धीरे-धीरे पारता आयु 70
से 65 साल की आयु तक कम कर दी, और
पिछले कुछ वर्षों में आलावन्स को तीस डॉलर से
बढ़ाकर पचास डॉलर कर दिया है और मेडिड
इंटरनेशनल प्लान ऑफ एक्शन ऑन अइजिंग

के लिय प्रतिबद्ध होने के बाद सौ डालर कर
दिया है।

“सरकार ने वृद्ध व्यक्तियों की देखभाल पर
फीजी के राष्ट्रीय न्यूनतम मानकों को भी लागू
किया, जो हमारे वृद्ध लोगों के लिय पर्याप्त
देखभाल प्रावधान सुनिश्चित करने पर केंद्रित है।
दास्तावेज़ सरकार की नीति का मार्गदर्शन और
सूचना देता है। सोशल पेंशन स्कीम का लक्ष्य
है कमज़ेर बूजुर्ग नागरिक तक पहुँचना,” मंत्री
अकबर ने कहा।

“इस हस्तक्षेप से लाभार्थियों को महामारी से
जुड़े नए जीखियों को बेहतर ढंग से प्रबंधित
करने के साथ साथ उनकी बुनियादी जरूरतों का
समर्थन सुनिश्चित करने की अनमति देगा। एक
देश के रूप में यह महात्वपूर्ण है कि हम सभी
यह स्वीकार करें कि हमें यह सुनिश्चित करने
के लिय और अधिक करने की आवश्यकता है
कि फीजी में हमारे बूजुर्गों के साथ सम्मान।

देखभाल और अच्छा व्यवहार किया जाए” मं
त्री अकबर ने कहा। उन्होंने कहा कि दादा-
दादी और माता-पिता, जिन्होंने अपने परिवारों
और समुदायों के लिय इतना त्याग किया है, वे
सम्मान और गुणवत्तापूर्ण देखभाल के पात्र हैं।

सोशल पेंशन स्कीम फोर्म सभी जिलों के दफतरों
में उपलब्ध है। सत्यापन उद्देश्यों के कारण फोर्म
को जसटिस ऑफ पीस, या समुदायिक नेता या
फिर किसी वरिष्ठ सिवील सेवक द्वारा प्रामाणित
करने की आवश्यकता है।

आवेदकों को दो पासपोर्ट फोटो के साथ,
प्रामाणित किया गया बैथ स्टिफिकट, टीन या
एफ एन पी एफ नम्बर, बेक्सिनेशन कार्ड और
बैंक खाते की जानकारी देनी होगी।

अन्य जानकारी के लिय सोशल बेलफेर्यर को
3314469 या 3315585 पर संपर्क करें।

फीजीयन सरकार ने \$55.3 मिलीयन डॉलर
को सोशल पेंशन स्कीम के लिय अलग किया है।

मंत्री अकबर ने इन्डियन हाय कमिशनर का स्वागत किया

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विमन, चिल्हन और पोवर्टी अलिविएशन
मंत्री रोज़ी अकबर ने नय भारतीय
राजदूत श्री पालनिस्वामी सुब्रमनियम
कार्थीजयन का विमन, चिल्हन और
पोवर्टी अलिविएशन मंत्रालय के
हेडक्वार्टर्स में स्वागत किया।

मंत्री अकबर ने कहा कि भारत के
बेयरफ्लूट कोलज में ग-मीण फिजी की
महिलाओं के लिय सोला इंजीनियरों के
रूप में प्रशिक्षण की सुविधा में मंत्रालय
की भारत के साथ एक पुरानी दोस्ती
थी और भारत सरकार से पहले सिलाई
मशीनों का दान दिया।

महिला आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण
कार्यक्रमों की उपलब्धता और
पहचाने गए महिला समूहों के
लिए तकनीकी सहायता मंत्रालय
के लिय सही दिशा में कदम
बढ़ा रही है। हम एक जनोन-
मुखी मंत्रालय है जो महिलाओं,
लड़कियों और कमज़ेर
लोगों के जीवन में सुधार
के लिय समर्पित है।

रोज़ी अकबर
महिला मंत्री

मंत्री अकबर ने भारत सरकार के
इस सहायता के लिय धन्यवाद दिया,
खासकर जब वे हमारे स्थानीय समुदायों
में महिलाओं और लड़कियों को सशक्त
बनाने का उद्देश्य है। उन्होंने फीजी
में महिलाओं, लड़कियों और कमज़ेर
व्यक्तियों को सशक्त बनाने के महत्व
पर ध्यान देते हुए समर्थन की सरहना
की।

“महिला आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण कार्य
क्रमों की उपलब्धता और पहचाने
गए महिला समूहों के लिए तकनीकी
सहायता मंत्रालय के लिय सही दिशा में
कदम बढ़ा रही है। हम एक जनोन-मुखी
मंत्रालय है जो महिलाओं, लड़कियों और
कमज़ेर लोगों के जीवन में सुधार के
लिय समर्पित हैं, मंत्री अकबर ने कहा।

मंत्री अकबर और हाय कमिशनर दोनों
ने मंत्रालय द्वारा किए जाने वाले कार्यों
में अपने लोगों के जीवन को बेहतर
बनाने में मदद और अच्छी ज्ञान और
सबोंत्म प्रथाओं को साझा करने की
क्षमता का समर्थन किया।

भारतीय राजदूत महामहीम श्री
कार्थीजयन ने मंत्री को भारत द्वारा
प्रदान की जाने वाली व्यापक क्षमता
निर्मान सहायता के बारे में जानकारी दी
और राष्ट्र निर्माण प्रयासों में योगदान
करने का सौभाग्य दर्शाया।

फीजी के छात्रों को भारत सरकार द्वारा
देश के शीर्ष विश्वविद्यालयों में पढ़ने के
लिय कई स्कॉलाशिप प्रदान की जाती है
और उन्होंने फीजी के अधिक छात्रों से
उसका लाभ उठाने की आग्रह की।



जस्टिस मंत्रालय

बेर्थ, डेथ, तथा मेरिज (BDM) दफ्तर

नाम बदलने पर जानकारी

श्रेणी (Criteria)

- एक व्यक्ति अपना नाम या सरनेम तबही बदल सकता है जब वो कम से कम अट्ठारह साल की उम्र का हो और नाम का ये बदलाव रेजिस्ट्रेशन करके बैथ, डेथ और मेरिजस एक्ट 1975 (Act) की धारा 15 और एक्ट के नीचे कर सकता है जो किसी भी कानून के आधीन हो।
- किसी भी बच्चे के माता-पिता (जिनमें गोद लेने वाले माता-पिता भी शामिल हैं) जो अभी तक अट्ठारह साल के नहीं हुए हैं, अपना नाम और सरनेम तबही बदल सकते हैं जो बैथ, डेथ और मेरिजस एक्ट 1975 (Act) की धारा 15 और एक्ट के नीचे कर सकता है जो किसी भी कानून के आधीन हो।
- अगर किसी बच्चे के नाम में बदलाव होना है, तो दोनों माता-पिता को अपनी मंजूरी देनी होगी, जब तक किसी एक ने बच्चे को त्याग दिया है, उनके बारे में पता नहीं है, गुम हो गए हैं या जिनकी दिमागी हालत ठीक नहीं है।
- अगर माता-पिता अलग हो गए हैं या उनका तलाख हो गया है, और अर्जी वाला फोर्म लौज करते समय उपलब्ध नहीं है तो दूसरे माता या पिता की मंजूरी ज़रूरी है।

नाम में बदलाव कौन रेजिस्टर कर सकता है?

फीजी में नाम में बदलाव के लिए वो व्यक्ति रेजिस्टर कर सकता है, अगर उनका जन्म फीजी में रेजिस्टर हुआ है।

यह कितनी देर में होगा?

नाम में बदलाव करने की अर्जी जब मिलती है तबसे इस में पाँच दिन लग सकते हैं ताकि बैक-एन्ड मेनुपल और सिस्टम वेरिफिकेशन का मौका मिल सके। अगर आपने एक बैर्थ सेटिफिकेट की मांग की है जिसमें आपका नाम है तो यह आपको तबही दिया जाएगा जैसे ही नाम में बदलाव को eBDM सिस्टम पर प्रोसेस हो जाएगा।

नया नाम के गार्डलाइन्स

अर्जी वाले फोर्म में नाम बदलने का कोई कारण देने को नहीं कहा जाएगा और जब एक बार BDMसिस्टम में नाम बदला जाएगा और

आपको सच्चा बयान देना चाहिए

नाम में बदलाव और डिक्लॉरेशन के रेजिस्ट्रेशन के लिए अर्जी भरते वक्त सच्चा बयान ही देना चाहिए। अगर आपने खुद झूठा बयान दिया या झूठा डिक्लॉरेशन किया तो दोषी पाए जाने पर आपको \$10,000 तक जुर्माना या पाँच सालों तक की जेल की सजा या दोनों हो सकते हैं।

कौन से कागजात लगाने पड़ेगे

- आपको पुराना बैर्थ सेटिफिकेट प्रदान करना होगा (अगर है तो)
- और इनमें से एक फोटो आए डी:
- फीजियन या विदेशी पासपोर्ट वाली डाटा पेज
- फीजियन या विदेशी ड्राइंग लाईसेन्स
- फीजी रेवन्यू एन्ड कस्टम्स सेविस / फीजी नेशनल प्रोविडन्स फन्ड जोइन्ट कार्ड (FRCS/FNPF कार्ड)
- फीजियन बोटा कार्ड

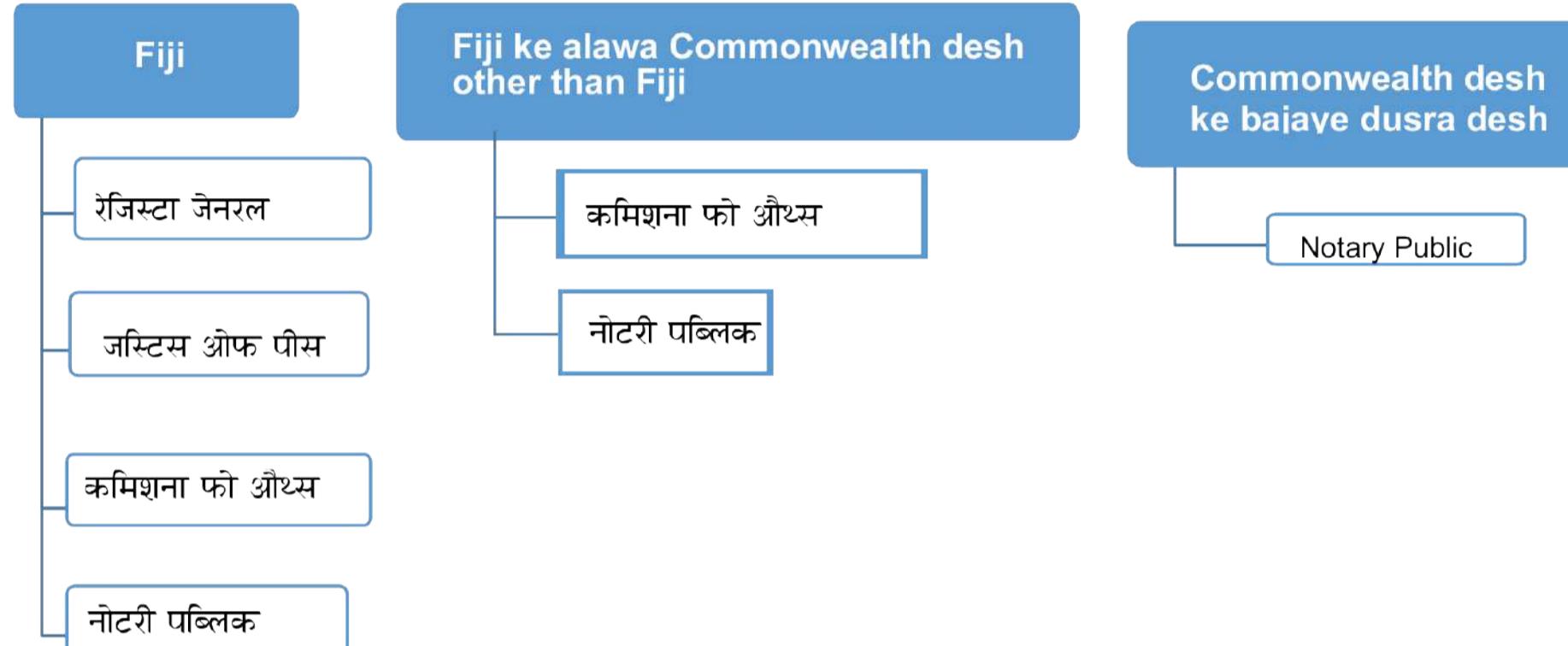
जो बच्चे अट्ठारह साल से कम हैं

- बच्चे का पासपोर्ट सार्डज़ फोटो
- बच्चे का पुराना बैर्थ सेटिफिकेट (अगर है तो)

