



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Mahendra Reddy, Permanent Secretary for Waterways and Environment Joshua Wycliffe with Nabukadra villagers during the commissioning of the village seawall in Ra earlier this month. MORE DETAILS on PAGE 6. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

# EARTH AWARD

PRIME  
MINISTER  
BAINIMARAMA  
DEDICATES  
AWARD TO  
ALL FIJIANS,  
PACIFIC  
ISLANDER

MEREANI GONEDUA

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has dedicated the 2020 Champion of the

Earth Award to every Fijian and Pacific Islander.

The Fijian Head of Government was all smiles last week after he received the 2020 Champion of

the Earth Award.

The Earth Award is the United Nation’s highest environmental honour where it recognises outstanding leaders from govern-

ment, civil society and the private sector whose actions have a transformative impact on the environment.

Announcing the award, UN resi-

dent representative to Fiji Sanaka Samarasinha acknowledged PM

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Voreqe Bainimarama

One in five women have experienced sexual harassment in a workplace. One in three women in Fiji have experienced physical or sexual violence from a man who is not their partner. In 2019 alone, 10 women were killed by their intimate partners.

Voreqe Bainimarama  
Prime Minister

NUMBERS

**\$31,104**

is the total cost of the seawall project at Nabukadra Village where **33** families are now protected from the rise in sea level.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Frank Bainimarama @FijiPM

On behalf of all climate-vulnerable people, I am honoured to receive the 2020 Champion of the Earth Award. Let's be clear: This is not a trophy for something we have already achieved. We must continue the fight for the net-zero, climate-resilient future our children deserve.

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## Dr Waqainabete updates parliament on covid-19 safety measures

AZARIA FAREEN

THE tireless dedication and efforts of the front-line workers has been commended by the Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete.

In addressing the December sitting the Parliament, Minister Waqainabete said these workers include staff of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, Fiji Police Force, border agencies, tourism operators, Fiji Airways, Airport Fiji Limited and where "some of them would be celebrating Christmas in isolation and quarantine and this is a must so we can have a safe Christmas".

"There are eight quarantine facilities in Fiji and currently at the moment we have up to 500 individuals in these facilities," he said.

"We have tested more than 17,000 people and the Fiji Centre for Disease Control continues to operate day-to-day and testing and in some instances we do nearly 300 test a day."

"To be really sure that there is no community transmission of COVID-19, they do not only test those in the border quarantine facilities, they also test those who are in the frontline," he added.

Minister Waqainabete said they also randomly test those in the community who front up with fe-

ver and so far, there has been no community transmission and it has been eight months since Fiji's last community case.

"All the inbound passengers with medical conditions are communicated to the COVID-19 Response Unit and the specialists are engaged from day one to ensure that their conditions are managed well during their days of mandatory quarantine," he said.

"We know that there are now nearly 70 million cases globally and 1.6 million deaths recorded with the number of new cases globally continue to increase with almost one million new cases in two days. In the Pacific, we have

had nearly 23,000 cases with 240 new cases last week."

"As of November, 2020, there are over 200 candidate vaccines, many based on newer but unlicensed promising vaccine platform technologies which are in various stages of development, with over 40 vaccine candidates in human clinical trials," Dr Waqainabete said.

"The Fijian Government through the COVAX Facility has secured agreements for the supply of COVID-19 vaccines but due to the different characteristics and requirements of each vaccine they will still require specific programmatic requirements determining needs," he explained.



Minister for Health and Medical Services, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete with stakeholders at the launch of the Fiji Pharmaceutical Supply Chain reform project.

# New equipment to boost service delivery

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Ministry of Health and Medical Services has invested significantly in the purchasing of equipment to ensure that we are COVID-19 ready and clinical services delivery provides patients with the best experience.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Health and Medical Services, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, who noted the ministry has received about 50 purchased ventilators - 11 are now at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, nine in the Lautoka Hospital, five in the Labasa Hospital and one in the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF) Hospital.

"The RFMF GMMC (George Mate Medical Centre) Hospital has been converted into a five-bed intensive care unit specifically left aside for our frontliners, and in the event of them being sick they will be provided with intensive level care," Minister Waqainabete said.

"We have also managed to buy vital signs monitors, patient monitors, infusion pumps, syringe pumps and cardiac monitors which were distributed in phases in our health facilities."

"Through the support of our donor partners as World Health Organisation, we have also had five new bio safety cabinets and other equip-

ment, including the Zolls Ventilator through USAID support and also Airvos - about eight of them from the New Zealand Government."

"Through our tender processes in the last two months we have been able to receive our dental equipment, new dental chairs, autoclaves, ultrasonic scalers, major radiology equipment, floor mounted X-rays, digital-mounted X-rays, general ultrasound machines and portable digital X-rays," Dr Waqainabete said.

He added the ministry is about to receive 22 portable digital X-ray machines to replace the existing conventional X-rays in all the Sub-Divisional hospitals.

"We will do away with the wet film that will be no more and this will be taken with the digital format which would be available on the computer so that the doctors can view and actually take a picture in real time if they need to and send it over either by Viber or WhatsApp to the radiologist to be able to get a second opinion," he said.

"With the implementation of the medical supplies, the supply chain reform process that we are currently rolling out is a 15-month phase out plan which includes the installation of the new Warehouse Information Management System to health facilities around the country," he added.



Minister for Health Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete with Australia's High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes.



## Earth award

FROM PAGE 1

Bainimarama for the work he has done, especially his leadership in the fight against climate change and congratulated him for the award

Prime Minister Bainimarama said, “Let me begin by saying how deeply honoured I am to be the recipient of the 2020 Champion of the Earth Award. I’d like to thank the United Nations for this incredible recognition”.

“But as I stand here today to accept this Award, I do so not for myself, but on behalf of every Fijian, every Pacific Islander, and every person on Earth whose lives have been impacted, uprooted, and even lost to climate change.”

PM Bainimarama highlighted that over the past few years — starting with Fiji’s Presidency of COP23 — we have been among the world’s most vocal proponents for climate action.

“As your Prime Minister, I’ve had the privilege of amplifying your voices through speaking engagements throughout the world.

“All across the globe, political leaders, business executives, actors and advocates have heard the story of Pacific Islanders’ struggle for survival. And millions more ordinary, everyday citizens have had their eyes opened to the immediate, existential threat of a changing climate and rising seas.

He stated that because of this — Fijians have been agents of progress: ‘Real, meaningful progress that just might help save the world as we know it.’

PM Bainimarama acknowledged the UN for providing the platform for Fiji to be able to speak and be heard and through COP, and the many other engagements the UN hosts in its annual calendar, Fiji has been granted a platform ‘where we stood on equal footing — or even with greater prominence — than the world’s superpowers.

The PM also called on every Fijian to not lose sight of the ultimate goal and that is ‘Stopping global warming, and saving the planet.’

“So, to all of you here today, I ask that you continue to carry the torch of climate advocacy, and lead the world by example. No action is too small. As you leave today’s celebrations, look around you, and think like a climate champion.”

# PM calls on Fijians to take precautionary measures

NANISE NEIMILA

F IJ IANS around the country have been urged to prepare for heavy rain, damaging winds, coastal inundation and flooding across the country.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while delivering his message to all Fijians, urged for all communities to trim tree branches, clean drains, board up homes, prep emergency kits, and take other steps to keep their homes and communities safe.

“Team Fiji, let’s remember Cyclone Harold. At the last minute, it ramped up in strength and ended up being worse than predicted. Do not be caught off guard by this latest storm.”

“Know the location of your nearest evacuation centre. If you can, use “Find my EC” by texting “EC” to 132877 using viber, messenger or sms. Otherwise use the NDMO website or call 3319250.”

“As we see flooding throughout the country, Prime Minister Bainimarama urged all Fijians to stay out of floodwaters, especially children.

These waters are deadly, unpredictable, and can carry debris that can maim or kill.”

“We don’t want to see reports of young Fijian’s lives lost due to a lack of supervision.”

“While we are a day away from the storm’s arrival, I urge our fisherman: Please do not go out fishing - this is not the time to test your skills at sea.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama is now calling on all Fijians to listen to warnings and wait until you are given clearance to do so - no fish is worth the risk.



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum in Parliament last week.  
Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

## COVID-19 response home loans assistance bill 2020

AZARIA FAREEN

THE COVID-19 Response Home Loans Assistance Bill 2020 (Bill No. 43/2020) was moved under Standing Order 51, passed and enacted by the Parliament during the December sitting of the Parliament.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said businesses which provide hire purchase service such as Carpenters Finance, Tap-poo Group of Companies, Vinod Patel Home and Living, Courts Fiji, Vision Investments, Subrails Furniture had met with the Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF) and the banks to discuss issues on home loans.

“We have discovered that over \$100 million worth of provisioning actually have been done by the banks specifically into homes, and the logic behind this is that we do not want people to lose the roofs over their heads,” the A-G said.

“This Bill actually targets those people specifically with home mortgages and provides psychological security to people whose accounts are under these arrangements, which will continue to March 2021.”

“The Bill gives the ability to these members who currently do not have their ability to access their Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPf) accounts to do the Home mortgage repayments,” he added.

The A-G said the law also allows the RBF at the commencement of this Act to know exactly which accounts have these arrangements so that there is a lot of transparency involved to ensure that everyone’s rights are protected and no one trying to get a quick win through this.

“In order to ensure that the FNPf funds are not abused, this does not allow people to access the FNPf to do the repayment for hire purchase nor does it allow the people who have unsecured loans through the banks to access their FNPf funds,” the A-G highlighted.

“We do not want people to touch their preserved account for hire purchase purposes or for unsecured loans - we are only touching the preserved account because you have an asset to hold it against.”

“These accounts have already been on holiday for nine months (most of them) for the next three months and they will be having another holiday until March, and so far the banks have provided a holiday for borrowers with the total value being access of \$3 billion,” the A-G added.

He highlighted that the banks have written-off loans worth \$100 million in the past nine months but only for unsecured loans.

“The bank so far, as a matter of interest, this year has given new loans of \$1.7 billion and a lot may have been in the months of February or March but they have been lending too in the COVID-19 period,” the A-G added.

## Fishermen advised to keep updated on weather bulletin

THE Ministry of Fisheries has advised fisherfolk and licensed fishers around the country to refrain from traveling out to sea for the next few days and keep listening to updated weather bulletins.

Director Fisheries, Mere Lakeba said that fishers need to secure their assets like boats and engines as well as fishing gear.

Villages that were assisted with solar freezers are advised to remove solar panels from the rooftops and properly secure them in a safe place.

“This is a precautionary measure and we trust that the Fishermen’s associations in villages and communities will be able to work together to ensure that all assets are

properly stored away,” said Ms Lakeba.

“We are also advising tilapia, prawn and shrimp farmers to secure pond and feed stocks and prepare themselves in case flooding occurs. Private hatcheries to also take heed and take utmost care in securing assets and broodstocks. If possible, move broodstocks to more secure ponds or net and seal the pond bunds or undertake necessary measure to avoid loss of standing stocks.”

Fishers are advised to adhere to all public advisories by the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF), National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and the Fiji MET Office.

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# Fijians assisted in first home loan grant

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

THE Ministry of Housing and Community Development has been working towards increasing residential construction and by this the Ministry has taken on a wider responsibility to assist Fijians in this financial year.

This was highlighted in Parliament by line Minister, Premila Kumar in her response to the President's speech.

"The increase to \$30,000 in the First Home Grant for Fijians to construct their first home has seen many more Fijians convert their dreams into reality. A total of 260 applications have now been approved under the First Home/ First Land Grant Assistance Programme with a total pay-out in excess of \$3.7

million."

The assistance has also resulted in the increase in economic and business activity locally and has provided much needed employment to many Fijians. With this the Ministry is also working on upgrading informal settlements under the Upgrade of Informal Settlement Programme and over 450 households will soon receive their 99-year leases in Ledrusasa, Cuvu and Waidamudamu.

Minister Kumar also stated in Parliament that the biggest challenge being faced in service delivery is corruption because corrupt practices lead to a lack of confidence in the system and wastes public funds and the deteriorates efficiency.

"The housing sector is currently undergoing a complete review in its effort to achieve the

highest level of integrity in service delivery. The Housing Authority has undergone a special audit and a public inquiry. Findings from these investigations have highlighted the need to strengthen the legal and governance framework surrounding the housing sector."

"Our National Housing Policy Review is progressing well and the Ministry is currently undertaking public consultation on a new informal settlement lot allocation policy. The outcome of these efforts are to develop a new National Housing Act to address such issues and to ensure lots are fairly allocated to the most deserving," Minister Kumar said.

The Ministry has directed its entire effort in increasing Fiji's much needed economic recovery and the long-term wellbeing of Fijians.

## Another workplace survey in the new year

SONAM SAMI

THE Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations will conduct another workplace survey in the New Year on the continuing impact of COVID-19 in workplaces.

While speaking during the Parliament session the line Minister Parveen Kumar said this will enable them to monitor and ensure that they have relevant interventions to contain the impact of COVID-19 on employment.

The Minister added that this collaboration with the Ministry of Health will continue with workplace OHS awareness, inspections and audits to ensure the health and safety of the Fijian workers.

He said a nationwide workplace survey that was undertaken between May to June, 2020 was to determine the impact of COVID-19 at the workplace.

"I have in the past gone through these figures and in summary it showed that 43 percent of the total workers surveyed were affected out of the workplaces sample size."

He added that 53 percent of the affected workers are from the Western Division, 39 percent are from the Central Division and eight percent from the Northern Division.

Furthermore, the top five most affected industries were Wholesale & retail; Accommodation, food & tourism; Manufacturing; Construction, Transport and Storage industry.

He acknowledged the resilience and character displayed by many of these affected workers and employers in finding alternative livelihoods.

"We must maintain our discipline and leadership to safeguard the health and wellbeing of all Fijians," Minister Kumar said.

He also said a healthy and safe workplace is a more productive workplace.

Minister Kumar joined the chorus of appreciation for the frontline personnel at the borders, in hospitals and wherever deployed in conducting their roles with commitment and at times, risking their lives and that of their loved ones.

He commended the understanding and good faith relationship between employers and workers in resorting to practical means to minimise the negative impacts of COVID-19 and their support and understanding during the initial nationwide survey.

## Agricultural sector set to raise Fiji's national income

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Ministry of Agriculture continues with programmes to assist Fijian households concerning food and nutritional security and at the same time leveraging agricultural growth in the national interest.

This was highlighted by Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Mahendra Reddy, while speaking in Parliament in response to the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote's speech for the opening of the 2020-2021 parliamentary session.

Minister Reddy said Fiji will be able to raise national income as income of all those who participated in the agricultural growth process: the landowners and the resource owners; farmers and labourers; input suppliers; financiers and improve the livelihood of households in rural and maritime areas.

"I can assure this House that all is well on our way to assist with the economic recovery process as requested by the President. By closure collaboration with exporters and farmers, we are expanding commercial agriculture throughout Fiji."

"We are facilitating the formation of farmers' clusters and contracting them with exporters thus guaranteeing them with market and output price. We are providing these farmers with planning materials, land clearing and land preparation support."

"With this model the ministry has brought in thousands of hectares of new land under commercial agriculture. We have infiltrated



Minister for Agriculture, Waterways and Environment Mahendra Reddy, while speaking in Parliament in response to the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote's speech for the opening of the 2020-2021 parliamentary session. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

ed new areas for commercial agriculture, areas where people never thought that they too could participate and benefit from export earnings."

These areas include, Tailevu, Naitasiri, Kavanagasau, Nabitu, Serua, Nadarivatu, the remote villages in the heartlands of Viti Levu, Nadi, Lautoka, Ba, Tavua, Nawairuku area in Rakiraki, Udu Point/Qaranivai area, Wainikoro, Seaqaqa, Bua, Savusavu, Kadavu, Lau, Yasawa and Taveuni.

Minister Reddy highlighted that by bringing hope to these interior and maritime communities that they too can participate and benefit from a growing agriculture sector.

"I have said in a number of times that when the economy grows, when the agriculture

sector grows, then if you are able to get maximum people to participate in that growth process and the rewards from the growth will be spread to these maximum people like the landowners, the input suppliers, the labours, the households, farmers, et cetera.

"We ensure that the agriculture sector grows and expands and creates surplus; and alot of people participate in the growth process rather than one or two large giant commercial operators."

Meanwhile, through the partnership with the Fiji National Provident Fund, we are making these farmers members of the Fiji National Provident Fund. They too deserve to secure their retirement with pension.

"Our commercial agriculture

efforts are now bearing fruits. With Agricultural Marketing Authority (AMA) alone, we are now pumping back in the rural, interior and maritime regions a sum of \$350,000 every month. This is an increase of 88 percent, when compared to 2019 the amount that was pumped into rural and maritime area.

"In 2019, the sector contributed \$725.5 million to the National GDP with a growth rate of 5.7 percent, compared to 2018. So, a substantial real growth rate of 5.7 percent. This growth has been influenced by our key commodities such as yaqona, dalo, cassava, ginger which you will agree with me have been impacted by our continued successful research activities and policies.





# Every Fijian has a role to play: PM Bainimarama

FELIX LESINAIVALU

F IJIAN people placed their votes and their trust with this Government because they want strong, sensible and decisive leadership in good times and bad.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while speaking in Parliament last week, said Fijians wanted leadership whose energy was dedicated to them, the people, not to pettiness or party politics.

“Through this pandemic, that is the leadership we have supplied, that is the leadership that has kept

Fijians safe.”

“Ironically the proof is not in what happened, but in what did not happen - in lives that were not lost, in families that were not destroyed, in communities that were not wholly consumed by sickness.”

PM Bainimarama added that Fiji is succeeding, even when so many larger, wealthier and more developed nations are not.

“It is why we are a COVID-contained country for more than 240 days and why we have remained a COVID-contained country even as border quarantine cases have

emerged.”

“The fact is that, the system we have established to keep us safe, is doing its job, and the record that we, the Government and the people have achieved gives me great confidence that we can realise our ambition for this session of Parliament and we will strive to keep Fiji COVID-contained and trusting the same sign of based approach that have saved so many Fijian lives this year.”

PM Bainimarama further stated when it comes to keeping Fiji COVID-contained every Fijian has a role to play.

“We will rely on doctors, nurses and the members of our Discipline Forces to enforce our infection control protocols on our borders and we will rely on ordinary citizens to cement the changes that we have made in the ways we live our lives and to respect the health protection measures which remain in place, so as to keep us COVID ready at all times.”

“We should be proud of Fiji’s exceptional record in containing COVID-19 today, but I see that knowing fully well, the job is not done.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama

said knowing that Fijians have not been spared from suffering, the nation is still enduring the worse global economic recessions in the great depression.

“Fiji’s initial economic contraction now stands at just over 19 percent, still the single worse drop in our history. We should be grateful that we have our lives, but the task now before us is to fight for our people’s livelihoods.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama said Fijians must work hard if we are to bring the economy back from the brink.

## Govt continues to offer assistance despite pandemic

NANISE NEIMILA

MORE Fijians have now become reliant on financial support and the Government did not at any point forget or neglect the fact that the most vulnerable will be the worst affected.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa while speaking in Parliament last week.