- अगर अलग या तलाख हो गया है, और अर्जी देने समय उपलब्ध नहीं है तो दूसरे माता या पिता की मंजूरी ज़रूरी है।

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जो व्यक्ति स्टेटुटरी डेकलरेशन लेने योग्य है वो इनमें से एक होना चाहिए और यह निर्भर करता है कि आप अपना डेकलरेशन फीजी में, फीजी से बाहर या किसी राष्ट्रमण्डल देश में करा रहे हैं। जो लोग फीजी में अर्जी लगा रहे हैं, यह अर्जी वाला फोर्म BDM का कर्मचारी या रेजिस्टर जेनरल के बदले कोई और विटनस कर सकते हैं जिनमें फीजियन एलेक्शन्स ऑफिस (FEO) का कोई और कर्मचारी शामिल है।



कमिशना फो औथ्स फीजी भर में सभी लोगल अर्डड कमिशन के दफ्तर में उपलब्ध है, ऑफिस ओफ अटेनी-जेनरल की सभी शाखाएं और फीजी में सभी कमिशना ओफ औथ्स की सूची आपको <https://judiciary.gov.fj/find-a-commissioner-for-oaths-or-jp/> पर मिल सकती है तथा जस्टिस ओफ पीस की लिस्ट www.justice.gov.fj पर मिल सकती है।

अगर आपको कोई स्पष्टीकरण चाहिए या आपने अर्जी फोर्म विटनस करने के लिए किसी जस्टिस ओफ पीस को फोर्म चार्ज करते देखा, कृपया रेजिस्ट्रार जेनरल को el.singh@justice.gov.fj पर ईमेल करें या 9905125 पर कोल करें या डेपुटी रेजिस्ट्रार जेनरल को makereta.sotutu@justice.gov.fj पर ईमेल करें या 9908953 पर कोल करें।

अगर आप कमिशना फोर औथ को नाम में बदलाव वाले अर्जी के फोर्म विटनस के लिए फीस चार्ज करते देखते तो कृपया जुडिशल विभाग में डेपुटी रेजिस्ट्रार को krishan.prasad@live.com पर ईमेल करें या 8916234 पर कोल करें।

नाम में बदलाव के रेजिस्ट्रेशन की अर्जी इन दफ्तरों में लगाई जा सकती है:

BDM दफ्तर	स्थान	BDM दफ्तर	स्थान
Suva	Ground Floor, Suavou House, Suva	Tavua	Mobil Building, Tabavu Street, Tavua
Nasinu	Unit 11 & 12, Valelevu Complex, Nasinu	Rakiraki	Ground Floor, Bhima Building, Vaileka, Rakiraki
Nausori	Tara's Building, River Road, Nausori	Labasa	Ground Floor, Namuka House, Labasa
Navua	Ro Matanitabua House, Navua	Nabouwalu	Naulumatua House, Nabouwalu
Korovou	Harbhai Patel Buildings, Korovou, Tailevu	Savusavu	Justin Smith Building, Office 11, Mains Street, Savusavu
Sigatoka	Keasuna Buildings, Sigatoka	Taveuni	District Office Complex, Waiyemo, Taveuni
Nadi	Level 1 GT Plaza, Vunavou Crescent, Nadi Town	Lakeba	Lakeba Provincial Office, Tubou, Lakeba
Lautoka	Level 1 Westfield Building, Tukani Street, Lautoka	Vunisea	Vunisea Government Station, PA's Office, Vunisea
Ba	Ground Floor, Koronubu House, Ba	Levuka	Lomaiviti Holdings Building, Beach Street, Levuka
Tavua	Mobil Building, Tabavu Street, Tavua	Rotuma	Rotuma Government Station, Rotuma
Rakiraki	Ground Floor, Bhima Building, Vaileka, Rakiraki	Vunidawa	Vunidawa Government Station, Vunidawa
		Keiyasi	Keiyasi Government Station, Keiyasi



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ग्रामीन तथा बाहरी ट्रीपों के विकास तथा डिज़ास्टर मेनेजमेंट में ती इनिया सेर्लूईरातु ने प्राकृतिक विपत्तियों के लिए तैयारी करने की माँग की है जबकि हम समुद्री आँधी के मौसम में प्रवेश करने वाले हैं।

हालही एक समाचार सम्मेलन में मंत्री सेर्लूईरातु ने कहा कि कोविड-घश महामारी के चलते, सरकार की क्षमता की परिक्षा ली जाएगी जबकि तैयारियाँ शुरू हो गई हैं।

हम महामारी के दूसरे लहर के बीच समुद्री आँधियों का सामना कर सकते हैं। पिछला सोलह महीना देश के लिए बहुत ही कठिन था जबकि समुद्री आँधी यासा और आना ने देश में साठ हजार से ज्यादा घरों को बरबाद किया जिससे पांच सौ मिलियन डॉलर से ज्यादा का नुकसान हुआ जिस बजह से प्राकृतिक विपत्ति की तैयारी बहेद ज़रूरी है।

मंत्रालय ने सभी चार विभागों में औपरेशन सेन्टर्स, उपकरण तथा सुविधाओं की जाँच कर ली है।

इस दौरान आपातकालीन स्थिति में संपर्क करने पानी तथा विजली सप्लाई स्टेडबाए पर भी गौर किया गया।

आपातकालीन उपकरण, सप्लाई स तथा सरकारी कर्मचारियों, गैर-सरकारी संस्थाओं तथा स्वयं सेवकों को द्रईनिंग प्रदान करने पर भी गौर किया गया।

मंत्रालय ज़रूरी सरकारी अईज़सियों के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहा है ताकि ध्यान में रखा जाए कि राहत केन्द्रों में न केवल कोविड-घश नियमों का पालन हो बल्कि वो सुरक्षित भी हो।

मंत्री सेर्लूईरातु ने सामाजिक नेताओं से माँग की है कि वे ध्यान में रखें कि सभी लोग समुद्री आँधी के मौसम के लिए तैयार रहे।



मंत्री इनिया सेर्लूईरातु प्राकृतिक विपत्ति की तैयारी करने की माँग करते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

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नउसोरी की साठ से ज्यादा महिला मार्केट विकरेताओं को बहुत जल्द मार्केट में बेचने के दौरान ठहरने वाली सुरक्षित व्यवस्था से लाभ उठा सकेंगी।

हाल में पांच लाख डॉलर लागत विमन्स अकोमोडेशन सेंटर वाली योजना के लिए निउ डाला गया। यह योजना यूएन मार्केट फोर चई न्ज, युनाइटेड नईशन्स डिवेलोपमेंट प्रोग्रेम तथा औस्ट्रेलियन तथा कोनेडियन सरकार की साझेदारी से पूरी की जाएंगी।

इस औपचारिक मौके पर लौकल गवमेंट मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने कहा कि इस तरह की योजनाएं 2018 में शुरू की गई थीं ताकि उन मेहनती महिला मार्केट विकरेताओं को सहारा दिया जाए जो ताई लेवू, रेवा तथा नाईतासिरी से आती हैं।

“ये महिलाएं कई घण्टे लम्बे सफर तय करके अपना सामान बेचने के लिए मार्केट पहुँचती हैं। ये लोग फिर नउसोरी मार्केट के कोरिडोरों, बस स्टेन्ड या सड़कों पर रात गुज़ारती हैं तथा मार्केट खुलने का

इंतज़ार करती हैं ताकि वे अपना उत्पादन बेच सकें।”

यह योजनाएं पूरी होने पर महिला मार्केट विकरेताओं की चिन्ता दूर हो जाएगी जबकि वे खराब यौसम, सुरक्षा, रात में सोने वाली जगह, पारखाना तथा बाथरूम वाली सुविधा से लाभ उठा सकेंगी। ये नया सेंटर, ग्रामीन इलाकों से आई महिलाओं को सहारा देगा जबकि उन्हें ठहरने के लिए आगमदायक जगह सस्ते में मिलेगा।

फीजी में औस्ट्रेलियन राजदूत, जोन फीक्स का कहना है कि यह ज़रूरी है कि महिला मार्केट विकरेताओं के लिए एक सुरक्षित जगह उपलब्ध करने की ज़रूरत की पहचान की जाए।

इस सुविधा में लगभग अस्सी महिलाएं आराम कर सकेंगी जो रेवा, नाईतासिरी, ताईलेवू तथा राकीराकी तक से आती हैं।

कोविड-19 की बजह से जबकि लगातार सामाजिक और आर्थिक असर पड़ रहा है तो ऐसे में स्थानीय

मार्केट, कमज़ोर महिलाओं के लिए रोज़गारों का अवसर प्रदान करता है। यह नई सुविधा डिस्प्लर महीने में पूरी होने की आशा है।

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कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेहडी ने हाल ही में नंबितू किसानों के क्लस्टर को एक पोटाबल राईस मिल प्रदान किया है जो उनकी समस्याओं को काफी हदतक हल करेगा जहाँ तक धान को मिल तक लेजाने का सवाल है। उन्होंने बताया कि अगली बार धान काटने और उसे सुखाने के बाद किसानों को यातायात में पैसे खर्च करके दूर मिल जाने की ज़रूरत नहीं होगी।

डाक्टर रेहडी ने किसानों को बताया कि अभी एक साल में देश की खपत के लिए अस्सी प्रतिशत चावल विटेश से मैंगाया जाता है।

“हम इसे घटाना चाहते हैं, क्योंकि एक साल में साठ मिलियन डॉलर देश से बाहर जाता है। हम ये पैसे बचा सकते हैं अगर देश में हर एक किसान अपना धान बोने लगे तो हम चावल के लिए विटेशी बाज़ार पर निर्भर होना छोड़ देंगे।