Minister Vuniwaqa said at a time when incoming revenue is limited and cuts had to be made in every possible budget line, the allocation the Ministry received was a demand-based increase.

“COVID-19 outbreak in Fiji would have disproportionately affected women and girls, with women at increased risk of infection, intimate partner violence, job losses and vulnerable work if we had failed to contain the virus in the time that we did. Historically, climate change policies did not address differing ways in which climate change affected men and women.”

Minister Vuniwaqa adds that given existing gender inequalities and development gaps, climate change ultimately places a greater burden on women.

“Men and women are affected by climate change in different ways because of the societal and cultural roles and responsibilities expected of them by families and communities.”

“Understanding that climate change impacts men and women differently, it is necessary to ensure that we have gender sensitive climate policies that are informed by women and address the realities of women’s needs.”

She added the Government of Fiji, especially our Honourable Prime Minister, has given high priority to the global climate agenda and aims to continue the momentum for action since the entry into force of the Paris Agreement. At COP23 in 2017, we achieved new heights with the adoption of the Gender Action Plan.

Meanwhile, the line ministry has continued to offer Government assistance and this includes;

- Social Pension Scheme (SPS), which has been allocated over \$55 million targets the elderly of 65 years and over who have never received a pension or superannuation. At present, there are 45,000 recipients in the scheme and the number continues to increase exceeding projections.

- Poverty Benefit Scheme (PBS) which targets the poorest of the poor and has been allocated \$38.3 million. There are 25,000 families being assisted under this scheme at the moment.

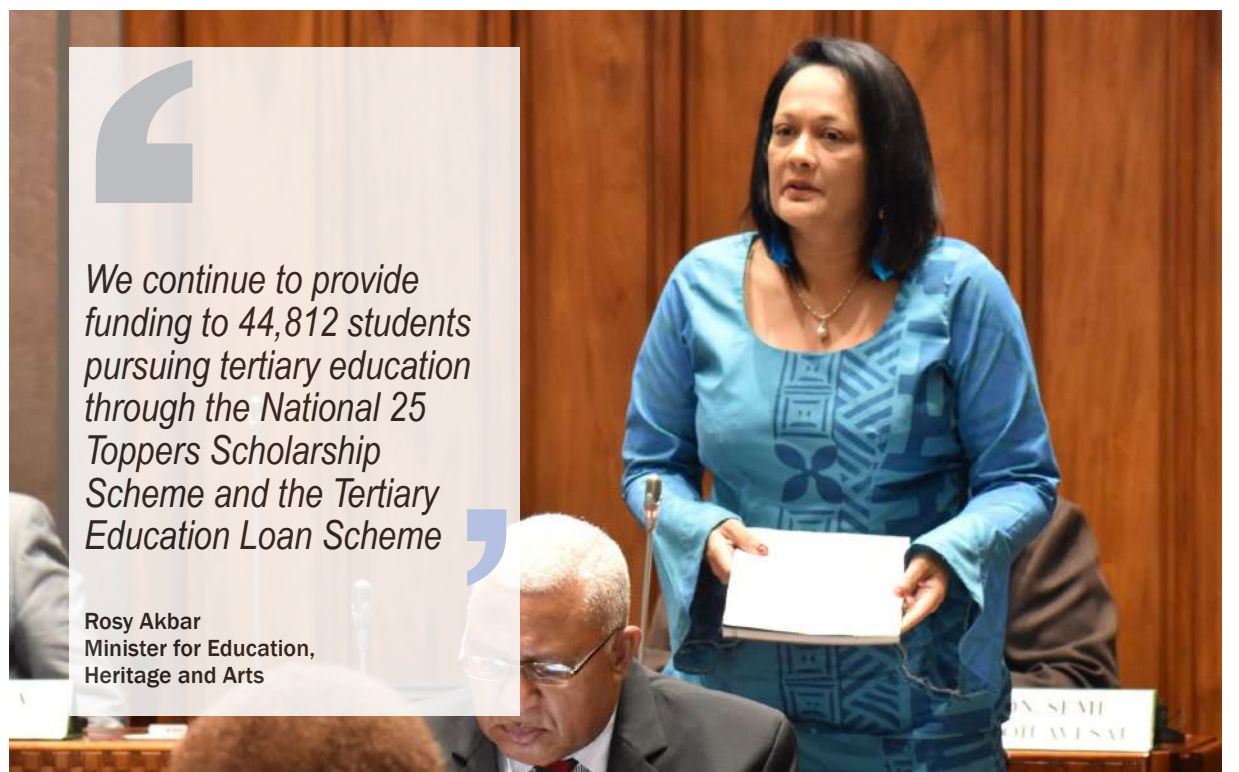
- Care and Protection Allowance (C&P) allocated \$12 million assists single parented children from poor households. Currently, there are 8,000 households being assisted under this programme.

- Bus Fare Concession (BFC) Programme currently assists over 52,000 elderly persons over 60 years old and persons with disabilities has been allocated \$6.5 million.

- Rural Pregnant Mothers Programme (RPMP) has assisted 3,279 rural pregnant mothers since the inception of the programme in 2014 and has been allocated \$1.2 million this year.

- Disability Allowance Scheme (DAS) which has been allocated \$9 million is given to a person with a functional disability. There are 8,000 recipients assisted under this scheme.

# ‘Students continue to be assisted’



Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar in Parliament last week. Photo: PARLIAMENT OF FIJI

*We continue to provide funding to 44,812 students pursuing tertiary education through the National 25 Toppers Scholarship Scheme and the Tertiary Education Loan Scheme*

Rosy Akbar  
Minister for Education,  
Heritage and Arts

AZARIA FAREEN

T HE 2020-2021 National Budget has enabled us to continue with the many great initiatives that directly benefit Fijian children from all backgrounds.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar in Parliament recently who noted that initiatives such as free tuition fees and free textbooks continue to ensure that thousands of Fijian children get an education.

“A total of 151,692 primary school students and a total of 64,019 secondary school students were assisted through Free Education in the last financial year alone and the subsidised bus fare further ensures that children from low-income families have the opportunity to reach school and back home on time,” Minister Akbar said.

“This financial year, a total of 70,801 students have been assisted through the subsidised bus fare and 32,927 students through the rural transport vouchers and despite the reduction

in our budget this financial year, we continue to assist 103,728 students through the Fijian Governments Student Subsidised Transport Assistance initiative.”

“We continue to provide funding to 44,812 students pursuing tertiary education through the National 25 Toppers Scholarship Scheme and the Tertiary Education Loan Scheme,” she added.

“The Fijian Government is mindful that families face even more hardships today due to COVID-19 and remains committed to providing free education, free textbooks, bus fare subsidisation and parents can rest assured that the Government is using budgeted allocations and managing funds wisely to fully benefit all students.”

“The Ministry is still the largest civil service employer, employing over 13,500 staff, out of which 13,192 are teachers - 1,422 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Teachers, 6,188 Primary School Teachers and 5,582 Secondary School Teachers,” Minister Akbar emphasized.

ter Akbar emphasized.

“We have plans to recruit 65 ECE Teachers, 90 Primary and 95 Secondary School Teachers this financial year, positions which were created through retirements, resignations, deaths, and migrations.”

Minister Akbar added that rehabilitation works for schools in Southern Lau and Kadavu will continue into the next school year and thanked the Embassy of Japan for coming on board for the Adopt a School program and donating close to \$3 million to assist in the reconstruction works of the destroyed buildings at Kadavu Provincial Secondary School, Vunisea Secondary School and Richmond Methodist High School.

“The Ministry of Infrastructure & Meteorological Services has already completed drawings for Cat 5 cyclone-resilient buildings and will be working closely with our Ministry officials to see that these projects are completed satisfactorily,” Minister Akbar added.





## One woman who experiences violence is one too many: PM

FELIX LESINAIVALU

**F**IJI will be the first Pacific island country and one of the only two countries globally, alongside Australia, to have a whole-of-government, whole-of-population, inclusive and fully funded evidence-based approach to developing a national action plan to prevent violence against all women and girls before it starts. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama recently highlighted this during the launch of the National Consultation for the Development of the National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against

All Women and Girls at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

“It pains me to say that two of every three women in Fiji have experienced physical or sexual violence from a male intimate partner in their lifetime.

“One in five women have experienced sexual harassment in a workplace. One in three women in Fiji have experienced physical or sexual violence from a man who is not their partner. In 2019 alone, 10 women were killed by their intimate partners,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama added that he was proud that it

was his Government in 2009 that brought into law the Domestic Violence Act, which for the first time laid a legal foundation that recognised gender-based violence as a very significant national problem.

“One woman who experiences violence is one too many. One child who experiences or witnesses violence is one too many. One person who thinks it is okay to assault a woman is one too many. One witness who turns a blind eye to such violence is one too many. One woman turned away when she asks for help is one too many. And one man who assaults a woman or a child and is not held

accountable and punished according to law for his crimes is one too many.”

PM Bainimarama thanked development partners, including the European Union, the Governments of Australia and New Zealand and UN Women for making of the initiative possible through the Pacific Partnership to End Violence against Women and Girls programme.

Minister for Health and Medical Services, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete said the doors of any health facilities around the country is open as a safe haven for women suffering from violence.



The late Taukei Sawaieke's casket at Viseisei Village church in Vuda, Lautoka.  
 Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

## Former PM laid to rest

FELIX LESINAIVALU

**T**HE late Ratu Tevita Mo-moedonu possessed an ability that few leaders hold, to perceive the future and prepare his fellow Fijians for both challenges and opportunities on the horizon.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while conveying the Fijian Government's eulogy during the funeral service of the late Taukei Sawaieke in Viseisei Village, Vuda, said Ratu Tevita Momoe-donu lived as an honourable man.

“He will forever be remembered as a strong leader with a good heart and with a relentless focus on the well-being of his people.”

“We are grateful for his 14 years of service as part of the iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) as well as his time as chairman of the Ba Provincial Council, the positions he held up until his passing. Even in his final days, he gave all he could give to his communities and his country.”

“The quality of the Taukei Sawaieke's leadership is seen through his legacy within the institutions he helped to run.”

PM Bainimarama added that during his time at the TLTB, the late Ratu Momoe-donu helped the Government secure the equal distribution of lease monies to all landowners, establish the present structure for land development and raise awareness among young people to encourage a culture of saving.

“The year 2000 was one of the toughest Fiji has ever known, our nation was marred in political and deadly violence, amid that crisis and confusion the nation urgently called on Ratu Tevita to serve this country,” PM Bainimarama said.

“The late president Ratu Josefa Iloilovatu Uluivuda appointed him as Prime Minister twice in May of 2000 and March of 2001 to assist with the transition of the Government and at both times he answered those calls not in the selfish pursuit of higher office but for the simple reason that his nation needed him.”

The late Ratu Tevita served as Fiji's fifth Prime Minister who served very briefly but assisted greatly with the transition of the Government.

His first term of office was on 27 May, 2000 and his second term was from 14 to 16 March, 2001.

# Villagers safe from rising sea-level



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Nabukadra Village headman Maika Vaciri and Government officials during the commissioning of the village seawall earlier this month.  
 Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

NANISE NEIMILA

**T**hirty-three families of Nabukadra village along the coast of Ra Province are now protected from the impact of sea level rise with the commissioning of their new \$31,104 seawall project earlier this month.

Village headman Maika Vaciri, in commending government assistance towards this project, said that for years villagers have had to ensure the effects of climate change, however, with the new seawall that are now safe.

“Our forefathers have had their fair share of trying to grapple with the rise in sea-level which continuously causes flooding in the village. Today we are a living testimony of having to adapt to climate change during Tropical Cyclone Winston. Our village was the worst hard-hit village in this province with the destruction of our old village seawall.”

However, with the assistance of the Government through the Ministry of Waterways, Mr

Vaciri added that they can boldly say that they are safe from the effects of climate change.

Building climate resilience for Fijian families living along coastal areas is one of the areas that the Fijian Government is hoping to address with the construction of seawalls to protect coastal villages from encroaching tides into the village boundaries.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while commissioning the seawall project, said no one in the community needs a lecture from him on the importance of climate action.

“As one of our nation's many low-lying communities, you are painfully familiar with the impact that the rising seas, stronger storms, and changing weather patterns have had on Fiji's development.”

“You have lived with the fear that everything you have built or dreamed of building could be washed away. You have suffered the anxiety of watching your old seawall be washed away, not knowing whether your children could safely call this community their home.

And that sense of urgency drove you to request that this new seawall be built.”

“You asked, and your Government answered. This new seawall we have built harnesses the great power of nature to build a buffer between your homes and the encroaching tides.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama added that this seawall is stronger than the old structure that was in place, which, sadly, was ill-suited to keeping this community's 33 families out of harm's way.

The Ministry of Waterway and Environment have employed the same model in many other coastal low-lying Fijian communities using boulders, vetiver grass and mangrove hedges to protect the soil from erosion and keep out the sea, particularly in times of severe weather.

With this mitigation plan in place, 33 families of Nabukadra village in the province of Ra are now safe from the rise in sea-level after Prime Minister Bainimarama commissioned the seawall project.





## Build resilience, PM urges all Fijians

RUPENI WAQAVONO

**F**IJIAN Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has called on every Fijian to adapt to climate change by building resilience.

Speaking at the Fiji's first-ever Climate-Induced Security Workshop at the Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort in Sigatoka recently, PM Bainimarama highlighted that Fiji is a relentless advocate for climate action.

"But even if tomorrow every nation committed to join us in achieving net-zero carbon emissions, the seas would not stop rising overnight, nor would the climate revert to its pre-industrial patterns."

"The science tells us, because of the carbon humanity has already emitted, climate impacts would still become far more severe before they ever abated," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

He added that the world would still have to reckon with a crisis of climate migration, climate-driven conflict fueled by competition for competing resources, and the heavy economic costs of climatic disasters. We must deal with the world as it is and as it will be.

"That is why we must adapt by building resilience. Not only at the Government level, but as a society. Every business, every civil society organisation, and every Fijian must understand these issues and know their role in confronting them."

Prime Minister Bainimarama stressed that climate change is a national security threat number one for Fiji and building climate resilience is complex and urgent of an issue as they come.

"It not only looks at rising sea level, population displacement and more consistent and extreme weather events, but also must consider the many less-apparent, indirect impacts of climate change, like its potential to unravel recent progress of our nation's water, food and health security. These lasting repercussions, both direct and indirect, will be disastrous for Fiji if plans and strategies are not put in place to respond to them."

PM Bainimarama further stressed that the world looks to Fiji as a climate champion because we were the first country to ratify the Paris Agreement.

"We have to step-up the pressure on the high-emitting countries of the world to commit to achieving net-zero emissions. Now, more than ever is the time for real and meaningful action before it is too late. For too many Fijians, this enemy is existential."

He also called on the participants at the workshop to commit to collaboration, and to look beyond their normal, everyday bubbles for perspective on how they can cultivate a more climate-secure Fiji.

"No one workshop, let alone one person, can possibly hold all the answers when it comes to an issue so complex — one that is simultaneously so collective, yet so personal. Climate change threatens us all, and we must work together to respond to this greatest of tests to our national security."

# Carbon trading on a global scale: A-G

MEREANI GONEDUA

**T**HE Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has revealed that the Climate Change Bill which is now out for public consultation will enable landowners and other Fijians to trade carbon on a global scale.

Speaking at the "Paris+5 – Sprint to Glasgow" high level panel discussion on the margins of UN75 Community Day at Prince Charles Park recently, the A-G highlighted that when the Climate Change Bill becomes an Act of Parliament, Fiji will be able to trade in carbon because there are enormous potentials to be capitalised on due to its low carbon footprints.

"Article 6 of the Paris Agreement referenc-

es to the issue of carbon trading and essentially in a nutshell, means that those people who actually aren't emitting as much carbon have the ability to be able to capitalise on that from those who are emitting more.

"In Fiji's case once the Climate Change Bill becomes an Act of parliament, we will be able to trade in carbon and there will actually be a national register and what it does it gives property rights of resource owners."

"Many people in Fiji, many lawyers, investors and others have not actually been in tune to the idea, the enormous potential to be able to capitalise on our low carbon footprint. The fact that we have such a good brand – we have a Prime Minister that is well recognised and that Fiji actually conjures up very positive images, positive ide-

as in respect of climate change."

The A-G stated that the second aspect of Fiji's fight against climate change was recently announced in Parliament which was the banning of Polystyrene which is commonly known as Styrofoam.

He explained that the need to leverage on and expand our blue economy as the health of the Oceans is crucial for a sustainable future and that the banning of polystyrene will enable our Oceans to be healthy.

The A-G also highlighted on the need to focus on nature-based solutions to build resilience and the need for concessional and cost-effective finance to achieve our climate ambitions as anything else will compromise our Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Ministry of Economy permanent secretary, Makereta Konrote (seated second from left), during the launch of the draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Fijian Government's Planned Relocation Guidelines. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

## Draft SOPs launched to ensure successful rebuilding of livelihoods

FELIX LESINAIVALU

**A** DRAFT Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Fijian Government's Planned Relocation Guidelines after multi-stakeholder consultation has been produced.

During the soft launch of the document, Ministry of Economy permanent secretary, Makereta Konrote said relocating a community is more than just moving a group of homes.

Ms Konrote said relocation is about rebuilding lives and guaranteeing that affected communities are able to successfully rebuild livelihoods in the new location.

"We know that a number of adaptation measures are being actively implemented, the more common ones include construction of seawalls and mangrove replanting."

"But planned relocation is a relatively new approach to climate change adaptation and Fiji is a leader in the region in this space. That said, it is a complex, sensitive and costly process," she said.

Ms Konrote added that it is not just the financial considerations but the human aspects that make relocation complex and especially so in our Pacific context where culture, connection to ancestral lands and fishing grounds are invaluable, which naturally makes relocation the option of last resort.

She further added that for Government, this means they need to ensure that they



Ministry of Economy permanent secretary, Makereta Konrote holds a draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Fijian Government's Planned Relocation Guidelines. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

provide these opportunities including access to essential services.

"And all of this work, requires detailed and coordinated planning between government agencies and stakeholders and, at the centre of all the coordination and planning work must be the needs and voice of the affected community."

"Their participation in the process from end to end is a crucial determinant of how successful we are at this new adaptation measure."

Fiji's Planned Relocation Guidelines that was launched at COP24 two years ago, sets out the pillars and principles that will guide

the relocation process at each stage.

It provides a blueprint for the participation of communities in the process, ensures coordination between the various agencies, sensitises the process along the lines of gender, and takes into account how minority groups are to be included in the process.

Ms Konrote stated that the milestone has been made possible through the support of the New Zealand and the German Governments who are key partners in many of Fiji's national initiatives on climate change and she looks forward to continuing the collaboration in the important area of human mobility.





## Art transcend boundaries of class, religion or political ideology: PM

Art is an extraordinary thing. It touches us at an emotional level. It can inspire us, anger us, make us laugh or cry. It can challenge us to see the world in new ways. It has the power to change minds and hearts. It can rise up as the voice of a people in a way that no political leader can rival."

This was highlighted by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama while officiating as chief guest at the "Mana Voyage in Darkness" concert held at the Civic Auditorium in Suva. Prime Minister Bainimarama said art can come to symbolize an era and bring

back memories both fond and sad. It can express profound feelings when mere words fail us. It can transcend boundaries of class, religion or political ideology. "I am grateful to the people behind the art initiative that we know as "I See Love In Your Eyes" for recognizing and nurturing the potential of our visually impaired citizens to produce art."

Prime Minister Bainimarama added this concert will directly support the "I See Love In Your Eyes" arts initiative, which means it will directly support those children. Photos: NANISE NEIMILA



## PM receives 2020 Champion of the Earth Award

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has been awarded the 2020 Champion of the Earth Award. Acknowledging the award at the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations - UN Community Day at Prince Charles Park in Nadi, PM Bainimarama highlighted that the award is for every Fijian and every Pacific islander. "Let me begin by saying how deeply honored I am to be the recipient of the 2020 Champion of the Earth Award. I'd like to thank the United Nations for this incredible recognition. But as I stand

here today to accept this Award, I do so not for myself, but on behalf of every #Fijian, every Pacific Islander, and every person on Earth whose lives have been impacted, uprooted, and even lost to climate change." PM Bainimarama highlighted that over the past few years -- starting with Fiji's Presidency of COP23 -- we have been among the world's most vocal proponents for climate action. "As your Prime Minister, I've had the privilege of amplifying your voices through speaking engagements throughout the world. Photos: MEREANI GONEDUA





# Govt commended for continuous assistance



Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar.

RUPENI WAQAVONO

SENIOR citizens in Nadi have commended the Fijian Government for its continuous assistance especially in providing grants to enable them to celebrate prestigious events.

This is after elderly people of the Senior Citizen Charitable Trust of Nadi celebrated Diwali where they invited the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar to attend and celebrate with them one such festivity.

Senior Citizen Charitable Trust of Nadi president Krishan Murthi highlighted that they celebrate all festivals in their calendar and now they are planning for a similar get together for Christmas

“We thank the Fijian Government for giving

us grants and provide us with a platform to meet once in a month for our social gathering and also to celebrate festivals like Diwali.”

He highlighted that during this celebrations, senior citizens are able to enjoy themselves as it also boosts their health.

Minister Kumar while speaking at the event highlighted that festivals and celebrations play a pivotal role in nation-building by bringing together people from religious, economic and social backgrounds.

She highlighted that festival like Diwali help everyone stay connected to their roots, culture, values and origin.

“We are blessed in Fiji that we enjoy religious freedom and tolerance. Our Fijian constitution guarantees every Fijian the right to practice their religion freely without any discrimination.”

“Because of our religious freedom, we are cel-

ebrating Diwali in our homes and in public. Diwali has become a global festival celebrated all over the world with great significance to Hindus and Sikhs,” she said.

“Diwali, in essence, is celebrated to kindle the light of wisdom in every heart, the light of life in every home and brings a smile on every face.”

Minister Kumar acknowledged the Senior Citizen Charitable Trust committee for bringing its members together to celebrate Diwali.

“This is a commendable effort and it is through such gatherings that community spirit is kept high, despite COVID 19. It is very heartening to see people of different communities and faiths coming together in unison.”

She also added that the Fijian Government is committed to ensuring that our elders in this country are treated with respect and care.

## New market stall fees for Tavua soon

MEREANI GONEDUA

MARKET vendors in Tavua will next year pay \$1 for market stall fees compared to the 75 cents they have been paying for the past 20 years.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar during a meeting with Tavua market vendors recently at the Tavua Town Council office.

Minister Kumar, while responding to vendors after various requests for new developments in the market, said the 25 cents increase would at least ensure that their requests could be accommodated.

“We intend to increase your stall fees to \$1 after 20 years.

“I have to look at the operation of the market and if we increase it to \$1 then we would be able to provide you with better facilities.”

Minister Kumar highlighted that there are plans in place to build a new market, however, if vendors agree to the increase then issues for new developments in the old market can be accommodated.

Vendors had raised issues on the need for a shelter for casual farmers travelling to sell their produce including a doorway for customers’ accessibility.

The other issue raised was on those who tend to sell on footpaths and in response Minister Kumar said this was illegal.

“Selling on footpaths is not allowed and I urge all of you selling on footpaths to stop doing this and come inside the market and sell.”

She stated that they would now take into consideration the number of stall allocation given to each vendor so they can have enough space for everyone to sell inside.

Meanwhile, council chief executive officer Sailosi Sawana has assured that the council would be looking into all this issue as soon as possible.

## Lotawa leaves family behind to pursue dream

RUPENI WAQAVONO

LIFE will not be easy for Jone Lotawa who will be leaving behind his family to pursue a dream he once had and that is to work in overseas.

The 43-year-old man from Vitogo, Lautoka, was part of the 172 Fijians who had recently left the country for Australia to work under the Pacific Labour Scheme.

Mr Lotawa with his fellow Fijians will be engaged with PLS employer - Regional Workforce Management (RWM) to work for three years in the meatworks industry in various parts of Australia.

“This is a big sacrifice for me and my family as this would be the first time, I am leaving to travel for such a long period of time.

“However, I have always dreamt to work overseas and this is my opportunity to earn and support my family who will be staying behind in Fiji.

“I heard about this scheme from a friend and I decided to apply and see how it goes. I never dreamt that it would take me this far however I am thankful to those that have believed in me especially the Fijian Government for providing us with such great opportunities.”

Mr Lotawa said the money earned from his work would assist his family a lot especially in the running of our day to day household expenses.

“I will miss my family however as parents we also need to make sacrifices in order to have a better life for our children.

Meanwhile, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum who was at the airport to farewell them stated that the trip is a historical one given the current circumstances that the world is facing.

“It is critically important for you



Jone Lotawa, 43, (seated right) with Mereoni Ratumaiyale and Lusiana Ratu.  
 Photo: RUPENI WAQAVONO

to understand that you are going under a not very normal certain

circumstance.

“In the same way there are certain

protocols you will have to follow while in Australia and I urge you to follow them.”

The A-G acknowledged that the Australian Government for its continuous assistance including the various stakeholders involved in the scheme.

The PLS employer, RWM have employed a total of 193 Fijians to date in the meatworks industry in various locations around rural Australia.

The 172 Fijians who had recently left the country for Australia to work under the Pacific Labour Scheme.  
 Photo: SUPPLIED





Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Australia's High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes and New Zealand's High Commissioner to Fiji, Jonathan Curr with participants during the 22nd Attorney-General's Conference at the Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

# Conference focus on 'new normal' issues

PRASHILA DEVI

THE 22nd Attorney-General's Conference focused on topical issues emanating out of the "the new normal" brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. In his remarks at the opening of the two-day conference, Australia's High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes touched upon various changes taking place globally which both Australia and Fiji have had to get in line with. "Not since World War II have we seen the level of global, economic and strategic uncertainty being experienced. We have moved into a new and less benign era," Mr Feakes said. However, he pointed out that amongst these uncertainties, it is important to acknowledge that the big powers are not the only actors of consequence and "the rest of the world are not

just bystanders".

Mr Feakes said there were many unique scenarios that have come out of the pandemic and Australia wants a rule based process for the resolution of disputes. "In the current environment, multilateral organisations - the guardians of the rules-based order - are more important than ever," he said. "Our commitment to multilateral systems is something we share with Fiji. Your country has a proud record of punching above its weight in the United Nations along with your global advocacy on climate change and oceans." On investments, Mr Feakes said while Australia has been navigating its way through the challenges, he was happy to see that Fiji is currently reviewing its investment laws. In line with this, he emphasised the important

role cybersecurity played as the opportunities available by going digital is huge. "The Government's Digital Fiji initiative is making it easier for companies to register, easier for citizens to access Fiji's laws and regulations, and easier for parents to register their newborn babies." Mr Feakes cautioned, however, that the internet if left unchecked, can lead to criminal use that threatens to undermine the economic opportunity offered. The first session of the conference focused on "Contractual Performance and COVID-19" that saw a few speakers participating virtually from Australia and New Zealand. The other two sessions focussed on climate change- the carbon market and climate-induced inundation.

## Lawyers urged to look at new areas

PRASHILA DEVI

FIJIAN lawyers have been encouraged to turn their attention to the rapidly developing concerns emanating out of issues like climate change and COVID-19. In closing the two-day 22nd Attorney-General's Conference, the A-G, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said currently, quite often, cases pertaining to such emerging concerns have been dominated by one or two law firms while others have steered clear of it. The A-G also told the lawyers that the Government will be bringing to Parliament three new bills in the next Parliament sitting to address some of these issues including a bill that formalizes the financial relief being extended to Fijians who have lost their jobs due to COVID 19.

"I think many practitioners in the private sector, in the private practice are losing out potentially in a lot of work because they're simply not giving enough time to understand each of the new and very rapid areas of development in law," he said. As a consequence of the job losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many Fijians were not able to meet loan repayments or payments to hire purchase companies.

The A-G said once COVID-19 started affecting Fijians, the Government very quickly had meetings with a number of providers banks and hire purchase companies to ensure cooperation and collaboration, to defer principal payments, in some cases defer interest payments. "And as has been the case that there was an agreement, not in writing but the general agreement. A gentlemen or gentlemen's agreement that this would continue till the end of December, which is coming to end in a few weeks' time."

Another topic discussed during the conference was copyright and consequently, Fiji is in the process of updating some of the archaic laws dealing with this.

"I don't know how many of you actually know but our current Trade-mark's Act goes back to the Trade-marks Act of 1933, our Patent's Act, current patents act that is relevant to Fiji goes back to 1879 and our designs act goes into what we call the UK designs Protection Act, 1937." "Now you'd be glad to know that these three bills actually be tabled in Parliament next week for the committee to actually review." A major area of development, legally and financially, was climate change. The A-G said they might have heard about carbon trading from the speakers, carbon trading actually will mean that there's going to be property rights. Speaking of carbon trading, he said a lot of people when they think about carbon trading, they are actually only thinking about terrestrial carbon trading which is forest up in the hill somewhere when in fact, there's also blue carbon mangroves, sea grasses and so on.

## Pacific reacted well to pandemic: Curr

PRASHILA DEVI

THE scenario emerging out of COVID-19 pandemic has been a nightmare not just from the healthcare perspective but for policy makers and lawyers. Speaking at the 22nd Attorney-General's Conference at the Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa, New Zealand's High Commissioner to Fiji, Jonathan Curr tried to put into perspective what the leaders have had to weave through during this pandemic in devising policies, getting it implemented and the role that lawyers perform. "In Australia and the other parts of the Pacific, we have managed to get it right and a lot of that is due to right leadership, the right advice and time, the geography and we had the good fortune to learn from others," Mr Curr said during his after dinner speech. "I would like to attribute this to all

of us to some extent, in following the lead of the Government, complying with the rules and laws handed down to deal with the pandemic, providing sound advice to employers and caring for our brothers in society," he added. In retrospect, Mr Curr said, many more developed countries did not react well to the pandemic and there was a lot of confusion "whether to lockdown or not to lockdown, whether to wear mask or not and allowing major sporting events to go ahead". He also highlighted the importance of lawyers in multilateral diplomacy as the need to ensure whether international conventions are legally binding, whether it is consistent with other international obligations and help with the interpretation. Similarly, Mr Curr explained, policy makers including politicians have relied on advice from, amongst others, lawyers on decisions made to look after the welfare of citizens.



New Zealand's High Commissioner to Fiji, Jonathan Curr at the Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA





# Get tested, do not be afraid



FELIX LESINAIVALU

**M**EN should not shy away from a check-up with the doctor if they feel they have symptoms of prostate cancer.

The Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, during the Movember event held last month to create awareness on Prostate Cancer at the Colonial War Memorial (CWM) Hospital, encouraged Fijians to get tested for prostate cancer.

“A lot of men feel embarrassed to talk (about prostate cancer), even to their spouses, to their children or family members, even their parents because it’s seen as something and it’s not a very manly thing to do. Please get over it, we need to be able to talk about it. It’s not just about men coming out

it’s also about women who need to be able to understand what they’re going through.”

The A-G said Fijians need to get away from this kind of mentality because it essentially affects their daily lives and health.

With the theme, “Man Up, Get Tested”, the Movember event had four speakers who are prostate and testicular cancer patients

talk about their experiences and emphasised the same message as the A-G to not be afraid and to get tested.

Ligo Reece, Yohan Gabriel and William Page spoke of their experience with prostate cancer while Amitesh Narayan spoke about his experience with testicular cancer.

“Be bold, get tested or be ashamed and be dead,” Mr Narayan said.

All four survivors were thankful for the care from the medical professionals at CWM Hospital who assisted them through the disease.

CWM Hospital Oncology Unit Representative Dr Akaash Prasad has urged men to get tested, as prostate cancer can be treated if diagnosed early

Dr Prasad said recent statistics show that prostate cancer deaths

have overtaken breast cancer deaths.

“In Fiji last year we had 41 cases of prostate cancer diagnosed throughout the country. This year three weeks ago we had 45 and now we are approaching 60.”

He said prostate cancer mostly affects men above the age of 50 and testicular cancer affects those between the ages of 15 and 35.

Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during the Movember event held last month to create awareness on Prostate Cancer at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, (CWMH),

## A-G opens new FRCS Nadi office

RUPENI WAQAVONO

“THE shift from Fiji Revenue Custom Authority to Services holds to the notion that FRCS is not some authority sitting on top but is there as a partner to its customers, and to its clients.”

These were the sentiments expressed by the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum at the opening of the new FRCS office in Nadi.

The A-G explained that all taxpayers of Fiji are actually the clients of FRCS and not somebody they should talk down to but actually see them in a collaborative partnership.

He also highlighted that FRCS needs to be creative and efficient in announcing policy initiatives whether it is to do with facilitating investment or tax incentives, the speed and efficiency they need to bring along is very critical in a depressed investment environment.

“If FRCS does not respond quickly, you will get rid of any confidence that is lingering there. We need to all play our part in this environment, not only customers but staff of FRCS themselves to be able reengineer themselves to be cognizant of what’s happening around them.”

“The reality of the matter is if we don’t play by the new norm, if we don’t lift up the game, if we don’t lift up the right efficiency, selecting people on merit- all these are fundamentals that are critically important to bring back confidence.”

The A-G added that any organisation should not be judged by bricks and mortar but by the type of services it provides through its people, through technology it adopts and the speed in which response to the customer and clients.

“We want to ensure that though FRCS will provide a new and improved level of services to you, we would also like to see all our business, our taxpayers as our partners.

“Please feel free to lodge any complaints with us, we need to collaborate and work in the new norm.”



From left: European Union Ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific Sujiro Seam, Acting Australian High Commissioner to Fiji Anna Dorney, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, Deputy Director General, Pacific Community, Dr Audrey Aumua and G.I.Z. Director, Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Programme Dr Wulf Killmann during the opening of the wrap-up event of three GIZ assisted programmes. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

## Climate adaptation commitment now sits at the heart of national planning, says PM

FELIX LESINAIVALU

**O**VER the past decade, the manner in which the Fijian Government has co-ordinated its response to the climate crisis has evolved.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, during the opening of the wrap-up event of three German Development Agency (GIZ) assisted programmes in Fiji held in Suva recently, said the event was to officially mark the completion of three critical climate-related programmes that have been carried out over the last 10 years.

“Out of life-or-death necessity, our commitment to climate adaptation now sits at the heart of our national planning, through our Climate Change Division in the Ministry of

Economy,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

“As we look to the future of our co-operation, this division will serve as the focal point for our work with our development partners in the climate arena, including our work with GIZ, and we are optimistic that German co-operation in the region and in Fiji will not only remain but strengthened.”

PM Bainimarama added that the friendship between Germany and the people of the Pacific is a proud one that spans more than 40 years and GIZ has built strong bonds by working side by side with Fiji to improve the quality of life for our people, develop our economies and protect our precious environment.

“Many of the same great consequences that have come to light dur-

ing the pandemic are consequences of a changed climate, and specifically, to an ocean under siege. Loss of life, destruction of livelihoods, and economic devastation are shared scars of our health and oceans crises.”

“But in many ways — and as hard as it is to see this now — the global oceanic emergency we face is even worse than COVID-19. Because while pandemics of this scale or larger have come and gone, usually about once every century, climate change and the degradation of the ocean is causing damage that cannot be undone.”

The Head of Government said the oceans simply cannot be cured with a shot in the arm; the seas that we pass to our children and grandchildren are at risk of damage beyond repair.



## New Govt station boosts service

NANISE NEIMILA

**F**IJIANS living in the district of Kavala in Kadavu will no longer have to travel to Vunisea or even Suva to access government services following the opening of the \$1.2million Government Station.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama commissioned the Kavala Government station which is an investment that will provide for the people of Kadavu to access services like birth registration, marriage registration and services offered by Justice of the Peace for witnessing documents.

Nakasaleka district representative Taito Misikini acknowledged the Government's commitment towards the construction of this new government station in Kavala.

"For years we have had to travel to Vunisea or Suva to access these services, we would spend so much money. I would like to thank the Government of the day for their vision in ensuring that Fijians living in the rural-maritime islands access the same services as those living in the urban centres."

While officiating at the opening of the new Kavala government station, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said this bold decision to construct the Kavala government station was not planned overnight.

"We are uplifting rural and maritime communities to higher standards of living, bringing water, electric power, infrastructure and services which were unimaginable only a generation ago.

"We are delivering services and infrastructure in the same communities that our people have known for all of recorded history. We are supporting local economies that can create and sustain livelihoods in Kavala, in Tavuki, in Namuana, in Narikoso, across Kadavu and in every corner of Fiji."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said Fiji has embarked on its own path of great national progress, we are avoiding that same trap.

"We are delivering services and infrastructure in the same communities that our people have known for all of recorded history."

"We are supporting local economies that can create and sustain livelihoods in Kavala, in Tavuki, in Namuana, in Narikoso, across Kadavu and in every corner of Fiji. And as the Fijian economy has made historic strides, so has Kadavu. This island's population has actually increased. Its economy has strengthened."

# Lutunauga awarded for his service



Senior Superintendent of Police Aporosa Lutunauga with his wife after receiving the commemorative medal for Fiji's 50th independence anniversary Nasova Grounds, Suva.  
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**F**IJIAN President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote recently awarded the Fiji 50th Anniversary of Independence Commemorative Medals to 109 current and former police officers at the Nasova Grounds.

Recipient, Senior Superintendent of Police Aporosa Lutunauga dedicated his 50th commemorative medal to his wife, Annie Lutunauga for being supportive in his 25 years of service with the Fiji Police Force.

SSP Lutunauga said from his 25 years of service to the Fiji Police Force he had learned a lot, such as discipline, service delivery and to value life

"Because our work deals with protecting lives. We are equipped and instilled with discipline for us to conquer all obstacles in life."

SSP Lutunauga joined the Fiji Police Force in 1994 with his first

posting to Labasa but later transferred to Fiji Police Force Headquarters in Suva in 2003.