मंत्री ने कहा कि वे एक ऐसे धान को बोने के लिए किसानों को प्रोत्साहित कर रहे हैं जो सौ दिनों में तैयार हो सकता है, इसके लिए खेत में पानी डालने की ज़रूरत नहीं है तथा किसान तीन महीने में धान काटकर उपयोग कर सकते हैं तथा यह खाने में भी बहुत अच्छा लगता है।

फिलहाल, नंबितू के एडवाइज़री काउन्सला, राजेश सिंह ने कृषि मंत्रालय को इस सहायता के लिए धन्यवाद दिया है।



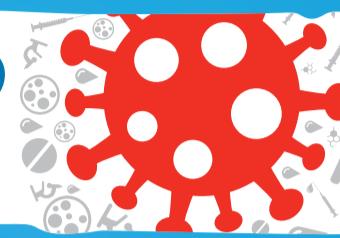
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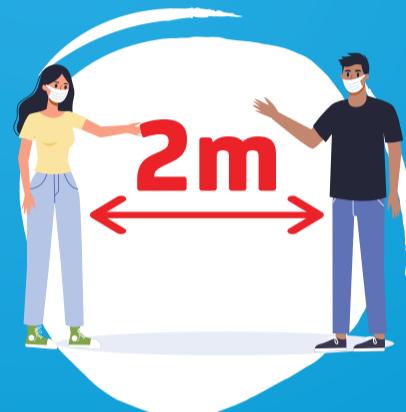
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बेरोज़गार फीजिवासी जो वित्तिलेवू में फोमल और इनफोमल सेक्टर्स में काम करते हैं, सरकार द्वारा फन्ड किए हुए तीन सौ साठ डोलर बेरोज़गार सहायता के लिए अर्जी लगा सकते हैं। सोमवार ग्यारह अक्टूबर से आज शुक्रवार पंदाह अक्टूबर तक अर्जी लगाने का समय दिया गया है।

एक समाचार सम्मेलन में अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अर्डियाज़ सर्डियद-खईयूम ने इसकी घोषणा की।

अटेनी-जेनरल ने कहा कि यह सहायता केवल योग्य फीजिवासियों

को दी जाएगी जिन्हें दोनों सुई लग गई है।

“जिन लोगों को इक्टीस (31st) अक्टूबर तक दोनों डोसस लग जाएंगे वे ही इस सहायता के लिए अर्जी लगा सकते हैं।

अर्जी लगाने के समय (ग्यारह से पंदाह अक्टूबर के बीच) कुछ लोगों को शायद सुई नहीं लगी होगी, परं वे फिर भी अर्जी लगा सकते हैं; लेकिन उन्हें इसी महीने के अंत तक सुई लगवाकर सूबूत प्रदान करना होगा,” अटेनी-जेनरल ने कहा।

उन्होंने सहायता के लिए अर्जी लगाने वालों से माँग की है कि वे फीजियन सरकार को मँजूरी दे कि वे सुई

लगाने वाली जानकारी की जाँच करें अगर इस जानकारी पर गौर करने की ज़रूरत हुई। लेकिन मंजूरी न देने पर अर्जी पर गौर नहीं किया जाएगा।

“जो लोग नौकरी करते हैं और जिन्हें सरकार की ओर से अन्य तरह की सहायता मिलती है, इस सहायता के लिए अर्जी लगानेके योग्य नहीं है। जैसा मैंने पहले कहा, इनमें सरकारी कर्मचारी शामिल हैं, जो लोग प्रायवट सेक्टर, स्टेटुरी बोडीस, जिन लोगों के काम करने के घटें घटाए गए हैं तथा सभी लोग जो एफ एन पी एफ पेंशन स्कीम में हैं।”

सभी विद्यार्थी जो टेशरी एडुकईशन लैन स्कीम तथा जिन्हें टोपस

स्कॉलाशिप मिला है जिन्हें लिविंग अलावन्स मिल रहा है, जिन लोगों को सौशल बेलफेया सहायता मिल रही है तथा अट्ठारह साल से कम उम्र के लोग अर्जी नहीं लगा पाएंगे।

“पहले दौर के तीन सौ साठ डोलर की सहायता के लिए हमने लोगों को मौका दिया था कि वे दूसरे लोगों के नाम पर रेजिस्टर किए हुए सिम से अपने रिश्तेदारों के लिए अर्जी लगाए। लेकिन इस बार हम उम्मीद करते हैं कि सभी लोग अपने नाम के नीचे रेजिस्टर सिम से अर्जी लगाए। अपने नाम का सिम लेने या अपने नाम के नीचे सिम रेजिस्टर करने का मतलब यह नहीं है कि आपको एक नया

फोन खरीदना पड़ेगा।”

फिलहाल, फीजियन सरकार ने असर पड़े फीजिवासियों को नकद सहायता के रूप में तीन सौ तिरालिस (\$343 million) दे दिया है। इनमें शामिल है फीजी नेशनल प्रोविडन्स फन्ड कोविड-19 बेरोज़गार सहायता में दो सौ पाँच मिलियन डोलर,

नब्बे डोलर सहायता के तौर पर दस दशमलौ छ: मिलियन डोलर, पचास डोलर सहायता के दो राउन्ड्स में इक्कीस दशमलौ चार मिलियन जबकि तीन सौ साठ मिलियन डोलर सहायता के पहले राउन्ड में एक सौ छ: मिलियन डोलर खर्च हुआ है।

Noda viti

Muria tikoga na vakatatabu

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NA kena mai rawati na 80 na pasede na cula ni tataqomaki na lewenivanua ena noda vanua esa dua na cavu isausau ena valuti ni mate dewa na COVID-19.

Ia e se vo tale vakalailai me yacovi yani na 90 na pasede ni icula se 100 na pasede me rawa ni da qai vakila edua na veisau vinaka ni veiqraravi ena kena na laveti na vakatatabu kei na sogosogo ena noda vanua.

Oqori na mala ni nona vosa ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nona kacivaka tiko na veika esa rawati me yacova mai na vula ko Okotova ni yabaki oqo.

E vakananumi talega kina na yabaki 51 ni tu galala kei Viti.

“E da sa valu vata ena ivalu oqo ka

sa da qaqa ena noda valu vata. E sega na ka e uasivita na noda cakacaka vata,” e kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama.

Ia e tukuna o koya ni sa bera ni oti na ivalu ka se tomani tikoga na cakacaka ena yatu e liu kei na nona sasaga tiko na tabana ni bula me ra taqomaki na lewenivanua.

“Sa yaga kina me da na vakamuria tiko ga na vakatatabu ni COVID-19, dina ga ni sa laveti tiko yani vakamuria na vakatatabu,” a kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama.

“Na Matanitu ena vakamuria tikoga na vakadidike me baleta na COVID-19 ni bera ni vakatauci edua na lewa matau ka meda taqomaki tikoga kina.”

E vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita

Bainimarama ni levu vei ira na lewenivanua ena taudaku ni koro lelevu era se bera tiko ni icula ka ra sega ni se vakadeitaki ira tiko ena gauna oqo.

Sa yaga kina me ra vakauqeti me ra cula baleta me ra rawa ni yaga talega ena ivalutu ni mate na COVID-19.

“Kevaka e ra na bera ni cula ena dolavi tikoga vakamuria na vakatatabu. Kerekere ni vakamuria na ivakaro ni icula me vaka era vakaraitaka na wekada mai Yaro, Kia e Vanua Levu.

“Oira na iyatu e liu ni veiqraravi era na sega ni cegu, era se cakacaka tikoga. Esa dodonu kina me da vakamuria tikoga na ivakaro me rawa ni da marautaka kina na noda galala,” e kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama.



Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nona kacivaka tiko na laveti vakalalai ni vakatatabu me baleta na COVID-19 ena noda vanua. iTaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Ko Vunilawa kei ira na liuliu ni veitabana vakamatanitu kei na bisinisi era semati vakaveiweki ena veiqraravi ni saravanua ena noda vanua. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA

VEIVOSAKI NA VEI ILIULIU NI TABANA NI VEIQRARAVI VEI IRA NA SARAVANUA

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA vakaitavi ena dua na talanoa me baleta na saravanua ena nodra vanua na matanitu keira na tabana vakacakacaka era veiqraravi ena bisinisi ni saravanua.

Liutaka na talanoa oqori na Vunilawa

Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum kei ira na Minisita ni matanitu Faiyaz Koya, Vunivola Tudei ni Bula Dr James Fong, Liuliu ni Fiji Airways, André Viljoen, Liuliu ni Tourism Fiji, Brent Hill kei na liuliu ni Soqosoqo ni Otela kei na Saravanua, Fantasha Lockington.

Era veitalanoa taka na lea ni COVID-19

kei na vakarautaki no dolavi na iyayala kei Viti kei Vuravura ena November 11, 2021. Vakaraitaka na Vunilawa ni dolavi tale ni iyayala kei Viti ena vinaka ena bula ni rawaka vakailavo ni matanitu. Kuria ko koya ni dodonu me vakayacori tikoga n aka sa yaco tiko ena tataqomaki ni bula ena veisiga ka vakakina nodra

ueti na lewenivanua mera laki cula. Vakavinakataka na matanitu veivuke mai Ositerelia, Niusiladi, Idia kei America ena veivuke baleta na wainimate ni tataqomaki ena COVID-19.

Veitalanoataki talega na nodra ituvatua na veitabana veiweki ena bisinisi ni saravanua.



Vakarau tekivu tale na vuli

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Ni oti na kena kacivaki na rawati ni takete ni 80 na pasede ni icula na noda vanua era sa maqusa na Minisitiri ni Vuli ena noda vanua ena kena vakarau tekivutaki tale na vuli ni Yabaki ni vuli 12 kei na 13 se Fomu 6 kei na Fomu 7.

Oqori na tikina e vakaraitaka na

Minisita ni Vuli, Premila Kumar me vaka ni ra kalasi ni veitarogi levu. Kacivaka na Minisita ni ra tekivu vuli na gonevuli oqo ena imatai ni Noveba

E kaya o Minister Kumar; "Ena vakavakarau ni kena dolavi tale, au a sota kei ira tauoko na qasenivuli liu ni koronivuli, ka ra sa vakarautaka tu na nodra koronivuli me baleta na nodra lesu

mai na gonevuli.

Au sa vakabibitaka ni ivakarau e vakarota tiko na Tabana ni Bula me muri vakadodonu e na sasaga ni nodra taqomaki tiko ga na gonevuli, qasenivuli kei ira na vakailesele ni veiqraravi."

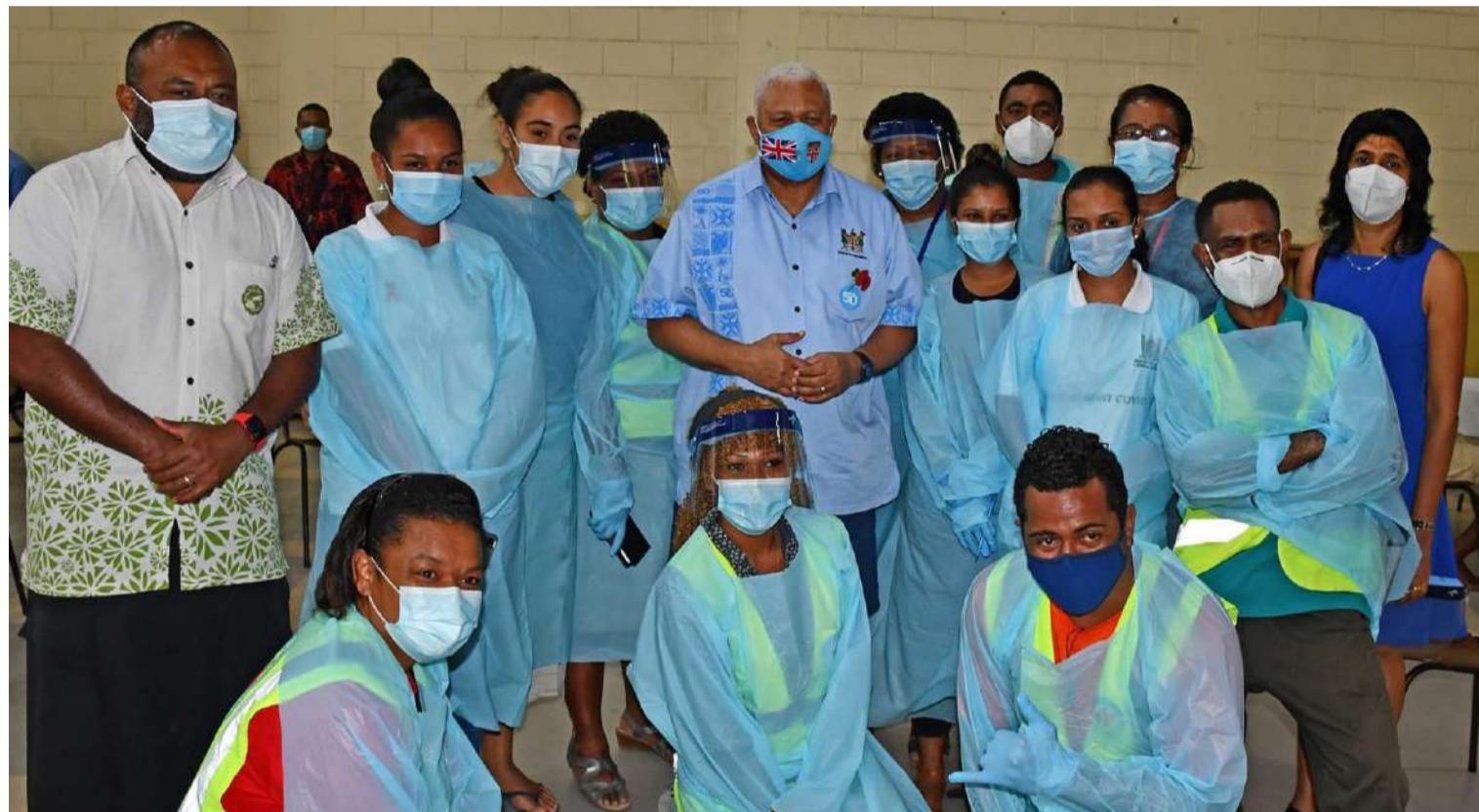
Na ivakamacala raraba ni Tabana ni Bula ni veikoroniuli sa vakau ki na veitikotiko raraba qasenivuli liu ni koronivuli kece.

E vakabibitaka talega o Minisita Kumar ni dodonu me dusimaki vei ira na gonevuli yabaki 12 kei na 13 na ulutaga sa vakavu-lici ena matanavotu kei na kena ena monalivaliva, kei na kena e gadrevi me tauri ena kena gauna donu me baleta na kena dikevi se makataki."

"Keitou na vakarautaki ira na qasenivuli veisosomitaki me bal-

eti ira na qasenivuli sa yali e dua na qasenivuli ena vuku ni sega ni vakasulumi ni bera ni dolavi tale; kevaka e se bera ni caka."

A vakadreti tale vei ira na qasenivuli liu o Minisita Kumar me ra taura matua na nodra itavi ka me ra vakarautaki ira vakavinaka na gonevuli me baleta na veitarogi ena mua ni Janueri 2022.



Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama vata kei ira na veiqraravi ena yatu e liu ena Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua. iTaba: RUPENI WAQAVONO

Veisiko ena Mua-i-Ra ko PM

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Sa vakaraitaka o Prime Minister o Frank Bainimarama na nona vakavinavina ena nodra sasaga na dau veiqraravi ena yatu eliu ena Wasewase na Mua-i-Ra me valuti na COVID-19. Ni sikovi ira tiko eso na Valenivolavola ni Veiqraravi ena Wasewase na MuaiRa, a kaya kina o PM Bainimarama ni a yalomalumalumu me tucake e matadra na kai Viti ka ra a vakaitavi ena covid-19.

"Ena vukudra na lewe i Viti, au gadreva me'u vakavinavinkataki kemuni ena nomuni cakacaka vakaitamera," e kaya o PM Bainimarama.

A cijoma o PM Bainimarama e dua na ivakasala ni veiqraravi ena nodra dui iwaseswase mai na SDMO Sigatoka kei na SDMO Nadi.

Sa lokuci talega na PM Bainimarama me sikova na veivalenivolavola e ni veiqraravi ni leqa tubu koso mai Lautoka, Ba, Tavua kei Coga ena macawa oqo.



Vakavinavinkataki ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama na nodra veiqraravi na tabana ni Bula ena Mua-i-Ra. iTaba: RUPENI WAQAVONO

Tara na bai ni ua e Dakuinuku

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Edua na 250 na mita na bai-levu ni bainiu esa tekivu me tara ena koro o Dakuinuku, Tailevu, me vuakea na nodra taqomaki na lewenivanua mai na tubu ni ua.

Era lewe 250 na wiliwili ni lewenikoro ka 50 tauoko na iwiliwili ni nodra vale.

Na sasaga ni nodra tokitaki ena nodra koro dina edua na ulutaga esa bolei ira tiko mai vakabalavu ka sa sasaga kina na Minisiti ni Uciwai me vuakea ka sa veitalanoataki kina kei kabani ni buli simede

me vuakea vakailavo na veiqraravi oqo.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Reddy ni sa dodonu mera raica vakamatua na veika era dau vakatorocaketaki ira kina vaka na bainiu me da veiwekitaki ena veiqraravi ena koro.

Vakavinakataki iratou na kabani na Basic Industries ena veitokoni eratou vakaraitaka ena koro oqo ena rai ni drake veisau me vaka ni otio ni ka eratou via qarava oya na nodra tokitaki na lewenivanua oqo mai na nodra koro dina.

"Au kila ni sa na vakarevaki tiko na bula ena veisiga baleta na drake veisau," era kaya na leweni-

vanua. "Ia na koro oqo esemati ena neimami bula kei na neimami kawa vakadra.

Era bulu tu eke na neimami qase ka nodra bula e veiwekani ena wai-tui.

Vakaraitaka ko Sereana Duvaga yabaki 59 nira bula veiwekani kei na waitui, ia na waluvu edau vakarerevaki vei ira ena gauna edau tubu kina na ua. Ena gauna ni Cagilaba keimami laki vakarurugi ena koronivuli ko RKS ena kena hall ni valenilotu. Keimami sa sega ni rawa ni qarava na neimami teitei baleta ni curuma tiko mai ma ua na neimami koro.



Na Minisita ni Teitei ko Mahendra Reddy ena kena tauyavutaki na tara ni ba ni ua e Dakuinuku, Tailevu. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



Na Minisita ni Teitei ko Mahendra Reddy ena solia na misini ni tamusuki ni tei ni raisi vei ira na dau tei raisi e Nabitu, Nadroga. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Sotavi na dredre ni tei raisi e Nabitu

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA mai sotavi ira na dautei raisi ena itikotiko o Nabitu, Nadroga, na Minisita ni teitei Dr Mahendra Reddy ka mai solia kina edua na nodra misini vou ni tamusuki ni raisi.

Edua na dredre era dau sotakaya vakabalavu na dauteitei ena vanua oqo oya na tei raisi baleta na gauna ni tatusuki ni sega nodra misini.

Vakaraitaka ko Dr Reddy ni gauna oqo o Viti ese volia tiko mai na raisi e rauta ni

80% mai vanua tani ka laukana tiko ena noda vanua.

Kuria ka kaya ni rauta ni \$60 na milioni na ilavo e vakayagataki ena voli mai ni raisi mai vanua tani ia ena rawa ni maroro koya kevaka eda tea vakalevu na raisi ena noda vanua

Na matanitu esa ujeti ira na dautei raisi mera tea edua na kawa ni raisi ka rawa ni buka ka tamusuka ni oti e 100 na siga. Na misini vou oqori esa na vukei ira vakalevu na dautei raisi mai Nabitu baleta nira na sega tale ni vakauta vakayawa nodra

raisi se mera saumi lori tale kevaka era tamusuka nodra loga ni raisi.

Era sa vakavinaka taka na matanitu na lewenivanua mai Nabitu me vaka e vakaraitaka ko Rajesh Singh vua na Minisita, Sa oti e 20 na yabaki nodra teivaka tiko na raisi ena vanua oqo ia nikua e levu saran a dauteitei era san a ujeti mera lesu tale kina teivaki ni raisi.

Na misini oqori e tiki tikoga ni veivuke mai tabana ni teitei ena matanitu cokovata ko Urope ena nodra vukei na dauteitei ena noda vanua.



Na Minisita ni Teitei ko Mahendra Reddy ena nona dolava e dua na ivolau vou ni bucini ni itei e Maro, Nadroga. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Veivuke levu na volau ni susu itei

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA laki vakamatanitutaka na Minisita ni Teitei Dr Mahendra Reddy edua na volau vou ni bucini tei e na itikotiko e Maro ena taudaku Sigatoka ka tiko na kena isau ena \$17,000.

E vakaraitaka ko Minisita ni dua na cavuikalawa vei ira na dauteitei ena tikotiko oqo ni ra sa rawa ni raica kina na kena vinaka ni bucini itei vakarawarawa ena

yasana ni rai vakabisinisi.

E nona na volau oqo edua na dauteitei ko Visneel Chand ka yabaki 27.

Ena veivuke vakalevu na volau oqo vei ira era sa qai tauyavutaki ira vou ena itei ka me rawa ni ra qarava vinaka nodra itei. E vakaraitaka talega ko Minisita ni ratou sa tauyavutaka eso na tuvatuvu me baleta nodra buka na dauteitei ka me rawa ni tuberi ira ka vukei ira talega kevaka era

susu manumanu se ra teitei.

E kuria o Minista Reddy ni tiko na gagadre me dau vakayutaki na itei kei na kakana draudrau me sotava na gagadre ena makete ka vakakina na saravanua. Ujeti ira na dauteitei ko Minisita reddy mera vukea na kena vakalailaitaki na isau ni voli kakana mai vanua tani ena kena vakayutaki na teitei kei na susu manumanu ena noda vanua.

Marautaki na icovi ilavo

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

MARAUTAKA ko Avenai Susu Koroiravula na digitaki ni yacana me vaka esa winitaka edua na ilavo \$5100 mai na Matanitu.

Oqori e tiki tikoga ni veiqaravi ni Matanitu ena nodra ujeti na lewenivanua mera cula ena itataqomaki ni mate dewa na COVID-19 se Win together Sweepstakes draw ka donuya na ivakananumi ni yabaki 51 ni tu galala kei Viti.