He just joined the Fiji Police Academy as an instructor.

President Konrote said the medal ceremony is a milestone achievement for the police force where people are being commended for their good works over the years.

The Head of State, while bestowing the medals commended the officers for the milestone achievement, added that it was an honour for him to award the medals to some officers who had served with him during peace-keeping missions.

The President urged the present generation of officers to honour, to hold and if they can, improve the reputation and legacy of the Fiji Police Force.

He also thanked the Fiji Police Force for their tremendous performance during the celebration of Fiji's 50th Independence Anniversary at Albert Park.

## Technology-embedded learning the way forward

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

**S**TUDENTS of Lelean Memorial School now have access to a digitalised form of learning that has allowed them to get a clearer understanding of school lessons being taught.

This is through the 10 Digital Interactive Boards (Smart Boards) that was commissioned by the Minister for Education, Rosy Akbar at the school.

Smart Boards are touchscreen computers on a large scale (whiteboard) that allows teachers have access to online teaching and conducting online tests on the Smart Boards.

The school has invested close to \$100,000 that was funded from the Free Education Grant (FEG) to lease the Smart Boards from Bondwell, and for this, school Principal Mohammed Feroz extended his appreciation to the Fijian Government for the assistance.

Math and Physics teacher, Shom Narayan stated that the shipment for the Smart Boards from abroad was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic international border lockdown, thus the school was only able to install the Smart Boards in Term 3.

"The operation of a Smart Board is basically similar to a computer but it also has the capability of being used as a normal whiteboard. There are applications installed that teachers use that allows us to write on the Smart Boards and at the same time project diagrams and lessons from books through the visualizer camera.

"An advantage of the Smart Boards is that



Minister for Education, Rosy Akbar and Lelean Memorial School staff check out the Smart Board and touchscreen computers on a large scale (whiteboard) that allows teachers to have access to online teaching and conduct online tests.  
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our lessons are embedded with open education resources – many of the times students cannot relate to what we are saying at the beginning of lessons so we try to show them videos from educational websites, depending on the subject being taught."

"It allows teachers the versatility of teaching that we otherwise might not have on a normal blackboard and whiteboard and any subject teacher can use the Smart Board to teach their lessons."

"The teaching applications used by the teachers can also be accessed offline, so even during slow to no internet connectivity, students learning are not affected and still carry

on as usual," Mr Narayan said.

He also stated that the learning capabilities and results achieved by students in internal exams have improved since the Smart Boards were used.

"There is a lot of excitement when it comes to using the Smart Boards because technology is always an awe for students and when we allow students to use it during the lessons, it boosts the students' confidence and the way forward is technology-embedded learning."

The four Year 13 classrooms, the Home Economics Lab, Industrial Arts Room, Library and three Science Labs, are fully equipped with the Smart Boards.





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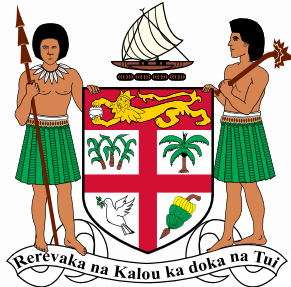
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## FICAC launches nation-wide anti-bribery campaign



From left: Deputy High Commissioner of Australia to Fiji Anna Dorney, Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Fijian President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote, Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) deputy commissioner Rashmi Aslam and New Zealand's High Commissioner to Fiji, Jonathan Curr and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme Levan Bouadze during the launch of the FICAC anti-bribery campaign for the entire Civil Service. **Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU**

# 'I don't accept bribes'

FELIX LESINAIVALU

ON this International Anti-Corruption day, Fijians can witness the beginning of another important milestone in its

fight against corruption.

The Fijian President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote highlighted this during the launch of the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC) anti-bribery campaign

for the entire Civil Service with the theme, "I don't accept bribes" at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva recently.

"This campaign has become increasingly important now, as the entire world community is presently reeling and grappling with how to effectively contain and hopefully eradicate the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Fiji has been affected like the rest of humanity but is very resolute and determined in its efforts not to succumb to the traumatic and devastating impact of the pandemic and is on the resilient path to recovery; and with that, the theme for this year's International Anti-Corruption Day 2020 is Recover with Integrity."

In order to "Recover with Integrity", FICAC is launching a nation-wide public service: 'I don't accept bribes' campaign, during which all public servants in the civil service and statutory bodies will receive a badge saying, 'I don't accept bribes'.

The Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, during his address, said Governments and multilateral institutions must recognize corruption as the economic, social, and political disease that it is, and to root it out in all of its ugly forms.

The Fijian Government in its commitment to uprooting systemic cor-

ruption established anti-corruption legislation and institutions well before ratifying the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

"At an institutional level, the Fiji Independent Commission against Corruption (FICAC) was established under the FICAC Act in 2007 and Fiji also established the Prevention of Bribery Act in the same year before ratifying UNCAC in 2008," the A-G said.

Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Levan Bouadze emphasised corruption corrodes public faith in institutions and is the biggest enemy of socio-economic development.

"Every year US\$1 trillion is paid in bribes while an estimated US\$2.6 trillion are stolen annually through corruption."

Deputy Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, Anna Dorney, said in all countries, including Australia, strong, transparent and accountable institutions are the foundations of good governance.

"Public servants play a vital role in ensuring that resources are directed as intended to support both the response to the pandemic, and to recovery efforts."



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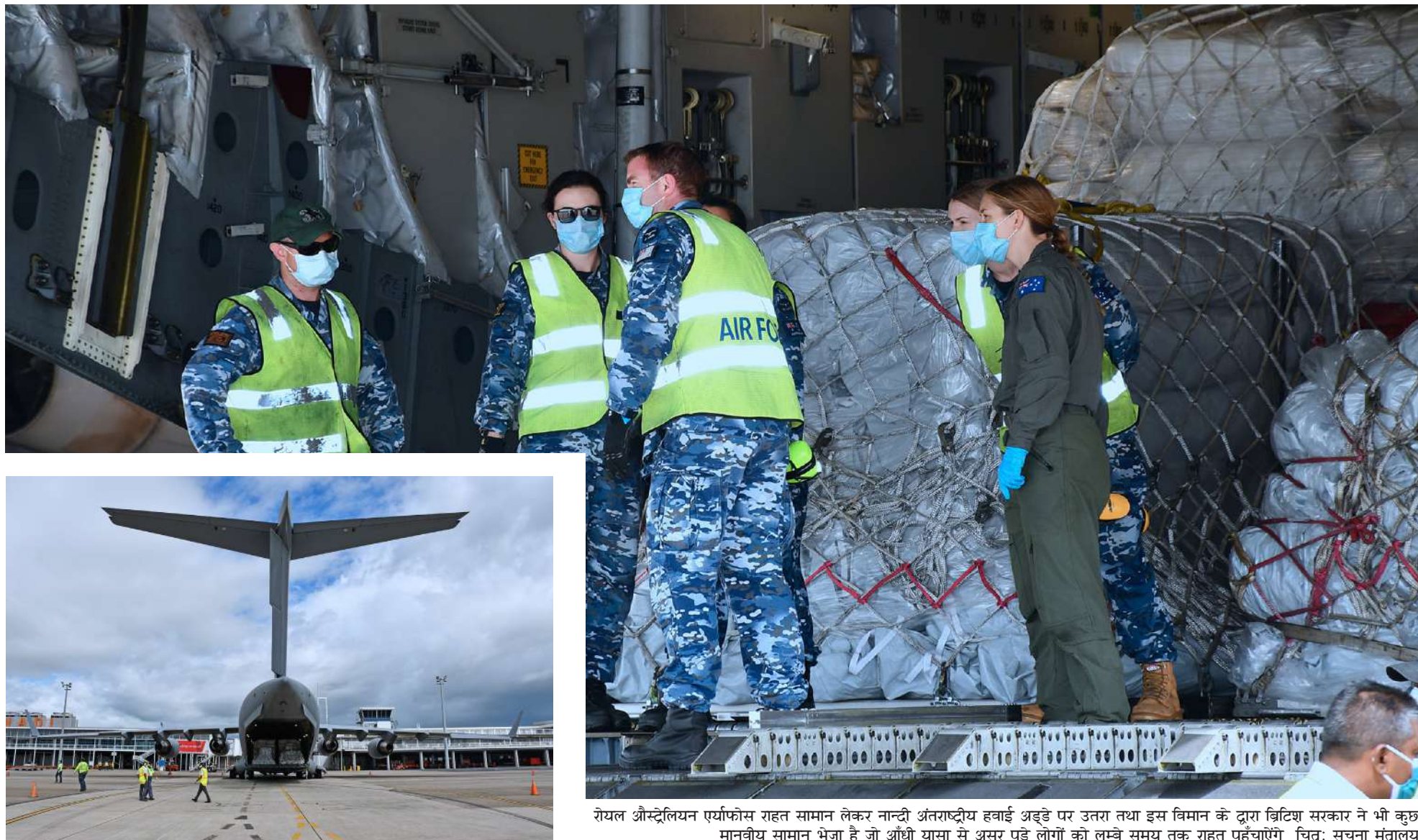
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रोयल औस्ट्रेलियन एरियाफोर्स राहत सामान लेकर नान्दी अंतराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर उतरा तथा इस विमान के द्वारा ब्रिटिश सरकार ने भी कुछ मानवीय सामान भेजा है जो आँधी यासा से असर पड़े लोगों को लम्बे समय तक राहत पहुँचाएंगे चित्र: सूचना मंत्रालय

## युनाएटड किंगडम से सहायता मिली

रोनल देव

फीजीयन सरकार को समुद्री आँधी यासा से पहुँची क्षति के बाद राहतकार्य और प्रतिक्रिया का संचालन करने में विदेश से लगातार मदद मिल रही है। ब्रिटिश सरकार ने पिछले हफ्ते लोगों की भलाई संबंधी सामान दान किया। जो सामान दान में मिले हैं में शामिल है छाँवनी तथा टूल किट जो समुद्री आँधी यासा से असर पड़े चार सौ बत्तीस (432) परिवारों को राहत पहुँचाएगा। युनाएटड किंगडम और औस्ट्रेलिया के बीच मानवीय साझेदारी समझौते के तहत रोयल औस्ट्रेलियन एरिया फोर्स यह सामान लेकर

फीजी आया।

यह सामान स्वीकार करते हुए ग्रामीन और बाहरी द्वीपों के विकास और प्राकृतिक प्रबन्धन के सहायक मंत्री विजय नाथ ने कहा कि सरकार, ब्रिटिश निवासियों की इस सहायता के बहुत आभारी है। सहायक मंत्री ने कहा कि दान किए गए सामान आँधी से गम्भीर रूप से असर पड़े लोगों को ज़रूर लम्बे समय तक सहायता पहुँचाएगा। हालही में प्रशान्य के ब्रिटिश मंत्री लोड जेक गोल्डस्मीथ ने इस मानवीय सहायता के पहुँचने की घोषणा की थी। असर पड़े फीजीयन लोगों के लिए ब्रिटिश सरकार की सहानुभूति प्रकट करते हुए मंत्री गोल्डस्मीथ

ने कहा कि मुश्किल की इस घड़ी में वे दिल से फीजी के लोगों के साथ हैं।

“औस्ट्रेलियन सरकार की सहायता से वे आश्रय पहुँचाने वाले सामान फीजी लाने में सफल रहे हैं जिसके लिए वे उन्हें धन्यवाद दे रहे हैं। वे फीजीयन लोगों को और सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए तैयार हैं,” मंत्री गोल्डस्मीथ ने कहा। ब्रिटिश सरकार इन्टरनेशनल फेडरेशन ओफ दी रेड क्रॉस डिज़ास्टा रिलीफ इमेजेन्सी फन्ड का नया मूल दानी देश हो गया है जिन्होंने पहले ही सत्रह हजार सात सौ लोगों को शुरुआती राहत देने के लिए आर्थिक सहायता दे चुका है जिनमें लोगों को फेस्ट अईड,

टापुलिन, छाँवनी के सामान, सुरक्षित पानी, घर के सामान, स्वच्छता के किट दिए गए। फिलहाल, आँधी से असर पड़े लोगों की मदद करने के लिए औस्ट्रेलिया ने और भी राहत सामान भेजा है। रोयल औस्ट्रेलियन एरिया फोर्स C-17 विमान और भी राहत सामान लेकर नान्दी अंतराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा पहुँचा। औस्ट्रेलिया इस बात का ध्यान रख रहा है कि वो फीजीयन सरकार को राहत सामान उपलब्ध करने में समर्थन देते रहे। इन राहत सामानों में छः सौ चालिस शेल्टा किट्स, दो सौ अस्सी स्वच्छता के किट, मेडिकल सप्लाईस, चर्चन सौ, सोलर स्ट्रीट लाईट और लाईटिंग सप्लाईस शामिल हैं।





# फेस्ट होम ग्रान्ट से फीजीवासियों को सहायता

रोनल देव

हाउजिंग मंत्रालय फीजीवासियों की मदद करने के लिए बड़ी ज़िम्मेदारी उठा रहा है ताकि होम लोन ग्रान्ट के ज़रिए घरों के निर्माण में वृद्धि हो। मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार का कहना है कि फीजीवासियों को अपना पहला घर बनाने के लिए फेस्ट होम ग्रान्ट को बढ़ाकर तीस हजार डॉलर करने के बाद से कई लोगों ने अपने सपनों को पूरा किया है। अभी तक फेस्ट होम/फेस्ट लेन्ड ग्रान्ट असिस्टन्स कार्यक्रम के तहत दो सौ साठ (260) अर्जियों को स्वीकृति दी गई है जहाँ तीन दशमलव सात (3.7) मिलियन डॉलर लागत सहायता दी जाएगी।

“इस सहायता से स्थानीय आर्थिक और व्यापारिक गतिविधियों में भी वृद्धि देखी गई तथा इससे कई फीजीवासियों को नौकरियाँ भी मिली है। इसके अलावा मंत्रालय, अनौपचारिक बस्तियों में सुधार लाने वाले एक कार्यक्रम के तहत अनौपचारिक बस्तियों में बेहतर सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करने पर काम कर रहा है। लेन्डूसासा, दुवु और वाईदामुदामु में चार सौ पचास घरों को नितान्ते शशत सालों की लीस दी जाएगी,” मंत्री कुमार ने कहा।

उनके अनुसार भ्रष्टाचार ही सबसे बड़ी चुनौती है जो बेहतर सेवा प्रदान करने में बाधा डालता है क्योंकि भ्रष्ट कार्यवाहियों की वजह से प्रणाली में लोगों का विश्वास कम होने लगता है जिससे आम जनता का पैसा बर्बाद होता है तथा कार्यक्षमता विगड़ता है।

“हाउजिंग क्षेत्र ईमानदारी का उच्चतम स्तर हासिल करने के लिए वर्तमान समय में पूरी समीक्षा से गुज़र रहा है। हाउजिंग अथोरिटी में



हाउजिंग, लौकल गवमन्ट तथा सामाजिक विकास मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

स्पेशल ओडिट और पब्लिक इंक्यूवाएरी हुई है। सभी छानबीनों के परिणामों ने हाउजिंग क्षेत्र के आस-पास के कानूनी और शासन ढाँचे को मजबूत करने पर प्रकाश डाला है,” मंत्री कुमार ने कहा। उनके अनुसार मंत्रालय का नेशनल हाउजिंग पोलिटी रिव्यू अच्छी तरह आगे बढ़ रहा है तथा

मंत्रालय नए अनौपचारिक बस्तियों में लोट्स प्रदान करने वाली निति पर जनता से विचार लिए जा रहे हैं। इन प्रयासों के नतीजों से नया नेशनल हाउजिंग एक्ट बनाया जाएगा जो इन विषयों पर गौर करने के अलावा ध्यान में रखेगा कि सबसे योग्य लोगों को ही लोट्स दिया जाए।

## लम्बासा मार्केट बिकरेताओं के लिए स्टोल फीस माफ की गई

रोनल देव

लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने लम्बासा मार्केट में शाख-भाजी, फल तथा जड़ वाले भोजन बेचने वाले बिकरेताओं को पाँच सप्ताह के लिए स्टोल फीस भरने से माफ़ी देने की घोषणा की है। लम्बासा में मार्केट बिकरेताओं से बात-चित करने के बाद यह फैसला किया गया है।

“बनुआ लेवू से लौटने पर मुझे इस बात का एहसास हुआ है कि समुद्री आँधी यासा से हुई तबाही से किसानों और बिकरेता किसतनाव से गुज़र रहे हैं। उत्पादनों की भारी कमी हो गई है तथा बिकरेता आँधी के असर के कारण

मुश्किलों का सामना कर रहे हैं।

शनिवार को मार्केट में अन्य सामानों के मिलान में बहुत कम

शाख-भाजी और अन्य कृषि उत्पादन बेचे जा रहे थे,” मंत्री

कुमार ने कहा।

मंत्री कुमार ने ज़ोर दिया है कि

इक्तीस जनवरी, टज़टघ तक

लम्बासा मार्केट के सभी बिकरेता जो शाख-सब्ज़ि, फल तथा जड़ वाले भोजन बेचते हैं को स्टोल फीस देने से माँफ़ी दी गई है।

“पाँच सप्ताह के लिए फीस की

माँफ़ी से तुरन्त सहायता होगी।

जनवरी महीने के अंत में फ़ैसले पर

पुनः विचार किया जाएगा कि क्या

इस सहायता को जारी रखना ज़रूरी है या नहीं,” मंत्री ने कहा।



पिछले शनिवार को लम्बासा मार्केट में बहुत कम शाख-सब्ज़ि बेची जा रही थी इसलिए सरकार ने लम्बासा के मार्केट बिकरेताओं को राहत देने के लिए पाँच सप्ताह तक स्टोल फीस माफ़ कर दी है चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

## सुरक्षा कारणों से गैरकानूनी स्टोल्स हटाए गए

रोनल देव

लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्रालय ने कुछ मार्केट बिकरेताओं के झूठे दावों का खण्डन किया है कि समुद्री आँधी यासा के कारण उनके गैर-कानूनी स्टोल्स हटाए गए लेकिन उन्हें मार्केट में स्थाई यानि पेमनन्ट जगह नहीं दी गई। मंत्रालय के स्थाई सचीव डिमिटी फाएफा ने कहा कि पिछले हफ्त समुद्री आँधी यासा के दौरान सुरक्षा कारणों से म्युनिसिपल काउन्सिल ने रास्ते के किनारे सभी मार्केट बिकरेताओं को अपना गैरकानूनी स्टोल्स हटाने को कहा था। अगर ये स्टोल्स नहीं हटाए गए थे तो

जनता की सुरक्षा के लिए

कौंसिल को यह हटाना पड़ा था।

“मकोई और तेम्बारा के बिकरेता, मकोई और नरेरे के निवासियों को सेवा प्रदान करना जारी रख सकते हैं। बुनिदोन्गो मार्केट के अन्दर बहुत सी जगह खाली है जबकि बिकरेता रास्ते के किनारे गैरकानूनी स्टोल्स बनाकर उत्पादन बेच रहे थे। रास्ते के किनारे वाले बिकरेताओं के पास अब मार्केट के अन्दर कानूनन जगह हो गई है।”फाएफा ने बिकरेताओं को आशवासन दिया है कि वे किसी को बिना उचित जगह दिए बगैर नहीं हटाएंगे। अब रास्ते पर गाड़ियों की भीड़ कम हो गई है