E vakaraitaka ko Koroiravula ni na vakayagataka na ilavo oqori me vvukei koya ma tara kina edua na nona vale. Era sa vakauqeti ira na lewenivanua mera laki tauira na nodra cula. Era 10 tauoko na lewenivanua era qaqa ena digitaki ni yacadra ka rau ya \$5,100 kece.

Yacadra na mai qaqa:

1. Vinay Prasad
2. Eremasi Naraga
3. Manava Elton David Tigarea
4. Jone Roland
5. Reshma Joytika Maharaj
6. Ritesh Kumar
7. Avenai Susu Koroiravula
8. Nikita Natasha Lal
9. Mankuari
10. Riayana Khatoon

Vinaka vakalevu na veitokoni ena icula oqo ka moni vakavakarau ena veisisivi e tarava ena Siga ni Sucu.

Buli na lawatu ni ivola ni sucu, ivola ni mate, ivola ni vakamau

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

VAKARAITAKA na Liuli ni matanitu ena nodra vosa vakamacawa ena porokaramu ni Nai Lalakai ni sa bulia na matanitu edua na lawatu ni volani sucu, vola ni mate kei na vakamau.

“Keitou na bulia na lawa e veiganiti vei keda, mevaka na veisau e sa vakayacori ina Lawatu ni Veidigidigi 2021– na Electoral (Registration of Voters) (Amendment) (No.2), vaka kina na veisau ina Lawatu ni Volanisucu, Volanimate, kei na Vola ni Vakamau 2021 (Amendment),” kaya ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama.

“E sega ni qaravi me vakayutaki kina na buli lawa, se me vakalailaitaki kina na cakacaka qo. Ia, e vakarautaki me rawa nida maroroi vakavinaka kina.

“Keitou tomana tiko na neitou qaravi kemuni, ka vakarautaki na ituвату ena maroroi kemuni.”

Kuria okoya ni sasaga me vakadamuria na bula nei Eparama na tama ni vakabauta.

“Ena macawa sa oti, au a tekivu ena nona vosa na noda tama ni vakabauta o Eparama. E a sega ni beca na kaci ni Kalou ina nona bula, ka mani qarava na kena itavi,” kaya ko koya

“Vei au, au gadreva meu vakadamuria na kaci ya – niu na vakacavara na veika au sa tekivutaka mai.

“Mevaka taki kemuni na lewenivanua, “a noqu uluvatu ko Jiova kei na noqu idrodro, kei na noqu ivakabula, a noqu Kalou, o koya na noqu kaukauwa, kau na vakararavi vua. A noqu isasabai kei na noqu kaukauwa, kau sa vakabulai kina, kei na noqu vale ni valu cecere.”

Kuria okoya ni da sa yacova na vanua eda tu kina nikua ena vuku ni noda cakacakavata. Vei keda na tamata vakabauta, eda yalodei ni na tuberi keda tiko ga na Kalou. Ena balavu na ilakolako qo. Ena so na gauna eda na tarabe. Ia eda na vuli mai kina ka toso tiko ga iliu.

**TABANA NI LEWA DODONU****Valenivolavola ni Sucu, Mate kei na Vakamau****Na iTukutuku Baleta na Veisautaki ni Yaca****VEIKA LAVAKI TAUMADA**

- Ena veisautaki ga na matai ni yacamu se yaca vakavuvale kevaka o yabaki 18 toka ka davo tikiva na Wase 15 ni Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1975 (Lawa) na veisautaki ni yaca, oka talega na veilawa eso era muria
- E rawa vei rau na itubutubu (bau tale ga na dauniveisusu) merau veisautaka na yaca ni gone se yacana vakavuvale ke se bera ni yabaki 18 ena rarama ni Wase 15 ni Lawa qo kei na veilawa tale eso era salamuria
- Ena gadrevi merau veivakadonui ruarua na itubutubu ni gone ke veisautaki na yaca, vakavo sara kevaka sa biuta na gone edua vei rau, sa leqa, e sega ni kilai, sa yali se sa vakaleqai nona vakasama
- Kevaka rau sa veibiu na itubutubu ena gauna sa ia na vakalewe fomu, sa na vakabau na veivakadonui ni dua na itubutubu

Ocei e rawa ni veisautaki yaca?

E dodonu me volai taumada ena ivolanisucu e Viti o koya e gadrevi me veisautaki na yacana

Vakaevei na balavu ni gauna e taura?

Ena via taura e 5 na siga ni cakacaka baleta na vakadikivi lesu na veitukutuku maroroi eso ni na tekivutaki mai na siga sara ga e ciqomi kina na ivolakerekere ni veisautaki yaca. Ke o gadreva e dua na kena ivolanisucu ni yaca veisautaki, ena vakavotui ena ivolanisucu vakarautaki vou ni sa mayau na itukutuku ena monalivaliva ni BDM.

Na Veidusidusi ni Veisautaki Yaca

Sega ni vaqaqai ena fomu ni kere veisau ni yaca na yavu se vu ni veisautaki yaca, ia ni sa ciqomi na veisau ena monalivaliva ni BDM, na yaca volai qo me sa taurivaki ena veitagede kece vakaivola ni matanitu wili kina na vakavou ni ID.

Mo Yalayala Dina

Mo cauraka na itukutuku dina ni o volakerekere se o bubului me veisautaki na yaca. Kevaka o veivakacalai se lasu, o na rawa ni totogitaki vakailavo me yacova na \$10,000. se mo vesu me yabaki lima, se o cola ruarua.

Na Cava Soti E Seg a ni Vakabau?

Ena sega ni vakabau na yaca se veiyaca mera veisautaki kevaka:

- E vakavu veimaliwai ca kei dua tale na tamata; se
- Sa rui balavu sivia (me kua ni sivia e 100 na matanivila); se
- Sega ni yavutaki donu, oya kevaka e rorogo vata kei na so na itutu se iyatu vakacakacaka (vakavo kevaka sa tiko na kena ivola veitokoni); se
- E sega ni rogorogo tu vaka na yaca (e sega ni okati na matanivila se ivakatakilakila)

Sucu Volai e Viti

Kevaka o sucu e Viti, ni veisautaki na yaca, ena vakabau na yacamu veisautaki ka na sega ni vakabau na yacamu a volai taumada.

Taurivaki ni Volanisucu Vou ni Veisau Oti na Yaca

Ni veisautaki na yaca ena ivolanisucu, me kau taurivaki tale na yaca ena ivolanisucu makawa. Mo kila ni o taurivaka na yaca ena ivolanisucu makawa ni veisautaki oti na yacamu, drau na sota kei na lawa ni False Information Act 2016.

Veika Vakaivola Eso

Mo vakarautaka mai nomu ivolanisucu makawa (kevaka e tiko) kei na dua na nomu ID veiganitii me vaka:

- Na itukutuku ena passport ni Viti se Valagi
- Laiseni ni draiva e Viti se Valagi

- ID cokovata ni FRCS/FNPF
- ID ni veidigidi

Gone Yabaki 18 Lako Sobu

- Tubutubu me vakarautaka mai na ID veiganiti ni gone
- Itaba ni passport ni gone
- Ivolanisucu makawa ni gone (kevaka e tiko)

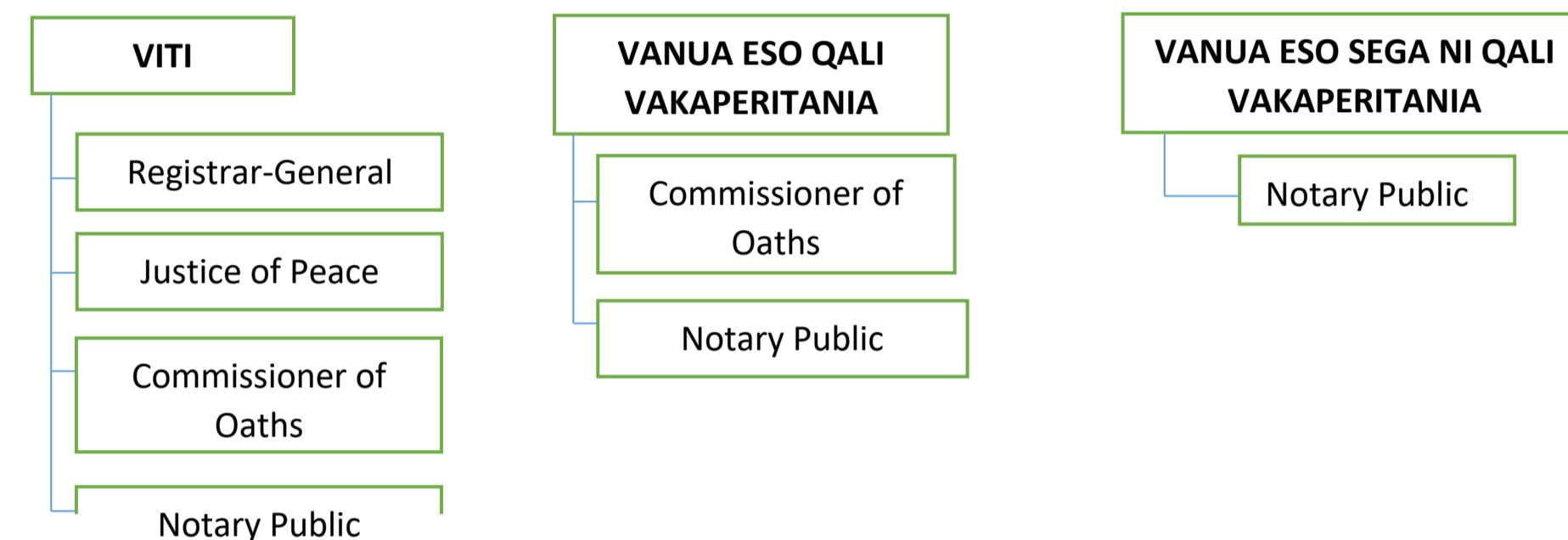
- Na veivakadonui nei dua na itubutubu kevaka rau sa veibiu, sa sega ni tiko e dua ena gauna ni volayaca

Kena iSau

E sega ni sauma na veisautaki yaca. Sega tale ga ni rawa nira lavaki isau o ira na Commissioner for Oaths se JP.

E gadrevi mo sainitaka na ivolakerekere e matai dua vei ira qo

E duidui na vakailesilesi mera ivakadinadina ni bubului e Viti kei na veivanua tani. Vei kemuni na volayaca ga e Viti, me ivakadinadina ni nomuni volayaca e dua na vakailesilesi ni BDM se dua mai na valenivolavola ni Registrar-General oka tale ga kina na vakailesilesi ni Fijian Elections Office (FEO)

**Veivalenivolavola kece e qaravi kina na volayaca ni veisautaki yaca**

VALENIVOLAVOLA NI BDM	VANUA
Suva	Ground Floor, Suvavou House, Suva
Nasinu	Unit 11 & 12, Valelevu Complex, Nasinu
Nausori	Tara's Building, River Road, Nausori
Navua	Ro Matanitobua House, Navua
Korovou	Harhai Patel Buildings, Korovou, Tailevu
Sigatoka	Keasuna Buildings, Sigatoka
Nadi	Level 1 GT Plaza, Vunavou Crescent, Nadi Town
Lautoka	Level 1 Westfield Building, Tukani Street, Lautoka
Ba	Ground Floor, Koronubu House, Ba
Tavua	Mobil Building, Tabavu Street, Tavua
Rakiraki	Ground Floor, Bhima Building, Vaileka, Rakiraki
Labasa	Ground Floor, Namuka House, Labasa
Nabouwalu	Naulumatua House, Nabouwalu
Savusavu	Justin Smith Building, Office 11, Main Street, Savusavu
Taveuni	District Office Complex, Waiyemo, Taveuni
Lakeba	Lakeba Provincial Office, Tubou, Lakeba
Vunisea	Vunisea Government Station, PA's Office, Vunisea
Levuka	Lomaiviti Holdings Building, Beach Street, Levuka
Rotuma	Rotuma Government Station, Rotuma
Vunidawa	Vunidawa Government Station, Vunidawa
Keiyasi	Keiyasi Government Station, Keiyasi



Veivakadeitaki ko PM Bainimarama



VOSA NA LIULU NI MATANITU,
PARAIMINISITA VOREQE
BAINIMARAMA ENA VAKANANUMI NI
YABAKI 51 NI TU GALALA KEI VITI

NI bula vinaka. Me noda vata na marau ni Siga ni Tugalala kei Viti!

Ena matakā ni kua au a lotu kina kei ira na leweni mataivalu e wai ni oti vinaka e lima na vula ni lotu tiko ga e vale. Au maliwai ira na noqu itokani vakacakacaka, turaga, marama, ira na noqu itokani voleka, noqu itokani vou kei ira keimami sa veitokani makawa tiko mai, au sa marautaka dina.

Au marautaki keda tale ga vakalevu na lewenivanua e Viti eda veivuketaka na noda yacova mai na vanua eda yacova nikua, ira na Vuniwai, nasi, ira na Tabana ni Veitaqomaki, ira na draiva ni tolili kei ira na timi era veiwaseyaka na ivotavota ni kakana ni veivuke kei na veivuke ni iyaya ni sega ni cakacaka. Au marautaki kemuni tale ga vakalevu na lewenivanua taucocko e Viti, kemuni na lewenivanua oni digitaka mo ni taqomaki ena vakarautaki ni icula ni tataqomaki.

E sega nida rawata na dodonu ni noda lesu tale me da lai sokalou e Valenilotu, valenilotu ni Hindu (temples), valenilotu ni Musulomani (mosques) baleta nida vinakata se gadrevi vakalevu meda rawata. Eda rawata ena noda vosota ka muria na ivakaro. A sega ni a kudruvaki ena veigaunisala e Viti vei ira na lewenivanua era sega ni tokara na iubinigusu kei na ucu, mera saqata na vakatatabu mai na Tabacakacaka ni Bula. Eda sa lesu tale ina vanua se vale ni Sokalou, vanua ni cakacaka, vanua ni bisinisi, vei ira na noda itokani kei na lewenivuvale ena kena gaunisala dodonu: Ya, ni da dua vei ira na Matanitu e totolo na noda cula e vuravura. Sa dodonu meda marautaka ni da tiki ni ilakolako qo eda duavata ena loloma, vosota kei na dei.

Sa sivia ni 80 na pasede na lewenivanua e Viti era sa cula vakarua ka sivia e 96 na pasede era sa cula ena imatai ni cula. Ke dei na nomuni nanuma, eda a takete-taka meda yacova na iwiliwili ni 80 na pasede ena ika31 ni Okotova. Vei keda taucoko sara na lewenivanua, vinaka vakalevu na veiqravi vinaka. Eda sa rawata vakavinaka na noda takete ni vo vinaka e 3 na macawa na gauna yalataki. Nikua, na siga ni vakananumi ni tugalala kei Viti eda na marautaka vata kei na so na itukutuku marautaki eda na rawa ni vakinaka ni sa ikoya qori na irairai ni bula vei keda nida va-



E ra marautaka toka na gonalalai na soqo ni vakananumi ni Siga kei Viti ena yabaki 2020.

kanamata yani ena vula o Tiseba ni yabaki qo.

Vei kemuni na leweni noda vanua, n ibera nida tara yani na veiveisau qo, ena yaga me matata ni sega ni tiko ike meu mai tevuka na drotini ni qaqa ka vakadeitaki ni da sa rawata na 80.3 na pasede na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua era sa cula, ia se ra vo e lewelevu na lewenivanua e Viti e se vaktikina na nodra cula, kena ibalebale ni ra sa qai cula ga ena imatai ni cula, se sega ni taucoko na nodra taqomaki. Na noda sasaga, ya, meda vakadeitaka na nodra cula vakarua na lewenivanua taucocko e Viti. Vei kemuni na vica na udolu sebera ni oni cula – eso vei kemuni oni matataka mai na iwiliwili levu ena veitikotiko – sa dodonu meda sasagataka na nodra cula mevaka na inaki ni Matanitu.

Ena vakasama vata ya, eda na digitaki ira na qaqa ena veisisivi ni Win Together Sweepstakes, e 51,000 na dola na levu taucoko ni icocovi ka na wasei vei ratou e 10 na lewenivanua sa ratou cula oti vakarua se sa taucoko na nodratou taqomaki, me vakananuni kina na ika51 ni yabaki ni tugalala. Au a sa tukuna oti, na isau vinaka ni noda cula ya meda taqomaki ena icula ni tataqomaki mai na COVID-19. Ia, e taura na gauna na noda na cula vakarua, vei kemuni o ni sa digidigi vakamatau, e dodonu mo ni vakavinavinkataki ena Matanitu. Qori na veika eda na qarava. Au na vakananumi keda taucoko ena cicivaki ni veisisivi.

Na iyalojalo e tu qo e dakuqu ena vakaraitaka na naba me vaka na kena a vakayagataki taumada. Ena tabaki ga vakadua na kena bulukau, ena dikeva na yaca taucocko ni lewenivanua e Viti era sa cula oti vakarua era veisisivi mai. Ena iotioti ni gauna e digitaki ga e dua me nona na icocovi. Nikua ratou sa digitaki e 10. Ratou na ya 5,100 na dola.

Kevaka o sega ni raica na yacamu – kakua ni yalolailai. Se levu tiko na gauna o rawa ni qaqa kina. Sa navuci tiko me dua tale na veisisivi ena vula o Diseba ka ratou na le 10 na lewenivanua ratou na ciqoma e 2,500 na dola kei na 20 na gone mai na yabaki 12-17 sa taucoko na nodra cula era qaqa

ena 500 na dola dua na gone. Ena qai kacivaki na veika matailalai ni veisisivi qo ena gauna, ena veisisivitaki vakacava.

Au sa vakavinavinkataki kemuni taucoko na le 10 na qaqa, keitou na veitaratara yani me vakadewataki vei kemuni na itukutuku marautaki qo kevaka oni sega ni sarasara tiko mai.

Vei kemuni na lewelevi, e vaktokai na veisisivi ni cula qo me Win Together Sweepstakes baleta kevaka o sega ni dua vei ratou na qaqa ena veisisivi nikua- eda qaqa kece ena gauna eda sa cula kece kina vakarua. Eda sa duavata ena sasaga qo – me vaka e vakananumi keda kina na Peresitedi ni noda vanua ena nodra vosa ni vakananumi ni Siga ni Tugalala kei Viti (Fiji Day) – eda sa wasea vata na qaqa ena noda vakaitavi. Na noda icocovi kece na nodra bula vinaka na lewenivanua kei na noda sa rawa ni bulatata na noda bula ka rawa ilavo ena noda digidigi.

E mositi au niu kila ni so na lewenivanua era vakuai mai na veika eda vakawalena ena dua na gauna: na galala ni veitosoyaki ena noda vanua ka me da sota vakaveiwekani. Na galala me rawa ni o lai cakacaka ka rawa ilavo. Ena vuku ni vakatulewa eso me vaka na “sega ni o cula, sega ni o cakacaka”, sa rawa kina ni da marautaka tale eso na galala qo. Tini vakacaca na udolu na lewenivanua era sa rawa ni lesu ina bula era dau bulatata tu eliu, vei ira na cakacaka ena otela, valenikana, vanua ni gunu, kabani ni veivakasarasarataki, kabani ni buli yaya se kakana, draiva, volivitolaki ena tolo ni gaunisala se o ira era cicivaka ga vakai ira na nodra bisinisi.

Me tekivu nikua, na ika10 ni Okotova, 2021:

Na gauna ni vakatabui ni veilakoyaki sa na tekivu ena 11 na bogi me yacova na 4 na mataka lailai. Me vaka au sa vakaraitaka oti, veitalia na gauna e tekivu kina, na vakatabui ni veilakoyaki ena dodonu me na oti. Ni sa 90 na pasede era cula vakarua, sa na tekivu ena 12 na bogilevu me yacova na 4 na mataka na vakatabui ni veilakoyaki. Ni sa tiko na itukutuku ka vakaraitaka ni sega ni vakavu ririko ena noda vanua na

manumanu ni mate, sa na qai sega ni yalani na gauna ni veilakoyaki.

Voleka ni veibisinisi kece, vanua ni cakacaka kei na tolili ni veivakaleci vei ira na lewenivanua sa na rawa ni 80 na pasede na kena tawani vei ira na gone kei ira era sa cula vakarua. Ena vakuai kina na vanua ni gunu kei na vanua ni qito ena monalivaliva. Na veivanua qo era bisinisi e ririkotaki vakalevu baleta na ivakarau ni nodra dau vakasoqonivata kina na lewenivanua. Keitou na qai kacivaka tale ga yani na ivakaro eso me na qai taurivaki ena ika11 ni Noveba ka sa na rawa ni ra dola kina na veivanua qo vei ira era sa cula oti vakarua.

Na veivanua kece me na vayagatata na VAX-CHECK me vakadeitaki kina na nodra sa cula se sega ni cula o ira na lewena – e rawarawa ka sega ni saumi.

E vuqa ena noda vanua e tarovi tu na nodra suka lesu ina nodra veivale baleta na gagadre ni kena tarovi na dewa ni mate ina veiyanuyanu, au sa rui lomani ira vakalevu.

E ka ni marau meu kacivaka nikua kevaka o sa cula vakarua sa rawa ni o gole i Vanua Levu ena waqa se waqavuka ena dua na kabani e vakamuria na ivakaro ni tataqomaki mai na COVID – me vaka na Fiji Link. Ni bera ni o gole me na vakadeitaki ni sega ni o tauvi COVID ena Rapid COVID-19 Test. Ena gauna era yaco yani kina, ena kena gau-na totolo duadua e dodonu me ra korotini ga e vale me 7 na siga. Ia era sa na lai veisotari vakavuvala.

Ena dei tiko ga na ivakaro ni veitosoyaki ina vo ni veiyanuyanu ka na qai vakamadatiki na vaka-tatabu ni sa lewe levu era sa cula. Koya gona, au sa vakamasuti kemuni kina ena veiyanuyanu mo ni cula vakarua ena kena gauna totolo duadua.

Sa tuvai tiko me sega na korotini ena veitosoyaki kina veiyanuyanu ni sa na lewe levu era sa cula vakarua e Vanua Levu kei na veiyanuyanu. Me tekivu ena ika11 ni Noveba sa na vatarai na veitosoyaki wasoma ena veiyanuyanu kevaka – kevaka ga – e levu tale era sa na cula vakarua ena iwase-wase na Vualiku kei na veiyanuyanu.