तथा जो लोग स्टोल चाहते हैं खास करके वृद्ध महिलाएँ और युवा लोग अब सुरक्षित और साफ जगह पर अपना सामान बेच सकते हैं।

स्थाई सचीव ने कहा कि नउसोरी और नसिन् टाउन काउन्सिल उन बिकरेताओं का स्वागत करनेऔर उनके साथ मिलकर काम करने को तैयार है जो पहले गैर कानूनी स्टोल्स पर सामान बेचा करते थे। उन्होंने कहा कि यह कहना गलत होगा कि काउन्सिल किसी को कानूनी तरीके से सामान बेचने को रोकने की कोशिश कर रही है।

“मैं पुष्टी कर सकती हूँ कि समुद्री आँधी यासा के आने से

पहले बिकरेताओं ने गैरकानूनी स्टोल्स से सामान हटा लिया था। सामानों को हटाने में काउन्सिल शामिल नहीं थी। मैं यह भी पुष्टी कर सकती हूँ कि रास्ते के किनारे गैर-कानूनी रूप से सामान बेचने वाले बिकरेता जिनके स्टोल हटाए गए थे ने नसिन् और नउसोरी टाउन काउन्सिल को संपर्क किया और अपना सामान वसूल करने में सफल रहे जो काउन्सिल के डेपो पर रखे गए थे।” सभी काउन्सिल उन लोगों को मुनिसिपल मार्केट में सामान बेचने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करती है जो ऐसा करके अपनी रोज़ी रोटी चलाना चाहते हैं। मंत्रालय सभी

बिकरेताओं से माँग कर रहा है कि वे कानूनी तरीके से मार्केट में अपना सामान बेचें न कि रास्ते के किनारे गैरकानूनी स्टोल बनाए,” फाएफा ने आगे कहा। जिन मार्केट बिकरेताओं के स्टोल रास्ते के किनारे से हटाए गए हैं के लिए काउन्सिल के मार्केट में खाली स्टोल उपलब्ध है। लंगेरे-नसिन् मार्केट, नउसोरी मार्केट में स्टोल उपलब्ध है, बुनिदोन्गो मार्केट में तिरपन (53), सूवा मार्केट में तीस, नमाका मार्केट में भी तीस स्टोल खाली है, नान्दी मार्केट में पचास, वा मार्केट में पंद्रह तथा लौतोका मार्केट में पचास स्टोल खाली है।



# आँधी यासा के बाद एफ एन पी एफ की सहायता

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फीजी नेशनल प्रोविडेंड फंड के सदस्य जो ऐसे इलाकों में रहते हैं जहाँ समुद्री आँधी यासा से भारी क्षति पहुँची है, अपना जीवन फिर से सँभालने के उद्देश्य से फंड से पैसे निकाल सकते हैं।

एफ एन पी एफ बोर्ड ने स्वीकृति दी है कि समुद्री आँधी यासा राहत सहायता के लिए एक घर के सदस्य केवल दो हजार डोलर फंड से निकाल सकते हैं। यह सहायता केवल घरों के नुकसान के लिए है तथा खेतों और पशुओं को हुए नुकसान के लिए यह सहायता नहीं है।

एफ एन पी एफ के सदस्य अपने फंड के जेनरल अकाउंट से कम से कम एक सौ डोलर तक निकाल सकते हैं। फंड की इन्सपेक्शन टीम वनूआ लेवू और तावेयुनी में असर पड़े इलाकों का दौरा कर रही है।

एफ एन पी एफ के चीफ एक्ज़ेक्टिव चाओची कोरोई का कहना है कि राहत सहायता के लिए फंड को अपने सदस्यों की ज़रूरतों को पता है तथा नुकसान वाले स्थान पर जाकर जाँच करने तथा अर्जियाँ भरने से यह तय होता है। कोरोई के अनुसार समुद्री आँधी यासा से कितनी क्षति पहुँची है यह बात धीरे-धीरे सामने आ रही है तथा जाँच जबकि चल रही है तो ऐसे में फंड ने नेचरल डिज़ास्टा रिलीफ शुरू की है जो असर पड़े सदस्यों को फंड से पैसे निकालने के लिए अर्जी लगाने का मौका प्रदान करता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि पिछली नेचरल डिज़ास्टा रिलीफ की तरह इस बार भी सदस्य राहत सहायता के लिए अपने जेनरल अकाउंट से पैसे निकाल सकते हैं।

कोरोई ने यह भी कहा कि घर को हुई क्षति को देखते हुए अगर पैसे कम पड़े तो फंड के सदस्य हमेशा हाउजिंग असिस्टन्स के लिए अर्जी लगा सकते हैं। फंड की टीम



प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेन्गो बड़निमारा मा आँधी यासा की तबाही के बाद वहाँ नुकसान आँकने और राहत सहायता देने पहुँचे चित्र: ननिसे नईमिला

साईट पर फॉर्म देने से पहले यह जाँच करेगी कि फंड का सदस्य फंड से ज़्यादा पैसे निकाल सकता है या नहीं। ग्रामीन इलाकों के सदस्यों को अपना वेलिड फोटो आए डी, वेन्क अकाउंट की जानकारी तथा कोरो के

मुखिया और एडवाइज़री काउन्सलर की स्वीकृति चाहिए। शहरी इलाकों के निवासियों को अपने निवास स्थान का प्रमाण देने के लिए बिजली और पानी का बिल प्रदान करना होगा।

## नौकरी पर नए साल में एक और सर्वेक्षण

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कोविड-19 का असर लगातार नौकरी वाले स्थान पर किस तरह से पड़ रहा हैक पता लगाने के लिए रोज़गार मंत्रालय वहाँ नए साल में एक और सर्वेक्षण करेगा।

मंत्री परवीन कुमार ने कहा कि इससे वे नज़र रख सकेंगे कि रोज़गार पर इस महामारी का असर कम करने के लिए वे उचित हस्तक्षेप कर रहे हैं या नहीं।

मंत्री ने कहा कि स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर वे स्थानीय कर्मचारियों के स्वास्थ्य तथा सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखकर नौकरी वाले स्थानों पर ओ हर्डिच एस जागरूकता, इन्सपेक्शन तथा ऑडिट जारी करेंगे।

उन्होंने कहा कि इस साल मई और जून में देशभर में नौकरी वाले स्थानों पर जो सर्वेक्षण हुआ था वो यह देखने के लिए था कि कोरोनावायरस का इन स्थानों पर कैसे असर पड़ा था।

मैंने इन आँकड़ों पर गौर किया था जिससे पता चला कि जितने कर्मचारियों पर सर्वेक्षण किया गया था उनमें से तिरालिस (43) प्रतिशत कर्मचारियों पर असर पड़ा था,” मंत्री ने कहा।

उनके अनुसार असर पड़े कर्मचारियों में तिरपन (53%) प्रतिशत पश्चिमी विभाग के थे, केन्द्रीय विभाग के उनचालिस (39%) प्रतिशत तथा उत्तरी विभाग के आठ प्रतिशत कर्मचारी थे।

नौकरी के पाँच क्षेत्र जिनपर सबसे ज़्यादा असर पड़ा है हौल सेल तथा रिटेल, होटल, खाने-पीने तथा टूरिज़्म, उत्पादक, कोन्सट्रक्शन, ट्रान्सपोर्ट तथा स्टोर रज व्यवसाय शामिल है।

उन्होंने असर पड़े मज़दूरों तथा मज़दूर मालिकों की सूज़बूज़ तथा हिम्मत की प्रशंसा की जिन्होंने रोज़ी रोटी कमाने का दू सरा ज़रिया अपनाया।

“हमें हमेशा सभी फीजीवासियों के स्वास्थ्य तथा भलाई को ध्यान में रखते हुए अपना अनुशासन तथा नेतागिरी बरकरार रखना चाहिए,” मंत्री बाला ने का।

उन्होंने कहा कि काम करने वाला एक स्वस्थ और सुरक्षित जगह सबसे ज़्यादा उत्पादक स्थान भी होता है।

उन्होंने हमारी सीमाओं तथा अस्पतालों में काम करने वालों तथा हमेशा तैनात रहकर अपनी और अपने चाहने वालों की जान दाँव पर लगाकर अपनी भूमिका निभाने वालों का भी आभार व्यक्त किया।



वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर हम स्थानीय कर्मचारियों के स्वास्थ्य तथा सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखकर नौकरी वाले स्थानों पर ओ हर्डिच एस जागरूकता, इन्सपेक्शन तथा ऑडिट जारी करेंगे

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वनूआ लेवू की एक महिला आँधी यासा में नष्ट हुए अपने घर के आगे, अपने घर को दोबारा बनाने में मदद की माँग करती हुई चित्र: अज़ारिया खान

## वनूआलेवू में एक हजार पाँच सौ घर नष्ट हुए

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शुरूआती जाँच से पता चला है कि तेरह दिन पहले समुद्री आँधी यासा से वनूआलेवू में एक हजार पाँच सौ (1500) घर नष्ट हुए। कमिश्ना नोदन उरईया रईनिमा का कहना है

कि पिछले रविवार को नुकसान की शुरूआती जाँच पूरी होने के बाद यह बात सामने आई है। रईनिमा ने कहा कि आँधी के कारण छः हजार से ज़्यादा घरों को कुछ हद तक नुकसान पहुँचा। उनके अनुसार लेकुतु और वाईनून् डिस्ट्रिक्ट

में स्थिति चिन्ताजनक है। लेकुतु में एक सौ घर नष्ट हो गए जबकि एक सौ वनयान्वे घरों के कुछ भाग को नुकसान पहुँचा है। वईनूनु में नब्बे घर नष्ट हुए हैं जबकि एक सौ छः घरों के कुछ भाग को क्षति पहुँची है।





## अटेनी-जेनरल आँधी यासा से असर पड़े परिवार से मिलने लम्बासा गए

अटेनी जेनरल आईयाज सईयद खईयूम बोटा बुल्लिका लम्बासा में पैतालिस (45) वर्षिए किसान रामेश चन्द के परिवार वालों से मिलने गए थे जिनकी मौत आँधी के दौरान उनपर दिवार गिरने से हुई थी। सप्ताह डिसेम्बर की रात आठ बजे के करीब तेज हवा से इस परिवार के घर का छत उड़ गया तथा चन्द ने अपनी पत्नी और बेटों को खाट के नीचे जाने को कहा। वो अपने अट्ठारह साल के बेटे शाम चन्द के साथ दिवार के पास बैठा था जब अचानक दोनों के ऊपर दिवार गिरी। बेटा लगभग आधे घण्टे दिवार के

नीचे था जब पड़ोसियों ने आकर दिवार हटाई और उसे बचाया लेकिन रामेश चन्द की मौत घटनास्थल पर ही हो गई। इस परिवार का पूरा घर नष्ट हो गया है तथा वे अभी अपने पड़ोसियों के साथ रह रहे हैं। अटेनी जेनरल के साथ शिक्षा मंत्री रैजी अक्वर तथा कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी भी परिवार को अपनी सहानुभूति प्रकट करने और सहायता देने गए।

चित्र: अज़रिया फरीन



## प्रधानमंत्री एक सप्ताह के लिए उत्तरी विभाग के दौरे पर

सप्ताह डिसेम्बर को समुद्री आँधी यासा द्वारा उत्तरी विभाग में तबाही मचाने के बाद प्रधानमंत्री वॉरिंग वडिनमारासा ने असर पड़े फीजीवासियों से जाकर मुलाकात की और उन्हें आशवासन दिया है उनके लिए मदद आ रही है। निवासियों ने उनसे पानी और बिजली की सेवा जल्द से जल्द समान्य करने की भी माँग की क्योंकि कि उत्तरी विभाग में कई जगह बिजली के तार टूट गए हैं तथा

पीने वाले पानी का स्रोत दुषित हो गया है। लोगों को बताया गया है कि जैसे-जैसे सुरक्षित होगा बिजली की सप्लाई सामान्य की जाएगी। कई निवासी इस बात से बेहद खुश थे कि मुश्किल की इस घड़ी में प्रधानमंत्री उनके साथ खड़े थे और उन्हें आशवासन दिया गया है कि सरकार से जो कुछ वन पड़ेगा लोगों का जीवन सुधारने के लिए मदद की जाएगी।

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## ऑस्ट्रेलियन सरकार ने चार मिलियन डॉलर से ज़्यादा लागत सहायता पहुँचाई

समुद्री आँधी यासा द्वारा फीजी के उत्तरी विभाग में क्षति पहुँचाने के कुछ ही घण्टे बाद हमारे पड़ोसी देश ऑस्ट्रेलिया और न्यू जीलैन्ड अपने पर्याप्त विमानों में राहत सामान लेकर नान्दी अंतराष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा पहुँचा।

चित्र: सूचना मंत्रालय



## कृषि मंत्रालय किसानों को सहायता दे रहा है

कृषि मंत्रालय समुद्री आँधी यासा के बाद किसानों को अपने पैरों पर खड़ा होने के लिए ज़रूरी सहायता प्रदान कर रहा है। जिन किसानों की फसलें नष्ट हुई हैं उन्हें बीज दिए जा रहे हैं जो जल्द से जल्द तैयार होंगे तथा किसानों को भोजन की कमी का सामना नहीं करना

पड़ेगा। जिन किसानों ने अपने पालतू जानवर गवाए हैं को मुर्गी के बच्चे बाँटे जा रहे हैं तथा मंत्रालय ने जानवरों के डाक्टरों को भी भेजा था जिन्होंने मुफ्त में बीमार और तूफान में घायल जानवरों की देखरेख की।

चित्र: कृषि मंत्रालय





# प्राकृतिक आपदा की स्थिति में यातायात की प्राथमिकता

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देश में जबकि तीस दिनों के लिए प्राकृतिक आपदा की स्थिति की घोषणा की गई है तो ऐसे में समुद्र, हवा और ज़मीन की यातायात के ज़रिए आपातकालीन राहत सामान पहुँचाने की प्राथमिकता दी जा रही है।

ग्रामीन तथा बाहरी द्वीपों के विकास तथा प्राकृतिक विपत्ति के प्रबंधन मंत्री इनिया सेरूईरा तु ने ज़ोर दिया है कि पहले सात और चौदह दिन बहुत नाज़ुक थे तथा ठीक होने के इस चरण में सरकार से जो कुछ हो सकता वो कि या जा रहा है जो लम्बे समय तक सभी साझे

दारों की मदद करेगी।

“जब ऐसी स्थिति में प्राकृतिक आपदा की घोषणा होती है तो ऐसे में ज़मीन, हवा और समुद्र के द्वारा आपातकालीन संचालन के लिए यातायात को प्राथमिकता दी जाती है और यह सभीसाझेदारों के लिए स्पष्ट होना चाहिए,” मंत्री ने कहा। मंत्री सेरूईरातु के अनुसार सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया संचालन से उत्तरी विभाग में भारी सुधार देखा गया है। मंत्री ने उत्तरी विभाग में कर रही टीमों को याद दिलाया कि वे उन फीजीवासियों के साथ हम दृढ़ से पेश आए जिनपर समुद्री आँधी यासा के कारण हुई क्षति से बुरा असर पड़ा है। “हमें इस कठिन समय में जहाँ तक हो

सके असर पड़े इलाकों में लोगों का दुख समझना चाहिए।”

“हमदृढ़ी बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है और हम सभी के लिए एक बहुत अच्छा मार्गदर्शक सिद्धांत होगा। जिन छोटी-छोटी चीज़ों को हम कम कर सकते हैं और उन बोझों को कम करने के लिए जो समुदायों में है, वे वास्तव में लम्बे समय के लिए मदद करेंगे,” मंत्री सेरूईरातु ने कहा। उनके अनुसार द्वीप पर रास्ते साफ हो गए हैं तथा खुल गए हैं जिस से टीमों को शुरूआती दौर में नुकसान आँकने का मौका मिला,जबकि वनुआ लेवू में धीरे-धीरे बिजली और पानी सप्लाई सामान्य हो रही है।

## आँधी के बाद भोजन की सुरक्षा पर ध्यान

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कृषि मंत्रालय गौर कर रहा है कि वे उन परिवारों की मदद कैसे कर सकता है जिनकी फसलें और भोजन के अन्य स्रोत समुद्री आँधी यासा में नष्ट हो गए हैं।

मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी का कहना है कि बुआ, मुदावाता, दकाउन्ड्रोवे, दक्षिणी लाउ तथा लोमाईविति में कई परिवार भोजन और पोषण की ज़रूरतें पूरी करने के लिए कृषि क्षेत्र पर ही निर्भर हैं।

“असर पड़े इलाकों में अलग-अलग बीज के दस हज़ार पेक्स बाँटें जा रहे हैं। भोजन की ज़रूरतें पूरी करने के लिए यह सुविधा जारी रहेगी। इसको और सहारा देने के लिए एक लाख पचास हज़ार (150,000) कुमाला तथा कसेरा की कटिंग और तीस हज़ार बेल की कटिंग बाँटी जाएगी। यह फसलें जल्द से उधते हैं तथा किसानों को काफी राहत मिलेगी।

मंत्री रेड्डी ने कहा कि पहले यह देखा गया है कि मंत्रालय का घर-आँगन में फसल बोने वाला कार्यक्रम (होम गार्डनिंग इनिशिएटिव) बहुत ही सफल साबित हुआ है जिससे लोगों को पोषक भोजन मिलने के अलावा भोजन खरीदने का खर्च नहीं उठाना पड़ेगा।

उन्होंने आगे कहा कि मधुमक्खी का पालन करने वाले किसानों को मंत्रालय मुफ्त में चीनी बाँटगा क्योंकि तुफान की वजह से कई जगह पर फूल नष्ट हो गए हैं जबकि अनुमान है कि मधुमक्खी के एक हज़ार पाँच सौ छत्ते हैं।

“फसलों के अलावा मंत्रालय असर पड़े इलाकों के किसानों को मुफ्त में मुर्गी के बच्चे भी दे रहा है जिससे मुर्गी पालन में सहयोग दिया जाएगा।”

उन्होंने कहा कि वहाँ कई लोगों की प्राथमिकता है, स्वास्थ्य और भलाई, भोजन, पानी और घर।

मंत्रालय ने अपनी टीमों को असर पड़े इलाकों में भेज दिया है जिनके जानवरों के दो डाक्टर भी हैं जो मुफ्त में किसानों के उन पालतु जानवरों की देख रेख कर रहे हैं जिन्हें आँधी के दौरान चोट-चपेट लगी है या उनपर किसी तरह से असर पड़ा। असर पड़े इलाकों में पशुओं ने तनाव का सामना किया है इसलिए उन्हें छाया में रखें और पर्याप्त पानी और आहार दें।