Qo na ituvatuva au marau niu

mai kacivaka nikua ena siga kei Viti mevaka ni qo e bibi ina ca-vuikalawa ina noda duavata tale vakamatanitu.

E se dei tiko ga eso na vaka-tatabu ena gauna qo, keitou na vaqaqacotaka tiko ga na lawa ni kena daramaki na iubi ni ucu kei na gusu ena veivanua e soqovi vakalevu, ena lori era vodo kina na lewenivanua kei na veivanua e soqovi mevaka na makete, sitoa ni volivoli kei na ikelekele ni basika dei tiko ga na nodra na veitogitaki na ovisa ke o basulawa. Era na totogitaki se sogoti tale ga na Bisinisi ka ra sega ni vaqaqacotaka na lawa qo. Ena veivanua tale eso, e dei tiko ga na tokari ni ubiniuci kei na gusu. E vica na vanua ena sega ni gadrevi kina na tokari ni iubinigusu kei na ucu mevaka na taubale e bainiu, tereni, cici se vakaukauayago oka kina na vakatakakana e baravi kei na soqonivata e vale.

Au marautaka meu kacivaka nikua ni sa dola tale ga na kena qaravi na qito ena rakavi, netevelo, vutuvolo, basketball kei na kirikiti. Ena somate, vakamau, kei na siganisucu oka kina na veisoqo tale eso e sa na sega ni yalani na iwiliwili. Ena veisoqo e lomani-vale, sa rawa ni yacova na 80 na pasede na iwiliwili, ia mera cula kece vakarua. Au gadrevi meu ta-taunaka ni bibi na tokari ni iubinigusu kei na gusu ena veivanua era soqova vakalevu na lewenivanua.

Sa dola tale ga na raraniqito, ia mera na cula na dausarasara. Ke dabe veivolekati na lewenivanua, me tokari na iubinigusu kei na ucu.

Ena nodra cula qo na gone yabaki 15 ina 17, e solia tale ga na galala vei keitou mera lesu kina i vuli na luvuda ena Year 12 kei 13 me vakatekvu ena imatai ni Noveba. Ena kacivaka na Tabana ni Vulu na gauna me tekivu kina na vuli ena veikoroni-vuli tale eso, ia ena yaga meda solia na galala ina ilawalawa qo mevaka nira vakavakarau tiko ena Yuniveisti kei na vultara ena veikoroni-vuli ese mevaka ni tuvuka ni nodra sasaga. Au na gadrevi meu tataunaka vei kemuni na itubutubu ni gone yabaki 15,16 kei na 17 ni oni na raica mera sa cula taucoko na luvuda me rawa nira lesu tale i ko-



e na yabaki 51 ni tu gagala kei Viti

ronivuli.

Vei kemuni na leweiviti, qo e vaka na irogorogo ni sa suka lesu ina vanua galala mai na COVID o Viti. E sebera. Ke o railesu, ona rawa ni kila na cava na vuna. Ena 6 na vula sa ot, eda a sega ni tokara na iubinigusu kei na ucu ena veivanua eda lako kina. Eda raica tale ga ni levu na lewenivanua era osota tiko ga na veivanua eso oka kina na kena sega ni biu na careFIJI app ena talevoni. E toka voleka ga qo na matetaka, meda cakacakavata me rawa nida walia se ravuta me vaka na ivakasala ni Tabana ni Bula. Era ciqoma na veimatatanitu wili kina o Ositerelia, NiIusiladi kei Viti na rai oqo ni na tomani tiko ga na tete ni mate mevaka ga e dua na matetaka kilai levu e Viti, ia e sala ga ina bula se noda toso iliu na cula. Ena basika na kisi ni COVID-19 e Viti, meda namaka ni na rawa ni yaco. E veitaqomaki na icula- ni tubu cake na mate, ena sega soti ni bibi na kena revurevu. Na noda toso iliu, ena vakatautaki ena iwiliwili ni tauvimate bibi.

Mevaka au sa kaya ot, e vuqa era sebera ni cula e Viti, ya e wili-wili lailai ga. Na kena ikuri ga, se tiko ga na ituvatuva ena gauna qo mera cula na lueda me rawa nira taqomaki. Ena sega ni rawa meda vakusakusa kina bula galala kei na veika eda dau qarava ena veisiga. Meda dei ga ena maroroi ni lawa era sa tiko, kua nida vaktara de mani da coko tale kina. Me vaqaqacotaki tiko ga na daramaki ni iubinigusu kei na ucu ka maroroi tiko na veiyawaki kei na vakayagataki ni careFIJI app ena veituvatuva au sa kacivaka ot.

Au gadreva meu vakaraitaka yani ni na sega tale ni qai veisau na noqu itukutuku. Ni sa kila vina-ka ni dua ga na veisau eda donuya ena gauna qo - sa veisau na noda kila na mate, na iwalewale ni kena veidewavi, sala ni noda cakacakataki keda ina veitukutuku vovou, na veiveisau ni vakatatabu ka ya-vutaki ena gauna eda donua tiko.

Keitou namaka ni na veitaqomaki mai na mate na iwiliwili levu ni cula, ia ni keitou raica na bibi ni veidewavi ni mate mai na mataqali matetaka vou, sa vakatubura tiko na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua era curu e valenibula, keitou na biuta tale eso na vakatatabu vou. Sa dodonu meda moica na noda ivakarau ni bula me rawa nida lako sivita kina. Me kua na kavuru vata kei na veiwasei bilo ena gauna ni gunu yaqona. Me kua ni muri ga kevaka e tiko na ovisa se sega, se gauna ni veitaba. Me veisau sara ga na itovo ni noda rai, veisau na noda itovo, veisau na ivakarau ni noda cakava e dua na ka, vakabibi ni sega ni dua e rai tiko. Au sega ni rawa ni veisautaka na ivakarau ni noda tataqomaki mai na COVID, vaka kina na Komisina ni Ovisa se ira na nona vakailesilesi, se o Vunivola Tudei ni Tabacakacaka ni



Oira na lewenivanua ena soqo ni vakananumi ni Siga kei Viti ena yabaki 2020.

Bula. O kemuni sara ga.

E vinaka ena noda vanua kei na noda bula vakailavo na tataqomaki mai na COVID. Ni keitou via dolava tiko na iyalanicuruvanua. Keitou liaca nira na sega ni basika ga vakai ira. E dodonu meda dreti ira mai. Era dau taura vakabibi na nodra bula kei na isau na saravanua. Na ivakarau ni noda veiqomi - koya dau taleitaki tu ena veiyasai vuravura - sa na moici ka veisau me ganita na tiko bulabula, qo ena kena navuci tiko me vakatarai tale na curuvanua me vanua vinaka duadua ni saravanua kei na veitosoyaki e vuravura.

Ena dola rawa na iyalanicuruvanua me baleta na saravanua ena so na matanitu veiwekani, okati kina o Ositerelia, Niusiladi, Mereke, Bolatagane, UAE, Kenada, Qatar, Jamani, Spain, Varanise, Korea, Sigapoa, Switzerland, Japani kei na levu na matanitu ena wasa Pasika. Ia o ira na lako mai Viti mera siga 10 rawa ena dua vei ira na matanitu qo. Ena sega ni dei na veimatantu qo ka rawa ni kuri ena so tale na matanitu e lewelevu na lewena era sa cula ot, vakarua.

Sa na tiko na polisi ni sega na cula, sega na cakacaka. O ira na yabaki 18 se sivia era via lako e vanua tani mera cula vakarua ena dua vei iratou na wainimate na Pfizer, Mordena, Astrazeneca se na wainimate vou Johnson and Johnson. Ni bera na biubiu, me tauri ka vakadikivi nodra sabolo ni vo e 3 na siga ni biubiu na yabaki 12 se sivia. Mera qai vakaraitaka na ivakadinadina nira galala mai na mate. Mera uruca (download) na careFIJI app ina nodra talevoni nira yaco yani ena rara ni waqavuqa.

Nimataka, era na veisau me siga vitu na korotini vei ira sa cula vakarua mai na veimatantu qori, ena dikevi tale nodra sabolo nibera nira lakova na veitikotiko. Mai na ika11 ni Noveba, ena dola tale na iyalanicuruvanua vei ira na vanua veiwekani qo. Sa na sega na korotini e dau qaravi tiko mai. Sa na sosomitaka eso na ituvatuva duidui me baleti ira na saravanua, ira na vakaitikotiko e Viti kei ira na sikova na nodra itokani kei na wekadra. Meu cavuta mada yani na veituvatuva kece qo.

Me tekivu mai na ika11 ni Noveba, era na sega ni korotintaki na saravanua era gole mai na veimatantu digitaki. Qo nibera na kena dolavi raraba ena imatai ni Tiseba. Era na yaco mai Viti ka

gole vakadodonu sara ina otela, ni vakaraitaki oti ga na ivakadindina ni cula ka galala mai na mate ena macala ni sabolo a tauri ni vo e 72 na aua ni nodra yaco mai ena noda vanua.

Ena matai ni rua na siga e Viti, era na tiko ga ena nodra otela. Era na sega ni lokataki ena nodra rumu. E vakatarai mera vakayagataka na veiqaravi kece ni otela. Ena tauri na nodra sabolo ni ot e 48 na aua ni nodra yaco mai, qo ena solia vei ira na galala mera gade ina vanua e taqomaki vina-ka, era na vakasarasarataki ka veivuke ena nodra rawa ilavo na dauniveivakasarasarataki, era na volivoli ka kana ena valenikana. Sa tuvai tiko na iyala ni veivanua taqomaki qo. Ena vakarabaile-vutaki vei ira na saravanua mera marautaka na veika vinaka me baleti Viti, ia ena taqomaki vinaka ena vanua e lailai kina na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua era cula. Ena veisautaki na ituvatuva ni veivakatikitikitaki ena otela me 2 na siga ni sa tubu na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua era cula vakarua.

Na veiotela kei na dauniveivakasarasarataki e Viti e tavaki ira na saravanua mera na vakadonu vakaivola ena Care Fiji Commitment Certified mai vei iratou na COVID-19 Risk Management Taskforce - sega ni dua ena vakuai.

Na Care Fiji Commitment Certification e sa na ivakarau ni Tabana ni saravanua me taqomaki vinaka kina mai na COVID. Ena gadrevi mera sotava na itagede cecere ni vakacegu, bula kei na taqomaki vinaka.

-Na veiotela mera na vakadeitaka ni tiko kece na veika e gadrevi ena vanua ni veivakatikitikitaki kei na veiqaravi e valenibula me vaka na tauri sabolo, tauri vakawasoma na nodra sabolo na vakailesilesi kei na ituvatuva eso ke sa dikevi vakavuniwai ni dua e tauvimate mai na Covid.

-E okati kina na nodra na vakarautaka ka sauma ga na otela na tauri ni sabolo kece ni COVID-19.

-Mera vakacakakataki e dua na Mata ni Tiko bulabula (Wellness ambassadors) ka me qarava na yadravi ni veiwalewale eso e okati kina na nodra vakararamataki na vakailesilesi. Na veimata kece e dodonu mera na goleva na vuli e vakarautaka na Tabacakacaka ni Bula kei na Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

-Na iwalewale kece qo ena dik-evi ni bera ni vakadonui vakaivo-la ka me cakacakataki sara. Ena sogo na otela kei na kabani ni veivakasarasarataki e beca na iva-karo qo.

Sa gadrevi na nomuni veitokoni na tabana ni saravanua me ra qarauna ni sa dola na iyalanicuruvanua, me kua tale ni na sogo.

Era okati tale ga me vanua ni gade e taqomaki vinaka na veiyanuyanu, veitikotiko ena gaunisala na Kings, Taveuni, Kadavu kei na Vualiku. Ia, e tiko eso na vanua se lailai tiko kina na lewenivanua era sa cula. Ena vukudra, sa na vakatabui na gade ina veivanua qo. Kena ibalebale, era na sega ni gade yani kina na saravanua. Ena kaburaki yani ena veimacawa na mape ni veivanua eso qo. Ena sega ni vakatarai - saravanua se sega, meda cegu se volivoli mai na veitikotiko qo vakavo ke sa tubu na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua era cula. Ke oni vakaitikotiko ena veivanua qo, e dodonu moni cula ka mo ni tiki ni tuvatuva ni noda taqomaki vinaka mai na COVID.

Qo ena vukea na kena rawati na noda galala mai na mate - me baleti tiko ga na cakacaka, isau kei na veiwekani. Kua tale ni o waraka mo qai cula malua, mo taqomaki ka mo vukea na kena dola tale na veika ena noda vanua.

Vei kemuni na lewenivanua oni na lesu mai ena noda vanua kei kemuni na via gole mai vaka-gade vei ira na nomuni uvale kei na itokani, e sa veisau vakalailai na ituvatuva me na vakamuri. O ira na gole mai qo era vinaka mera tiko ena vanua e taqomaki. Ni ot e 3 na siga ena otela ena noda vanua, era na qai rawa ni veitosoyaki ena noda veitikotiko kevaka e sega ni laurai vei ira na COVID-19.

Vei ira na gole mai ena veimatantu eda sega ni okata mera sa taqomaki, mera na vakacavara na 10 na siga ena vanua ni korotini na sa cula vakarua, ena gauna era mai gade kina e Viti. Me na dikevi nira galala mai na COVID-19 ni bera nira gole ena veitikotiko.

Sa vakarau tu o Viti me keimami kidavaki kemuni na neimami itokani e Ositerelia, Niusiladi kei na kemuni na lewe ni veimatantu: E sa tu vakarau o Viti me kidavaki kemuni tale ena neimami vanua. Keimami sa vakadeitaka ni na qarauni na ririko eso me baleti na galala mai na korotini. E sa vakarau tu na waqavuka. Sa tu

vakarau na veirara ni waqavuka. Au sa raica mai na ituvatuva. E se wawa tu mai ena vula sa ot na Fiji Airways. Ratou se vakarau me ratou vukataki kemuni mai ena neimami vanua, ka tiko vei ratou na itataqomaki vinaka duadua ni COVID-19 ena waqavuka na SKYTRAX 5-Star kei na Diamond Certificate mai na Airline Passenger Experience Association se APEX. Era na vakadeitaki ena ruku ni ituvatuva ni "Care Fiji Commitment" na veiotela kei ira na dauveivakasarasarataki ena noda vanua. Sa dau taleitaki vakalevu na ivakarau ni noda veiqomi. Era na vuka mai ena Fiji Airways na imatai ni wasewase ni saravanua e tuvai me ra yaco mai ena noda vanua ena imatai ni Tiseba.

Mevaka ni se qaravi tiko eso veiveisau ena gauna qo, ena tu mada vakawawa na toso iliu ni gauna (Daylight Savings) ena yabaki qo. Ena vakamamadatata tale ga na dola ni veibisinisi ni veivukayaki kevaka meda kua ni kauwaitaka na veisau ni gauna ni yaco mai kei na gauna ni biubiu. E rawarawa ia ena gadrevi me vakaivolataki na veivukayaki ena noda vanua kei na vanua tani.

Qo e dua na rai rabailevu. Ni ot na itukutuku kaburaki qo, e ratou na qai vakamatalalaitaka na itukutuku ena saumi taro na Fiji Airways, Tourism Fiji, Matabose ni Otela kei na Saravanua, na Vuni-lawa, Minisita ni Bisinisi, Veivoli, Saravanua kei na Veilakoyaki kei na Vunivola Tudei ni Tabacakacaka ni Bula.

Ena nodra vosa na Turaga Pe-residi ni noda matanitu nikua, era tataunaka na vakanuinui. E vakaraitaka ni sa ot qo e rua na yabaki na noda vakanuinui ena veimatata vinaka, ka sega ni matata ena vuku ni matetaka. Meda kua ni yalolailai ena vakanuinui, nida sa rawata.

Nikua meda taura matua na veivosa oya ena noda vukea na vinaka ni noda veisiga nimataka; sa tuvai vakamatau na kena yaco mai. E sa na gadrevi na nomuni veivuke ena kena vakadeitaki na dola tale kei na vakailesilesi ni noda bulu vakailavo. E vakatautaki tiko kina na Bisinisi, vakabibi na noda vakamuria na ituvatuva ni tataqomaki.

Me kalougata na Siga kei Viti. Me vakalougataki keda na Kalou

Noda Viti

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Ena yabaki oqo na neimami sasaga me valuti na leqa tubukoso en abaci vakatovolei tale me vaka ni lutuka saratiko ga na sala ni cagilaba na neimami valuta tiko na ikarua ni ua ni mate taka na COVID-19.

Ni lako vata tiko kei na revurevu kei na vakacaca ni TC Harold kei na TC Asa kei Ana e sega dina ni rawarawa veikeimami na ono na vula sa oti ni veiqaravi.

Ko TC Asa kei TC Ana era vakila na 63,000 na uvale, ka vakavuna na vakacaca ka tiko na kena isau vakailavo ena \$500.

Oqo na vuna e bibi tiko kina na vakavakarau. Kevaka ni vakarautaka nomuni uvale, kei na wekamuni ena vukei keimami ena nodra vakabulai na bula kei na yau ka vakalailaitaka na bibi ni revurevu ena veivanua era sa vakila rawa tiko na dredre baleta nia a tarai ira na cagilaba e liu kei na revurevu ni COVID-19.

Minisita ni Leqa Tubukoso
Inia Seruiratu



Na Minisita ni leqa tubu koso ko Inia Seruiratu ena nona tavoca tiko na vakavakarau ni Matanitu me baleta na yabaki ni cagilaba kei na leqa tubu koso ena yabaki 2021-2022. iTABA: VAKARAUTAKI

VAKAVAKARAU NA TABANA NI LEQA TUBU KOSO

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

SA liutaka na Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management kei na Tabana ni Qaravi ni Leqa Tubukoso na Nona Jeke ni Cakacakataki ni Leqa Tubukoso

(EOCS), na iyaya kei na iyauqaqa ena va na iwasewase.

Ena gauna oqo e rauta ni 60 na% na ituvaki ni vakavakarau ka da na cakacaka tiko ena vula ka tarava me vakasotari na icavacava ni vanua e laurai me vakadeitaki kina ni da sa vakarautaki vakavinaka ki na Cava ni 2021-2022 Season.

E sa tavoca na siga Vukelulu na ika13 ni siga ni vula qo na Minisita ni Leqa Tubu Koso o Inia Seruiratu na vakavakarau ki na vula

i cagilaba e da sa vakanamata yani kina qo. Taudonuya qo na siga e dau vakananumi kina e vuravura na niota valuta na vakacaca e dau vu mai na leqa tubu koso.

E na dua na veitalanoa kei ira na dau vola tukutuku e kaya kina na turaga Miunisita ni sa vakacagau tiko mai na vakavakarau e na kena raici na tu vinaka ni vale ni vakaru, na sala ni veitaratara, na taqe ni wai kei na vei misini se yaya ni cakacaka e so e dua gadrevi e na

vula i cagilaba.

“Ni sa maucokona tiko mai na vakavakarau e sa dodonu tale ga me tauoko tiko na tukutuku e gole ki vei kemuni na lewe ni vanua, ka da tiko kina na matata nikua me mai tavoci na na i walewale ni soli tukutuku e so me vukea na nomuni vakavakarau na lewe ni vanua.”

Varaitaka na Minisita ni a taba e na dua na ripote me baleta na vakacaca ni leqa tubu koso e na

wase wase Vaka Asi kei na Pasi-vika e laurai kina ni sa lutu sara vaka levu na i wiliwili ni lewe ni vanua e rau dau vakaleqai mai na leqa tubu koso.

“E da sega ni vulagi ki na leqa tubu koso e Viti ka sa vuli vaka levu mai kina ka me da vakavakarau tiko ni na rawa me da na namaka e 5 na cagilaba e na noda vanua e na vula i cagilaba mai na Noveba 2021-kina vula ko Evereli 2022.”

Vakanadakui keda na gauna butobuto

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NA veigauna butobuto esa vakanadakui keda. Na balavu ni noqu veiliutaki ena sega ni lesu tale mai na veigauna vakakoya. Oqori na nodra mala ni vosa na liuliu ni matanitu Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena porokaramu ni *Nai Lalakai*.

“Na noda lomavata, na gagadre ni veikadeitaki kei na yalodei sa vakaukauwataki keda kina,” e kaya o koya.

Vakananumi ira na liuliu ni matanitu era sa bale ena gauna dredre era liutaka mai kina na noda matanitu me rawati kina na

tugala.

Eda vakananumi ira na vakaitavi ena kena rawataki na veivakatorocaketaki kei na tubu mai na gauna ni tugala me yacova mai nikua. “Nikua na Viti eda sa bulia e baleti kemuni kece. Oni uqeti keimami ena veisiga. Au vakila talega na kaukauwa ni nomu ni yalodei ena niu raica nomuni cakacaka.

E solia veiau na yalodei ena gauna au dau sikovi kemuni kina, kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama. “Ni solia veiau na yalo ni taleitaka na noqu cakacaka ka meda veitokoni taka na veiqaravi ni bulia caka edua na Viti vinaka me noda vata kei

ira na lewenivanua ena veigauna esa tu e matada.”

Vakaraitaka na liuliu ni matanitu ni keimami sa doka na neimami solibula vata me ulabaleta na veicalati ni dua na Viti vou, keimami a tara vata e dua na Viti sautu, keimami a cakava vata e dua na Viti sautu, ka keimami na tara vata na veisiga ni matata.

Kuria okoya nida nanumi ira era kauta mai na rarama ni kospeli ni Kalou ki Viti. “Sa vakakina, na noda kila na nodra cau bibi na matalotu tale eso mai Viti. Nikua, na lotu sa dua na duru yaga ni noda itikotiko raraba.”

“Eda nanumi ira era a vala ena buca ni evalu me ra vakayacora na veika a kaya o Ratu Sir Lala Sukina ni na kilai walega e vuravura o Viti ni sa dave na kena dra.

“Ni kua, eda tomania tikoga na itovo vakacerecerei oya ena buca ni veivakasau-raratiki me vaka ni da dautatato.”

“Eda nanumi ira era a cakacaka vakaukauwa me ra tara cake na noda bula vakailavo. A kaya ena dua na gauna na isevu ni veiliutaki e Viti, na qase nei Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, ni sa tara cake na bula vakailavo nei Viti ena nodra buno na noda dautei dovu. Ni kua, eda sa tu duavata ni da sa kilai kece ni da kai Viti.