“सप्ताह दिसम्बर की शाम को बुआ, मुदावाता, दकाउन्ड्रोवे, दक्षिणी लाउ तथा लोमाईविति में घरों से ज़्यादा समुद्री आँधी यासा ने लोगों की फसलें, पशुओं तथा पेड़-पौधों को नष्ट किया है। कई लोगों ने अपना सबकुछ खो दिया है। हम इस बात का ध्यान रख रहे हैं कि वहाँ के निवासी जल्द से जल्द अपने पैरों पर खड़े हो जाएं। आँधी के बाद हमें बहुत काम करना है,” डाक्टर रेड्डी ने कहा।

उन्होंने फीजीवासियों को आशवासन दिया है कि इस कठिन समय में उन्हें लगातार स्थानीय रूप से उधाए गए ताजे, पोषक उत्पादन मिलते रहेंगे खास करके जो उत्पादन असर पड़े इलाकों में होते थे।

समुद्री आँधी के बाद हमारी प्रतिक्रिया इसका ध्यान रखती है कि सरकार के उद्देश्य का पालन हो जिससे कोई भी फीजीवासी पीछे न छूटे।

मंत्री रेड्डी ने असर पड़े लोगों से धीरज रखने की माँग की है जबकि सरकार समुद्री आँधी यासा से असर पड़े लोगों की मदद करने में तेज़ी ला रही है।

## शिक्षा मंत्री को समुद्री आँधी यासा पुनर्वास सहायता मिली

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शिक्षा मंत्री रैज़ी अक्बर ने फीजी आईड में लबन तथा आई बी एस फीजी को धन्यवाद दिया है जिन्होंने समुद्री आँधी यासा में नष्ट हुए घरों को फिर से बनाने के लिए छत बनाने की समाग्री दानकी है।

फीजी आईड मेलबर्न ने सप्ताह हज़ार चार सौ डोलर श्रद्धा,पाज़ज़त्त लागत बारह फीट रूफिंग आईन की पाँच सौ शीट दान किया जबकि आई बी एस फीजी ने तीन हज़ार चार सौ अस्सी डोलर (\$3,480) लागत बारह फीट वाले रूफिंग आईन का एक सौशीट दान किया।

मंत्री अक्बर उन अडसठ श्रद्धा स्कूलों की हालत पर पुनः विचार करने उत्तरी विभाग लौटी जिन्हें अभी राहत केन्द्र की तरह उपयोग किया जा रहा है तथा नए साल में स्कूल खोलने की तारीख पर भी विचार करने गई है। अपने दौर पर मंत्री छत बनानेक यह सामान उन घरों को प्रदान करेंगी जो समुद्री आँधी में बुरी तरह क्षतिग्रस्त हुए हैं। मंत्री अक्बर ने उन सभी लोगों को धन्यवाद दिया है जिन्होंने निस्सवार्थ भाव से सामने आकर लोगों का जीवन सुधारने और समाजको फिर से सर्वोर्ने के लिए आगे आकर दान किए हैं।

“इस साल किसमस के दौरान हम समुद्री आँधी यासा से हुई तबाही के कारण लोगों का जीवन और समाजों को सुधारने में चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहे हैं लेकिन एक राष्ट्र के रूप में हमारा संकल्प और सहस की जीत होगी तथा हम उद्येश्य और विश्वास तथा भावना के साथ नए सिरे से निर्माण करेंगे,”

मुश्किल की इस घड़ी में स्थानीय और दुनिया भर में बसे फीजीवासियों ने निस्सवार्थ भाव से अपने साथी फीजीवासियों की मदद के लिए पुकार सुनी तथा उनके साथ खड़े हुए,” मंत्री अक्बर ने आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा।

मंत्री अक्बर ने राष्ट्रीय राहतकार्य में योगदान देने के लिए आई बी एस फीजी तथा फीजी आईड मेलबर्न को धन्यवाद दिया तथा प्राकृतिक विपत्ति से असर पड़े फीजीयन समाज की सहायता करने जैसा अच्छा काम करने के लिए उनकी प्रशंसा की।

फीजी आईड मेलबर्न ने इसी साल जून में शिक्षा मंत्रालय को एक सौ पचास कोम्प्युटर्स, दस प्रिन्टर्स तथा एक सौ माउस और कीबोर्ड्स दान किया था जो उन ग्रामीन स्कूलों के लिए था जिनपर समुद्री आँधी हेरेल



शिक्षा मंत्री रैज़ी अक्बर हालही उत्तरी विभाग के दौर पर क्षति पहुँचे एक स्कूल के बाहर छात्रों के साथ चितः शिक्षा मंत्रालय

ड का बुरा असर पड़ा था। मेलबर्न स्थित यह संस्था सन् दो हज़ार नौ से ज़रूरतमंद फीजीयन परिवार की सहायता करती आ रही है तथा प्राकृतिक विपत्तियों से असर पड़े समाजों की मदद करने में फीजीयन सरकार का समर्थन कर रही है।

मंत्री अक्बर ने राष्ट्रीय राहत कार्य में हाथ बटाने के लिए सेना, नौसेना, पुलिस, आग बुझाने वाले अधिकारी, स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारी,

स्वयं सेवकों, सबसे पहले मदद करने वालों तथा व्यापारियों को धन्यवाद दिया है।

“हम औस्ट्रेलिया और न्यूज़िलैण्ड सरकार का आभारी हैं जो हमेशा ज़रूरत के समय हमें सहायता देनेके लिए हाज़िर हो जाती हैं।

हम इस समय औस्ट्रेलियन डिफेंस फोर्स के साथ सौ से ज़्यादा सैनिकों को फीजी भेजने के लिए भी आभारी हैं जो राहतकार्य में भारी सहयोग दे रहे हैं।



# प्रधानमंत्री का किसमस संदेश

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इसाई धर्म में यीशू मसीह का जन्म दुनिया के लिए ईश्वर का सबसे बड़ा उपहार है क्यों कि उन्होंने एक नए युग को चिह्नित किया और मानव जाति के प्रति सद्भावना की एक अखंड ज्योति जगाई।

इस कठिन समय के अंधेरे में, उस लौ की उम्मीद की रोशनी उज्ज्वल चमकती है। यह किसमस हमारे लोगों के लिए एक कठिन साल के अंत और एक अति पीड़ा देने वाला सप्ताह के अंत में आता है। यीशू मसीह के जन्म को हमेशा प्रेम तथा विश्व में एकता का प्रकाश फैलाने के रूप में देखा गया है तथा मेरा मानना है कि यह प्रतिकूलता फीजी के लिए उज्ज्वल दिनों को रास्ता देगी।

इस साल की कठिनाईयों से पता चला कि सबसे कीमती क्या है: और वो है हमारा स्वास्थ्य, हमारा मानवीय संबंध और आशा के लिए हमारी क्षमता की शक्ति।

यह किसमस, केवल एक सार्वजनिक छुट्टी न ही होनी चाहिए जिसमें देखा जाए कि हमारे पास क्या है और क्या नहीं। अगर आपमें क्षमता है तो आप उन लोगों को अपने पैरों पर खड़े होने में हमारी मदद कीजिए जोसमुद्री आँधी यासा के

बाद तकलीफ में हैया जिनपर कोविड-19 महामारी से हुई आर्थिक मंदी के कारण बुरा प्रभाव पड़ा है। अगर यीशू मसीह आज हमारे बीच होते तो चपेट में आए इन फीजीवासियों की मदद जरूर करते। आप सीधे हमारे बचाव-कार्य में सहयोग दे सकते है या फिर हेन्डीका फूट बनाने वाले, टूरिज़म संचालको, छोटे व्यापारियों, मार्केट बिक्रेताओं तथा किसानों की मदद कर सकते है जिनका जीवन इस महामारी की वजह से खतरे में पड़ गई है। सभी लोगों के लिए ईश्वर के महान प्रेम का सम्मान करते हुए हममें से प्रत्येक को दयालु यीशू मसीह के साथ मेल खाना है इसलिए मानवता खुलकर दिखाया गया है। अलग-अलग विश्वास, जातीयता, पृष्ठभूमि या प्रांत से आने के बावजूद हम इन संघर्षी में एक साथ हैं, हम उन्हें एक साथ दूर करेंगे और जैसा कि हमने पहले भी कई बार किया है, हम किसी समुदाय को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए खुद के अन्दर की अच्छाई को बुलाएंगे, ताकि कोई पड़ोसी तथा कोई और फीजीवासी पीछे न रह जाए। धन्यवाद।

ईश्वर की कृपा आप सबपर बनी रहे। किसमस की बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएं।



प्रधानमंत्री वॉरेन्गे बड़निमारामा उत्तरी विभाग में एक पीड़ित किसान को राशन बाँटते हुए

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## कर्मचारियों और चाहने वालों कोहरजाना दिए गए

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तीन भूतपूर्व सरकारी कर्मचारी जिनकी मौत काम करते वक्त हुई के परिवार वाले तथा सोलह कर्मचारी जिन्हें चोट लगी थी को रोज़गार मंत्रालय द्वारा पिछले हफ़्ते हरजाना भरा गया।

उन्नीस सरकारी मामले में तीन लाख सड़सठ हज़ार सात सौ नौ डोलर (\$366,709.01) हरजाना दिया गया। रोज़गार मंत्री परवीन कुमार का कहना है कि यह परिवार सरकार द्वारा प्रदान की गई इस सहायता के बहुत आभारी है क्योंकि इस हरजाने से मृतक के परिवार तथा जिन लोगों को चोट-चपेट लगी है को राहत मिलेगी जबकि लोग नए साल में स्कूल जाने की तैयारी कर रहे है। इस साल चौबीस डिसम्बर तक सरकारी मामले को लेकर मंत्रालय ने तिरालिस (43) हरजाने भरे हैं जिनमें मौत वाले दस मामले थे और तैतीस (33) चोट चपेट लगने संबंधी मामले थे जो कुल आठ लाख साठ हज़ार तीन सौ चौरान्वे डोलर पैसठ सेन्ट्स (\$860, 394.65) लागत के थे। रोज़गार मंत्रालय, इक्तीस डिसम्बर या उससे पहले वाले मामले की छानबीन करके चोट चपेट लगे कर्मचारियों तथा मृतक मज़दूरों के चाहने वालों को सामाजिक न्याय दिलाना जारी रखेगा। पहली जनवरी 2019 के बाद जितनी मौतें और चोट चपेट लगी है को एक्सीडेंट कोम्पेनसईशन कमिशन फीजी देख रहा है।

## प्राकृतिक विपत्तियों का सामना करने के कुछ सलाह

प्राकृतिक विपत्तियाँ आती रहती है क्या आप तैयार है?	
साफ सफाई पर ध्यान रखें, बीमार होने और बीमारी फैलाने से बचे: * भोजन छूने से पहले तथा मैला फेंकने और टायलट जाने के बाद साबुन पानी से हाथ धोएं * यह देखे कि आपके बच्चे हर वक्त साफ सफाई नियम का पालन करें	जानकारी रखिए और सम्पर्क में रहिए: * रेडियो पर विपत्ति के बारे में जानकारी और सार्वजनिक सूचनाएं सुनते रहें * मोबाईल फोन भी बचाकर काम में लाएं ताकि बैटरी लम्बा चले * हर समय जानिए कि आपके परिवार के सदस्य कहाँ है
भोजन सुरक्षित रखें * किसी प्राकृतिक विपत्ति के बाद : * भोजन पानी ढाककर रखें या किसी साफ बन्द कोन्टेईना में रखें * बासी भोजन न खाएं * पानी उबालकर पीएं * प्राकृतिक विपत्ति के बाद वही भोजन करें जो सुरक्षित हो, कोशिश करें कि आप के परिवार को पौष्टिक भोजन मिले * माताओं को शिशुओं को स्तनपान कराना जारी रखना चाहिए	अपने आस पास का पता लगाईए * देखिए कि आपके घर और सम्पत्ति सुरक्षित है और उनपर पेड़ या बिजली के तार गिरने का कोई खतरा नहीं है * देखिए कि आपके पालतू जानवर और चौवा चांगर सुरक्षित है * समाचार सुनते रहिए और ज़रूरत पड़ने पर वहाँ से निकलने के लिए भी तैयार रहिए
मिलकर काम करें अपने समाज को इससे निपटने में मदद करें:	बच्चों को सुईयाँ लगवाईए विपत्तियों से बच्चों को गम्भीर रूप से बीमार होने का खतरा बना रहता है। इससे बचने के लिए बच्चों को विपत्ति आने से पहले ही सुईयाँ लगावा लें
भावनात्मक सहारा प्रदान कीजिए विपत्ति के दौरान: * अपने आस पास लोगों को खास करके बच्चों को सांत्वना दीजिए, उन्हें सुरक्षित महसूस कराईए कि आप उनकी परवाह करते हैं * अपने बच्चों को आपने पास ही रखिए। उनके खेलने के लिए जगह बनाईए, उनके साथ पढ़िए और चित्र बनाईए। ऐसा करने से उन्हें स्थिति से निपटने में मदद मिलेगी	जानकारी रखिए और सम्पर्क में रहिए: * रेडियो या टी वी पर विपत्ति पर समाचार सुनें * औपचारिक वेबसाईट्स जैसे नेशनल डिज़ासटा मेनेजमन्ट <a href="http://www.ndmo.gov.fj">www.ndmo.gov.fj</a> फीजी मेटियोरॉजिकल सर्विस <a href="http://www.met.gov.fj">www.met.gov.fj</a> , और स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को <a href="http://www.health.gov.fj">www.health.gov.fj</a> देखिए
एमेजेन्सी कोन्टेक्ट्स रखिए आपको यह नम्बर जानना चाहिए: * एम्बुलन्स या आग के लिए 910 या 911 * एजेनी फीजी लिमिटेड (EFL) के लिए शघड * पुलिस के लिए 917 * वॉटा अथोरिटी ऑफ फीजी (WAF) के लिए 5777 * नज़दीक के राहत केन्द्र का पता और सम्पर्क	* इधर-उधर पड़े सामान जैसे टिन इत्यादि को सुरक्षित बाँध दीजिए * योजना तैयार कर लीजिए कि चेतावनीमिलने पर जानवरों को कैसे खिस्काया जाएगा * छोटे पौधों को सुरक्षा प्रदान कीजिए, ऐसी जगह रखिए जहाँ उनपर सीधा हवा न लगे * पके फलों को तोड़ लीजिए और विपत्ति के बाद के लिए भोजन इक्डटा कर लीजिए * ऐसे बीज रखिए जिन्हें तत्काल बोया जा सकता है * जानवरों के लिए उँचे स्थान पर जगह की पहचान कीजिए जहाँ सुरक्षा के लिए कुछ पेड़ हो * जहाँ तक हो सके, बीज और नेसरीज़ को सुरक्षा प्रदान कीजिए
एक राहत किट तैयार कीजिए आपके राहत किट में होना चाहिए: * बोतल वाला पानी या उबला हुआ पानी * बैटरी से चलने वाला रेडियो * टोर्च * अलग से बैटरीज * फेस्ट अईड किट * ज़रूरी दवाईयाँ * टिन वाला भोजन * ज़रूरी कागज़ात * अगर आपको और आपके परिवार को राहत केन्द्र जाना पड़ा, अपने साथ अपना एमेजेन्सीकिट, साबुन, बदलने के लिए कपड़े, चादर और रसोईघर के ज़रूरी बर्तन	डाक्टर के पास जाईए डाक्टरी सलाह प्राप्त कीजिए अगर आप या आपके परिवार के किसी सदस्य को इन बीमारियों के चिन्ह है: * बुखार लगना * शरीर में लाल लाल दाने निकलना * उल्टी होना * डायरिया होना * शरीर में पीड़ा होना इन चिन्हों का मतलब है कि कोई गम्भीर बीमारी हो सकती है जिसके लिए डाक्टरी इलाज की ज़रूरत है।



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## सभी फीजीवासियों को अपनी भूमिका निभानी चाहिए: पी एम

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प्रधानमंत्री वोरेंनो बड़निमारामा का कहना है कि फीजीवासियों ने इस कारण से इस सरकार को अपना मत दिया और उनपर भरोसा किया क्योंकि वो अच्छे और बुरे समय में मजबूत, समझदार और निर्णायक अगुवाई चाहते हैं।

उन्होंने कहा कि फीजीवासी चाहते हैं कि अगुवाई की उर्जा उनके लिए तथा जनता के लिए समर्पित हो न कि तुच्छ काम के लिए या राजनितिक खेल खेलने के लिए हो।

“इस महामारी के दौरान हमने अपनी नेतृत्व

कायम रखी जिसने अभी तक फीजीवासियों को सुरक्षित रखा है। विडंबना यह है कि जो हुआ उसमें सबूत नहीं है, लेकिन जो नहीं हुआ, जो जानें बची, जो परिवार तबाह नहीं हुए तथा समाज में जो पुरी तरह बीमारी से ग्रस्त नहीं थे,” प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा। उनके अनुसार अन्य बड़े, धनी और अधिक विकसित देशों के मिलान में फीजी सफल हो रहा है।

“यही वजह है कि दो सौ पचास दिनों से ज़्यादा हो गए हैं जहाँ समाज में कोविड-19 का एक भी मामला सामने नहीं आया है हालांकि बड़ा कोरनटीन में कुछ मामले सामने आए हैं।

सच तो यह है कि हमें सुरक्षित रखने के लिए जो नियम लागू किए गए हैं वो काम कर रहे हैं तथा सरकार और लोगों ने मिलकर जो रिकॉर्ड कायम किया है से हमें भरोसा हुआ है कि हम सभी मिलकर इस महामारी को समाज में फैलने से रोकेंगे और उस दृष्टिकोण पर विश्वास करेंगे जिसने इस साल कई फीजीवासियों की जान बचाई है,” प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा।

श्री बड़निमारामा ने कहा कि जब फीजी को कोविड से मुक्त रखने की बात आती है तो हर एक फीजीवासी को अपनी भूमिका निभाने की ज़रूरत है। “हम डाक्टरों, नर्सों, पुलिस तथा

सैनिकों पर निर्भर रहेंगे कि वे हमारी सरहदों पर इस बीमारी को रोकने के लिए बनाए गए कानून का सक्ति से पालन करेंगे तथा हम आम नागरिकों पर भी भरोसा करते हैं कि वे सरकार द्वारा किए गए हर एक बदलाव को स्वीकार करेंगे जिस तरह हम अपना जीवन जी रहे हैं, स्वास्थ्य सुरक्षा नियमों का पालन कर रहे हैं ताकि हम हमेशा कोविड-19 के लिए तैयार रहें। हमें गर्व होना चाहिए जिस तरह हमने कोविड के मामले को फैलने से रोका, लेकिन यह हम सब जानते हैं कि काम पूरा नहीं हुआ है,” श्री बड़निमारामा ने कहा।



# Noda Viti



Sa yaco yani kina vei yanuyanu e ravuravu kina na cagilaba o Yasa ena Yatu Lau na waqa e kauta tiko yani na kakana ni cagilaba me veitauri toka vei ira ni bera ni qai muri tale yani na iyaya ni vakacoko eso. E ra maqusa na vakaillesilesi ena itaba ena imawi keina itaba e cake ena tala iyaya ni veivuke ni cagailaba mai Lau. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

# ‘Ni yalo dei’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

S A veivakadeitaki vei ira mai na Vualiku o Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ka kaya mera yalo dei tiko ni na yaco mai vei ira na liga ni veivuke ni Matanitu.

Sikova o PM Bainimarama na veivanua e vakacaca kina vakalevu na cagilaba o Yasa ena Vualiku vakabibi ena Yasana Vakaturaga o Bua.

“E kani rarawa na veika esa mai yaco, ia me vaka eda sa vakadinadinataka oti, eda na duri tale ka bula tale mai kina.”

“Ni yalo dei tiko, na nomuni Matanitu ena yaco mai nona veivuke.”

Nona vosa tiko vei ira mai Cogea, Bunikadamu, kei Navakasali e Bua e kaya kina vaka oqo ne o PM Bainimarama.

“A doka vakalevu nomuni vosota na dredre e kauta mai na vakacaca ni cagilaba o Yasa. Au kila ni sega ni gauna rawarawa

vei kemuni, ia au vakabauta ni o keda e Viti eda na dau veivukei me da tara cake tale na noda vanua.”

E tuturu malua na wai ni matana na Turaga ni Koro mai Cogea o Atekini Nairibuli ena nona veisiko yani o Paraiminisita Bainimarama.

“Oqo edua na gauna e vakatubu luluvu vei keimami baleta ni siro mai na turaga na iliuliu ni noda Matanitu me mai sikovi keimami na vakaleqai vakaca ena ravuravu ni cagilaba o Yasa, ena gauna saraga keimami gadreva tu kina veivakacegui.”

“Vakabibi vei keimami na veimatavuvale keimami sa mai vakayalia vakadua na neimami veivale,” kaya o Nairibuli.

“Keimami sa vakavinavinaka kina na Matanitu ena nona dau tomana tiko nona veivuke ena veivotayaki ni kakana ni cagilaba, kei ira na vakaillesilesi ni Tabacakacaka ni Veikau ena nodra vagalalataka na kau era

bale tu e gaunisala.”

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni sega ni kani veiwali na draki veisau.

“Sa bibi mera vakavulici na lewei Viti vakauasivi o ira na luveda ena revurevu ni Draki Veisau.

“Me vakamatautaka nodra bula ena qarai ni iwali ni revurevu ni Draki Veisau,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

E ratou veivotayaka tiko na timi ni veisiko nei PM Bainimarama e 10,000 na ivotavota kakana ni cagilaba me veitauri toka vei ira na veimatavuvale ni bera ni yaco tale yani na ikuri ni veivuke ni cagilaba.

“Sa yaco talega mai na veitokoni ni waqa na Adelaide ni Ositerelia me vaka ga vakayacora taumada ena vakacoko mai Koro ni nadaku o Winisitoni,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

Sa yaco mai ena macawa oqo na HMAS Adelaide me vaka sa vakadeitaka mai na

Minisita ni Vanuatani ni Ositerelia o Marise Payne.

Na isau vakailavo ni veitokoni nei Ositerelia e koto na kena isau ena \$4.5M.

Vakavinavinaka talega o PM Bainimarama kina veitokoni ni Waqavuka ni Mataivalu ni Niusiladi ena vakacoko kei na vakadidike.

“Sa veisoliyaka talega mai na Air Force P-3 ni Niusiladi na yaya e gadravi vakatotolo me vakatotolo ka vakayacora talega nona vakadidike taumada. Vakavinavinakataki na veivuke nei Niusiladi ka tiko na kena isua vakailavo ena \$2.5M ”

Sa seredali talega na waqa kauti ira na dau vakadidike kei na veivuke ni kakana ni cagilaba kina Yatu Yasawa, Lomaiviti kei Lau.

Vei kemuni na lewei Viti oni gadreva moni veivuke kina tobu ni veivuke ni cagilaba o Yasa moni veitaratara ga yani ki na valenivolavola ni D.O, PA kei na Komisina ni iwasese e va ni noda vanua.





# \$2m na veivuke ni EU

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**S**A yalataka na isoqosoqo cokovata ni Veimatanitu mai Urope se na European Union mena veivuke ena iyaya ni vakacoko ni cagilaba o Yasa ka tiko ena \$2M na kena isau vakailavo.

Vakaraitaka na Komisina ni EU ka qarava na iwali ni leqa tubukoso o Janec Lenarčič ni cagilaba o Yasa e bau dua na cagilaba kau-

kauwa me robai Viti sa vakilai tu oqo na kena revurevu.

Kaya o Lenarčič ni cau ni EU ena tokoni kina na veiqaravi ni vakacoko e vakayacora tiko na Matanitu ena nodra vukei na vakaleqai dina kara gadreva vakatotolo na veivuke.

E kaya ni volekata na 200,000 na lewenivanua era sotava na revurevu ni vakacaca ni cagilaba o Yasa. Na veivuke ni EU ena gole ki vei ira na veitabana ni veivukei era sa tiko

rawa ena buturara ni veivanua e vakacacani vakalevu kana solia mai kina na veika eso me vaka na iyaya ni vale, na kakana, na iyaya ni tiko bulabula, na wai savasava, na iyaya ni tiko savasava kei na bula vinaka.

Na veivuke oqo ni EU e tiki ni veivuke vakatotolotaki se Acute Large Emergency Response Tool (ALERT).

Oqo talega edua vei ira na veivuke mai vei ira na veimatanitu e valalagi.

## Sega ni saumi na ivakacavacava

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A sega ni saumi na icakacavacava ni yaya kece e kau mai vanuatani me vukea na lewei Viti ena nodra tekivuna tale nodra bula ni oti na vakacaca ni cagilaba o Yasa.

### Lolomataki ni yaya ni vakacoko ni itikotiko/ tamata yadua

Sa rawa vei ira na vakaitikotiko mai valalagi mera vakauta mai vakadodonu na nodra veivuke ni cagilaba kina NDMO ka na qai raica me vota na iyaya oya ena vukui koya e vakauta mai.

### iYaya e lolomataki baleta na vakacoko

Me vakau vua kina tobu ni veivuke ni Cagilaba kei na Vakacoko ni Paraiminisita ka vakadonuya na Tabana ni Leqa Tubukoso (NDMO).

### Na veika e gadrevi me sereki kina na iyaya

- Naba ni ivacavacava (TIN)
- Dua nomu ID tabaki kina na vanua o vakaitikotiko kina
- Na iyaya e vakau kina isoqosoqo lotu se soqosoqo dua veivukei ena gadreva na veiqaravi ni dua itini ni kasitaba vakalaiseni mena qai sereki kina na iyaya.
- Na sega ni saumi ni ivakacavacava oqo ena laki cava tiko ena ika 15 ni Janueri 2021.
- Na itukutuku tale eso qiri mai kina 1326 se email [info@frcs.org.fj](mailto:info@frcs.org.fj)



Vakamosiyalo dina na itaba oqo ni dabe toka o Apisai ena nona loma ni vale sa mai vakarusa koto na cagilaba o Yasa mai Vanua Levu. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

## Sivia na 300 na vale e vakarusai

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**N**A imatai ni vakadidike ni vakacaca ni cagilaba o Yasa, sa votu kina ni sivia na 300 na vale e rusa vakadua mai na iwasewase na Vualiku kei na iwasewase na Tokalau.

E ra veisiko na mata timi ni vakadidike oqo ena macawa sa sivi ni oti na vakanadaku ni cagilaba o Yasa. E ra vakaitavi talega kina e 120 na vakaisilesi ni Matanitu mai Suva kina Vualiku.

Macawa sa oti era yaco yani kina ki Vanua Levu na timi ni vakadidike oya.

E ra sa laki veisoliyaka na kakana me veitauri toka mada vei ira na lewenivanua era sotava tiko na bolebole oqo.

Na sala ni veitarata ena talevoni esa tekivu me vakavinakataki tale ena 4 na iwasewase ni vanua e Viti.

Sa taura ralega e dua na itu-

kutuku na Dismac ni yali tiko e dua na lewenivanua mai Lekutu e Bua. Sa veivakasalataki talega na Minisita ni Bula vei kemuni na lewenivanua ni dau muria mai

eso na mate me vaka na Minimanu, na Taifote, na Coka kei na Deqi na mataqali cagilaba vaka oqo. Sa tekivu mera suka lesu tale ki nodra vale e levu

vei ira na lewenivanua e sega so ni vakacaca vakalevu vei ira na cagilaba o Yasa me vaka ena Muaira kei na iwasewase e loma. kaya o PM Bainimarama.

## Tauri ivola na vuli teitei e Navuso

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**E**ra sa tauri ivola e lewe 25 na itabagone vuli teitei kei na susu manumanu ena koronivuli mai Muainase na Navuso Agriculture Training Institute ena itekivu ni vula o Tiseba ni yabaki oqo.

A vulagi dokai kina na Mata ni Matanitu o Idonisia e Viti o Raden Mohammad Benyamin Scott. Sa sema rawa talega kina edua na veiwekani ni veivakamisinitaki nei Idonisia vei Navuso.

Kaya na iliuli ni koronivuli ni teitei mai Navuso o Uraia Waibuta ni a soli kina e 7 na icovi ni gugumatua. Na icovi ni cauravou e muria vinaka na ivakavuvuli ni lotu a gole vei Tevita Dakunituraga mai Kuku e Bau. Na icovi

ni cauravou e levu nona tetei, levu nona ivoli e volitaka rawa, levu talega na ilavo e maroroya rawa e gole vei Livai Vunidakai cavutu mai Nauluvatu Waidina mai Naitasiri.

Na icovi ni carauvou usivi nona vuli susu manumanu a gole vei Vilimoni Turabo cauravou ni Naqalimare mai Navosa.

Na icovi ni Goneyalewa se Women in Agriculture gole vei Maria Talatoka cavutu mai Naweni e Cakaudrove.

Na icovi ni cauravou e veisau totolo nona itovo me vinaka cake gole vei Viliame Curu e cavutu mai Ciccia mai Lau.

Na icovi ni cauravou dau veiliutaki vinaka a soli vei Vilimoni Turabo mai Naqalimare e Nadroga/Navosa.



Sa taura tu oqori o Vilimoni Turabo na cauravou ni Naqalimare na nona icovi ni cauravou dau veiliutaki vinaka ena Navuso Agriculture School. iTaba: TABANA NI ITEITEI

# ‘Me liu na vodo ni yaya ni cagilaba’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**S**A kacivaka na Matanitu ni na vakaliuci ena loma ni 30 na siga ni qaravi Leqa Tubukoso na vakavodoki ni yaya ni veivuke ni cagilaba.

Na iyaya e vakavodoki ena waqa, lori kei na waqavuka.

Kaya kina na Minisita ni Leqa Tubukoso o Inia Seruiratu ni bibi sara na imatai ni vitu kina 14 na siga.

“Kevaka e rawa ni cakava kece oqo na Matanitu ena gauna ni vakacoko ena vukei ira sara vakalevu na veitabana era via veivuke mai.”

“Ni kacivaki na ‘iTuvaki ni Leqa ni noda vanua’ ena vakabibitaki

kina na usa ni iyaya e waqa, ena waqavuka kei na lori, me matata tiko oya vei kemuni na veitabana oni via veivuke mai.”

“Sa daumaka sara tiko na vakau iyaya ena Vualiku,” kaya o Minisita Seruiratu.

Sa vakananumi ira talega na dau ni veiqaravi ena Vualiku mera lomani

na lewenivanua ravuti ira na cagilaba o Yasa.

“Meda vakila na bolebole era sotava me rawa ni mana kina noda vakacokotaki ira.”

“Sa bibi kina vei keda na dau ni veiqaravi meda curumi keda na yalo loloma me idusidusi vei keda. Na veivuke lalai eda solia ena

vakamamadataka na nodra icolacola,” kaya o Minisita Seruiratu.

Kaya o Minisita Seruiratu ni sa vakasavasavataki na gaunisala ni veilakoyaki kasa dola tale na veilakoyaki kina.

Sa waqa talega na livaliva, kasa vakadrodroi tale vakavinaka na wai ni gunu savasava e Vanua Levu.





## \$2M na veivuke nei Niusiladi

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A vakuria na Matanitu o Niusiladi na nona veivuke ni cagilaba o Yasa ena NZ\$2M. Qoka na isau vakailavo taucoko ni iyaya ni veivuke ni cagilaba me vaka na vale laca, na wainigunu savasava, kei na veiyaya e gadrevi vakatoto.

E \$750,000 ena vukei kina na Matanitu e Viti me sotava na bolebole me baleta na wainigunu savasava.

E \$150,000 me rawa kina kina Valenivolavola nei Niusiladi e Suva me tokona na veivakavalelacataki, na wainigunu, na tiko savasava, keina na vuli baleta na vakamaravutaki ni vakasama.

E na vakayagataka talega o Niusiladi e \$750,000 me tokoni kina nodra veivuke na veitabana ena taudaku ni Matanitu vakabibi nodra vukei na malumalumu.

Ena soli talega e \$100,000 kina isoqosoqo ni Kauveiltai Damudamu me tokona na veivuke e dau vakayacora kina veivanua e ravu-ravu kina na cagilaba.

## Ciqomi na veivuke ni cagilaba nei Peritania

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A mai ciqoma na Matanitu e Vitu na iyaya ni veivuke ni cagilaba mai na Matanitu levu o Peritania ena macawa sa oti.

Qoka e oka kina na iyaya me vaka na valelaca, na iyaya ni vakacoko, kara na vukei kina na 432 na matavuvale e ravuti ira na cagilaba o Yasa.

A vodo mai na veivuke oya ena waqavuka ni mataivalu ni Ositerelia ka tiki ni nodrau veidinadini o Igiladi kei Ositerelia.

Nona ciqoma tiko na veivuke oqo na ivukevuke ni Minisita ni Leqa Tubukoso o Vijay Nath e kaya ni vakamuduo o Viti kina veivuke levu oqo mai vei ira na lewenivanua mai Peritania.

A kacivaka na yaco mai ni veivuke oya ena noda matasawa na Minisita ni Peritania ka veiqravi ena Pasifika o Rt Hon. Lord Zac Goldsmith.

Kaya o Lord Goldsmith nira dua-vata na lewenivanua mai Peritania ena bolebole era sotava o ira e ravuti ira na cagilaba o Yasa.

“Na valelaca e solia mai na UK Aid esa yaco mai ena veitokoni ni Matanitu o Ositerelia. Keimami na tu vakarau ke gadrevi tale.

“Sa cau talega na Matanitu mai Peritania kina isoqosoqo ni kauveiltai damudamu se Red Cross e Vuravura ka sa vota kina na ilavo ni veivuke ni vakacoko me voli mai kina na iyaya ni veivuke me vaka na iyaya vakavuniwai, na tavuleni, na wai ni gunu, na yaya ni vale keina yaya ni tikosavasava me baleti ira e lewe 17,700 na lewenivanua.”

# Qoroi na yalo ni vosota

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**V**AKACAUCATAKI ira mai Bua kei Macuata na Vunilawa o Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena nodra vosota na revurevu ni cagilaba o Yasa.

Nona sikova tiko na veikoronivuli ena Vualiku e kaya kina vei ira o Sayed-Khaiyum ni levu era

sat aura na matai ni kalawa ena nodra vakacokotaki ira rawa ni bera yani na veivuke.

E kaya ni lauti ira na vakaile-silesi vakamatanitu na era sikovi Bua kei Macuata na tikina oqo.

“E kurabuitaki ni levu na lewenivanua era vosota na bula dredre e kauta mai na cagilaba o Yasa ena nodra sa tekivu mera tara cake tale nodra veivale.”

“Eso tale era gadreva na wai, kei na so tale era gadreva me vakavinakataki nodra iteitei.”

“Duidui na gagadre, vei-vakauqeti nodra sa vukei ira vakataki ira.”

E kaya o Sayed-Khaiyum ni kena irairai ni levu era na tiko mada ena idrodro ni cagilaba baleta ni vakacacani vakalevu na noddra veivale.

Kaya e dua na lewenikoro o Naividamu o Kitone Raikabula ni dau oti na cagilaba era sad au vuli totolo mera vakacokotaki ira rawa.

“E 10 na vale e vakarusai vakadua ena cagilaba o Yasa ka 10 tale na vale esa vakacacani na dela ni vale kei na lalaga,” kaya o Raikabula.

## Vakavinavinakataki na iloloma kava ni vale mai Malevani

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**V**AKAVINAVINAKA na Minisita ni Vuli o Rosy Akbar kina veivuke ni cagilaba mai Malevani Ositerlia na Fiji Aid Melbourne kei na ABS Fiji ena kava ni vale ka tiko na kena isau ena \$20.8K me baleta veivuke ni cagilaba o Yasa.

Mai ciqoma na veivuke levu oya ena vuku ni Matanitu o Minisita Akbar na kava ni vale 500x 12 ft ka \$17,400 na kena isau. Kei na 100x 12ft na kava ni vale na kena isau e \$3480 mai na ABS Fiji me vukea na vakacoko mai na Vualiku.

A tiko mai na Vualiku ena macawa oqo na Minisita ni Vuli me laki dikeva na ituvaki ni 68 na koronivuli e vakayagataka me idrodro ni cagilaba.

Sa laki solia talega kina na Minisita na kava ni vale veira na veimatavuvale e vakacacani sara vakalevu nodra vale.

Vakavinavinakataka na marama Minisita na lewenivanua kece era vakaitavai e na vakacoko oqo.



Sarava tiko oqori na Minisita ni Vuli o Rosy Akbar na vakacaca ni cagilaba o Yasa ena dua na koronivuli mai Vanua Levu. iTaba: AZARIA FAREEN

“Na Siga ni Sucu oqo na bolebole levu vei keda na kedra tarai cake tale na veivale e ra mai vakarusai ena cagilaba Yasa.”

“Au via vakavinavinaka kina vakalevu kina veitokoni mai Malevani kei na ABS Fiji.”

Na Fiji Aid Melbourne solia mai ena vula o June e 150 na komipiuta, 10 na printers kei na 100 na mouse kei na keyboards kina Tabacakaka ni Vuli.

Se tekivu sara ena 2009 ne veivuke mai Malevani kina veivuvale era dau sotava na revurevu ni draki veisau.

Vakavinavainaka talega o Minisita Akabar kina na Mataivalu, Mataivalu e Wai, Ovisa, Bokobuka kei na Tabana ni Bula kei ira na bisinisi e ra liu taumada mai nodra veivuke.

Vuabale na noda vakavinavinaka kina matanitu o Ositerelia kei Niusiladi ena totolo ni nodrau veivuke ena gauna e rau gadrevi kina.

“Vakausivi kina nodra mai veivuke e sivia na 600 na lewe ni mataivalu ni Ositerelia ena manua na HMAS Adelaide,” kaya o Minisita Akbar.



Mai na mawi: Na Vunivola ni Mata nei Viti e Ositerelia o Salote Tagivakataini, na iliuli ni Mataivalu ni Veitaqomaki ni Ositerelia o General Angus Campbell, kei 2LT Rusiate Sailo ena soqo ni tauri vola Koroi mai Ositerelia. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



*Au gadreva meu vakavinavinakataka na Kalou ena nona veituberi vei au ena tolu na yabaki sa sivi kei na nodra veitokoni na wekaqu kei na itokani.*

Rusiate Sailo  
Second Lieutenant

## iSevu ni vakoroi nei Viti ena ADFA o Sailo

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A vakavotukana sara na nodrau veiwekani vakavuvale o Viti kei Ositerelia ena Vuvale Partneshi.

Sa isevu ni gone ni Viti me vakoroi mai ena Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) kei na Univesiti ni New South Wales o Second Lieutenant Rusiate Sailo ni

oti nona vuli yabaki tolu.

Na ADFA edua na koronivuli torocake ni vuli ivalu ni Ositerelia ka vulici vata kina na vuli ivalu, kei na vuli ni veiliutaki ka rawati kina na kena koroi.

Na koronivuli ni vuli ivalu oya e yavutaki kina na kilaka vakaivalu mera kena dau kina.

E kaya o 2LT Sailo ni doka vakalevu na nona sa rawata nona koroi

mai na ADFA ka kaya ni nona vuli tiko mai Ositerelia e vakarabailevutaka sara na nona rai.

“Au nuitaka ni na levu tale na lewe ni mataivalu ni Viti era na vakayagataka na vuli oya. Au vakabauta niu sa vakaloumanatiki vakalevu kau sa tu vakarau meu vakayagataka na noqu kila au sa mai vulica ena ADFA ena noda vanua mai Viti,” kaya o

Second Lieutenant Sailo. Kaya o tamai 2LT Sailo ko Apenisa Sailo ni ratou cibitaka nona vuvale na tekiisau sa nei 2LT Sailo.

“Na nona sa mai rawata nona koroi e vakatubu luluvu ni marau vei keitou ni keitou kila ni sa rawata naka a gadreva voli mai me rawata ka na yaco me dua na iyaubula ni Mataivalu ni Viti,” e kaya ko Sailo.





## Veivuke na tabacakacaka ni qoli ena vakacoko ena Vualiku

E ra soli vakasala talega ena veikoro mai Bua kei Macuata na vakaile-silesi ni Tabana ni Qoliqoli ni me vaka e laurai ni oti na ravuravu ni cagilaba o Yasa.  
iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



## Sikova ko PM Bainimarama na vakacaca ni cagilaba e na Vualiku ni noda vanua

Bibi ki vua na turaga na Paraiminis-ita Voreqe Bainimarama na bula ni lewenivanua. Oya na vuna era siro yani kina mera laki tara sara ga na we ni ivako se mera laki raica e matanavotu na vakacaca ni cagilaba o Yasa mai Bua kei

Macuata. E ra laki veivotayaka talega kina na kakana ni veivuke ni cagilaba me vei tauri toka mada vei ira na lewenivanua. Toka oqori eso na itaba ni vesikio nei PM Bainimarama.  
iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA



## Veivuke na tabacakacaka ni veikau ena vakacoko ena Vualiku

Vakavinavinakataki na nodra vakaitavi na vakaile-silesi ni Tabacakacaka ni Veikau ena kena varo laivi na kau era baleta tu na gaunisala mai Vanua

Levu ena cagilaba o Yasa. Me vaka era taba toka ena e cake kei na imatau.  
iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



## Yaco na raiseni kakana e na Yatu Lau

Sa yaco yani kina veianuyanu e ravuravu kina na cagilaba o Yasa ena Yasana o Lau na waqa e kauta tiko yani na kakana ni cagilaba me veitauri toka vei ira ni bera ni qai muri tale yani na iyaya ni vakacoko eso.

E ra maqusa na vakaile-silesi ena itaba ena imawi keina itaba e cake ena tala iyaya ni veivuke ni cagilaba mai Lau.  
iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI





# Veivuke na FNPF vei ira na itikotiko vakaleqai

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A kacivaka na Matabose ni ilavo musuki ni tamata cakacaka se Fiji National Provident Fund ni sa rawa ni oni kerea yani e \$2000 ena nomuni akaude me vakavinakataki kina na nomuni vale a vakacacani ena cagilaba o Yasa.

Sa vakadonuya na Matabose ni FNPF moni rawa ni kerea yani e \$2000 ke levu sara kina \$100 ke lailai sara mai nomuni General Account.

E ratou sa tiko mai Vanua Levu kei Lau na timi ni vakadididike ni FNPF ka sa kacivaki ka tabaki tiko ena monalivaliva na veivanua keina gauna eratou na veisiko tiko kina.

Kaya na CEO ni FNPF o Jaoji Koroi ni kila tiko na matabose na gagadre e tiko baleta na vakavinakataki ni veivale e vakacacani.

“Sa na qai matata sara na veivuke e gadrevi ni oti mai nodratou vakadidike na neitou ivakailesilesi ka mai vakaleweni na fomu ni kerekere mai vei ira na meba,” kaya o Koroi.

“Me vaka na vei kerekere sa dau ciqomi ena veigauna ni cagilaba eda sa lako sivita, era na kerea yani na meba na ilavo oya mai nodra general account kevaka esa drekea nodra akaude, sa na rawa nira kerea yani na nodra Veivuke baleta na Veivakavaletaki.”

Na kerekere taucoko ena dikevi sara vakavinaka ni bera ni soli yani na ivola kerekere.

Sa gadrevi vei kemuni na meba ni FNPF ni tiko ena noda veikoro moni vakarautaka na nomuni I.D, naba ni akaude ni baqe, ka me dua na ivola ni veivakadonui nei Turaga ni Koro se advisory council.

Na fomu ni kerekere baleta na cagilaba o Yasa e sa tikoga vei iratou na neitou timi ni



Oqo ke Jaoji Koroi na i liuliu se chief executive officer ni Matabose ni ilavo musuki ni tamata cakacaka se Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF).

vakadidike ka sega ni tiko e vale ni volavola. Era na vukei walega na meba era vakaitikotiko ena veivanua e vakacaca kina na cagilaba o Yasa. Sa vakayagataka na FNPF e \$136M ena nodra vukei na vakaleqai nodra cakacaka ena COVID-19. Okati kina e \$43.7M e solia na Matanitu.

Ni sa vakananumi talega yani na meba moni

vakadeitaka tiko ni ilavo ni FNPF e baleta na nomuni gauna ni vakacegu, ka moni vakayagataka walega kevaka e tiko dina na gagadre.

“Keimami duavata kei na bolebole era sotava tiko o ira e ravuti ira na cagilaba o Yasa ka nuitaka ni veivuke oqo ena solia e dua na vakacegu.”

## 60 era vulica na valuti ni dravudravua

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**E**RA tiko ena dua na vuli e 60 na itabagone digitaki mai na noda veikoro e Viti mera mai vulica na bula vakaivakarau ni vakayagataki qele kei na vakayagataki gauna me vaka era sa valuta kina na bula dravudravua na dauteitei mai Korea.

Oya na nodra vakauqeti mera sa teitei vakabisinisi.

Vakatokai na vuli oqo na 2020 Fiji Saemaul Undong (SMU) kena inaki me vakatorocaketaka na iyau bula ena koro me tababokoci kina na bula dravudravua.

Na Matanitu e Viti sa vakabibitaka na nodra vakatorocaketaki na koro yawa.

Nona vosa tiko ena vuli oya na Vunivola Tudei ni iTabagone kei na Qito o o Rovereto Nayacalevu e kaya kina ni vakatorocaketaki ni bula ena noda veikoro, e ki ni tababokoci ni bula dravudravua.

“Na itabagone e levu na nodra igu kei na kaukauwa ni tu donu tu na itaba ni bula era sa yacova.”

“Kevaka era vagolea na kaukauwa oya kina bula yalomatua ena levu sara na cavuikalawa vinaka era na rawata.”

“Na noqu Minisitiri e vakauqeta na vakayagataki vakayalomatua ni iyaubula ena koro me vakavurea na cakacaka vei ira na itabagone,” kaya o Nayacalevu.

“Na SMU e yavutaki ena dina, na vukei koya vakaikoya kei na sole-solevaki.”

“Na itavi ni Matanitu me soli ivakasala, na vakatulewa me nodra na lewenivanua mera cakacaka vata kina na Vanua Lotu kei na Matanitu.”

A sainitaki ena yabaki 2018 na veidinadinataki ni Minisitiri ni iTabagone keina SMU ni matanitu mai Korea.



*Na itabagone e levu na nodra igu kei na kaukauwa ni tu donu tu na itaba ni bula era sa yacova. Kevaka era vagolea na kaukauwa oya kina bula yalomatua ena levu sara na cavuikalawa vinaka era na rawata.*

Rovereto Nayacalevu  
Vunivola Tudei ni iTabagone  
kei na Qito

## ‘Qarava e 7000 na siteseni ni ovisa e Ra’



E ra taba vata kei na tuaraga na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na gonevuli ni Nakorotubu, Ra, ena kina mai dola na siteseni ni ovisa ka qai tara vou tale na Matanitu ni oti na kina mai vakacacani ena cagilaba o Winisitoni ena yabaki 2016.

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**N**A nona dolava na siteseni ni ovisa e Nakorotubu, Ra, ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama, e kaya kina o koya ni sa yaga sara na vei qaravi ni ovisa e kea ve ira e rauta ni lewe 7000 na lewenivanua.

Vakadreta vei ira na ovisa era na vei qaravi e Nakorotubu ko PM Bainimarama na bibi ni nodra

itavi ena taqomaki ni lawa.

“E na nomuni itavi ni kena taqomaki na lawa e sa bibi moni qarava nomuni itavi mera taqomaki ka yadravi kina na lewenivanua.”

“Na nodra vakasaurarataki se vakasosataki se vakalolomataki na noda lewenivanua e levu na vuna: me vaka beka na vakayaco itovo kaukauwa, na draiva ena ivakarau rerevaki, kei na ka mate

vou e sa veitauvi tiko oqo na COVID-19,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Na gauna lekaleka e tarai keda mai kina na matetaka oqo oqo eda vakararavi ki vei ira noda Ovisa mera kei na Tabana ni Veit-aqomaki mera yadrava na muri ni lawa ni vakatatabu ni veilakoyaki ni yaco na sogosogo e Suva kei Lautoka me baleta na manumanu meca ni matetaka oqo.”

“Na duavata ni noda vakatulewa oya e sa yaco kina o Viti me vanua taqomaki mai na Covid-19,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“E na vanua ni vei qaravi ni ovisa oqo e Namarai esa vakinadinataki kina ni vei qaravi ni Ovisa esega ni baletai ira walega mai na veitauni.”

“Keitou gadreva me yadravi na lawa ena veivanua kece e Viti ena korovakavalagi keina koro





Na cagilaba e dau sucu mai ena gauna ni draki katakata kei na draki suasua. E na yaga me na katakata na vanua ka me na katakata na waitui. Na cagilaba e sucu ga mai ena wasawasa, e sega ni rawa ni sucu mai ena dela ni vanua mamaca. Taba toka qori na revurevu ni cagilaba ko Yasa e na Vualiku ni noda vanua.

# Mo kila na itukutuku ni draki

*Veitalanoa na noda Tabana ni Tukutuku ni Matanitu keina Manidia Vakatawa ni Daunidraki mai Nadi o Samisoni Waqavakatoga. Wilika sara yani.*

**Taro: E vica na iwase lelevu ni draki e dau yaco ena noda iwase ni vuravura oqo?**

Waqavakatoga: Na noda iwase ni vuravura oqo e rua ga na iwase lelevu ni draki, dua ga mai na vula o Noveba kina Evereli oya na vula e dau levu kina na draki suasua kei na katakata.

Na kena ikarua ga na vula ko Me kina Okotova oya na vulai mamaca se batataba.

**Taro: Ni cavuta na yaca ni veivanua eda okati vata ena mataqali draki vaka oqo?**

Waqavakatoga: E da vakila na rua na iwase ni draki oqo o keda kece na tiko ena veivanua ena Ra ni Wasa Pasifika. Me tekivu mai na Yatu Solomoni, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Viti, Toga, Samoa, Yatu Kuka, Kiribati, Tuvalu kei Tahiti.

**Taro: E da dau rogoca na itukutuku ni draki dau tukuni ni sa tiko e dua na Cava. Na cava na kaukauwa ni cagi ni dua na Cava?**

Waqavakatoga: Na ivakatagedegede ni cagilaba ni wase vaka lima, na Cava e tiko na kena kaukauwa ena vakatagedegede 1 (Category 1) oya e 34 kina kei na 47 na nota kina vakatagedegede 2 (Category 2) oya ena 48 kina 63 na nota.

Meu vakarawarawataka ga ena 34 kina 47 na nota oya e tautauvata tiko ni 65 na kilomita dua na aua kina 94

na kilomita dua na aua na totolo se kaukauwa ni cagi.

Na vakatagedegede 2 e tautauvata ni 96 na kilomita dua na aua yacova yani na 126 na kilomita dua na aua.

**Taro: Na cava na kaukauwa ni cagi me qai vakatokai kina e dua na Cava me sa Cagilaba?**

Waqavakatoga: Ni sivia ga na 63 na nota na kena kaukauwa sa okati na Cava oya me Cagilaba. Se ni sa yacova yani na ivakatagedegede naba 3 naba 4 kei na naba 5. Kena ibalebale ni sa yacova ga na ivakatagedegede naba 3 oya sa vakatokai me Cagilaba.

**Taro: Dau levu talega na gauna dau kacivakai tiko na Cagi Tataba ni vakamacala mada kina.**

Waqavakatoga: E na vosa vaka Peritania na cagi tataba na Gale Force Winds. Qoka na cagi e kaukauwa cake mai naka e vakatokai vaka Peritania me strong winds se cagi kaukauwa.la na gauna e namaki me lako mai kina na Cava se Cagilaba ena liu mai na Cagi Tataba. Ni se bera ni yaco mai na uto ni Cava se Cagilaba esa na liu mai na Cagi Tataba.

**Taro: O ni dau kila vakacava na daunidraki na kaukauwa ni ua se na levu ni ua e wasawasa?**

Waqavakatoga: Keitou dau vakayagataka eso na iyaya vakamisini me vukei keitou me keitou kila na kaukauwa sena levu ni ua e wasawasa.

**Taro: E dau tekivu vakacava e dua na Cagilaba?**

Waqavakatoga: Dau tiko na veika eso me na bucini kina. Na cagilaba e dau sucu mai ena gauna ni draki katakata kei na draki suasua. E na yaga mena katakata na vanua, mena katakata na waitui. Na cagilaba e sucu ga mai ena wasawasa e sega ni rawa ni sucu mai ena dela ni vanua mamaca.

Kevaka e kaukauwa tiko na cagi e maliwa lala esega ni rawa ni sucu rawa na cagilaba baleta ni na taya laivi na domona na cagila mai maliwa lala. Ena gadrevi me tubu cake vaka dodonu ki maliwa lala em qai sucu na cagilaba.

Dua tale ga na ka noda kila ni sega ni sucu rawa ni Cagilaba kevaka e voleka yani kina loma donu kei vuravura se Equator ena sega ni sucu rawa kina na cagilaba.

**Taro: Na cava na ivakarau ni cagi ni wasawasa e rawa ni dou qai kacivaka kina ni maravu tu na wasawasa?**

Waqavakatoga: Na maravu ni wasawasa e vakatautauvatataki ni ivakarau ni cagi me tiko ena 10 na nota se 18 na kilomita dua na aua.

**Taro: Ni tukuna mada eso na ivakatakilakila ni sa toso tiko mai e dua na cagilaba.**

Waqavakatoga: Na katakata tiko yani vakadede ni loma ni vanua. Keitou sa dau rawa talega ni raica rawa tiko ena satellite na kena kumukumuni na o kei na kena sa lai ovici koya na o se sa lai viko me sa qai sucu na cagilaba.

Tiko talega eso na ivakatakilakila era dau vakayataka na noda qase me vaka na kena vakasova na pi e dela ni qele, se vuavuvuai tolu na uto.



Rau taba toka oqori e rua na lewe ni koro e Makadru, Matuku, Lau. E vakacacani e so na vale ena kaukauwa ni cagilaba ko Yasa ka cabeta tale ga na loma ni koro oqo na ualoka.



# Noda Viti



E levu sara na vanua era vakacacani ena cagilaba o Yasa a sikova na Vunilawa ka Minisitani ni iLavo ni noda Matanitu o Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum me vaka e tabaki toka oqori mai na Vualiku. iTaba: AZARIA FAREEN

## ‘Kua ni dabuitaki na veivuke ni cagilaba’

FELIX LESINAIVALU

**S**A vakasavuya na Minisitiri ni Vei-vakatorocaketaki ena Taudaku ni Koro Lelevu kei na Leqa Tubukoso na nona vakavinavinaka cecekia ki vei kemuni kece na lewenivanua, keina isoqosoqo oni sa cau mai ena veivuke ni cagilaba o Yasa.

Vakavinavinaka talega na Minisitiri ki vei ira na vakaillesilesi ni Matanitu kei na Veisoqosoqo era a liu taumada kina veiva-

nua e vakaleqai ena nodra vakarawarawataka na vakacoko ni Matanitu. E ka ni rarawa ni mai ciqoma na NDMO eso na ripote ni tiko eso na lewenivanua era ciqoma tiko eso na veivuke kara vakayagataka vakailoa kina na yaca ni veivuke ni cagilaba o Yasa.

Na ripote kece oqo esa vakacakulei ka vaqaqai tiko ena gauna oqo. Me tarova na nodra rawa ni kana na yavato ena gauna vakaoqo, esa kacivaka kina na NDMO ni isoqosoqo kece, ilawalawa, kei na bisinisi era via ciqoma na veivuke ni cagilaba

mera rejisita taumada se “NDMO- Certified”. Qoka me vakadeitaka kina vei ira na lewenivanua ni iloloma era solia e gole vakadodonu kina veivuke e gadrevi. E sega ni saumi na sitivikiti oya.

E yaga talega na rejista oya me kua ni tau-tauvata tu kina e rua na mataqali veivuke. Me yaga kina vakalevu na isau ni veivuke e ciqomi.

Me kua ni dua na koro vakaleqai e sega ni vukei, ka me kua ni dua na koro e sivia na kakana e soli vei ira ka sega na isulu era

vukei kina. Se na kena levu na isulu e soli kina dua na koro ia ka sega ni dua na veivuke ni kakana e ra ciqoma.

E ra na totogitaki o ira era veidabuitaka na veivuke ni cagilaba ena nodra voroka na lawa ni Gauna ni Leqa ni Vanua.

Lamata mai kauwai oqo ni kunei ni levu na lewenivanua era sa tauyavutaka nodra tabana ni veivuke ni cagilaba o Yasa.

E 30 na siga na balavu ni Gauna ni Leqa ni Vanua ka vakatabui talega kina na vakayagataka vakailoa ni tubu e rawati mai kina.

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