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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Assistant Minister for Agriculture Jale Sigarara during the commissioning of the Bua Provincial Council staff quarters at Nabouwalu yesterday. The quarters cost \$180,000 to build. Photos: NANISE NEIMILA

# PM'S CALL

Work with communities, civil servants urged

NANISE NEIMILA

CIVIL servants serving at the Bua Provincial Office have been urged by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama to assist Fijians in communities across Bua to tap into the vast potential that lies in their land.

Prime Minister Bainimarama urged these civil servants to help these Fijians harness their willingness to work hard for achievable rewards and lead this province into a new era of development.

The Head of Government highlighted this while officiating at the opening of the Bua Provincial Council staff quarters in Nabouwalu yesterday.

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Voreqe  
Bainimarama

*As Fijians, you all have every right to tap into my Government's universal health coverage — coverage that is granted to all Fijians, not just those living in our towns and cities.*

Voreqe Bainimarama  
Fijian Prime Minister

### NUMBERS

# 150,000 tonnes

The amount of cane FSC plans to transfer to Lautoka Mill from Rarawai as cane crushing begins. Government has allocated **5.9million** to procure lorries for this purpose.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK



António Guterres @antonioguterres

*There is no good reason for any country to include coal in their #COVID19 recovery plans. This is the time to invest in energy sources that don't pollute, generate decent jobs and save money.*

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# 'Land lots not going to intended recipients'

THE Ministry of Housing and Community Development has maintained its stance that allocation of lots by Housing Authority of Fiji was not going to those Fijians it was intended for.

Ministry permanent secretary, Sanjeeva Perera said there had been numerous complaints from applicants on the allocation of lots by Housing Authority of Fiji.

"Interestingly, the most common question raised by these low/middle income earning applicants is how could some of the successful Housing Authority applicants manage to build such expensive houses if they were really low income earners," Mr Perera said.

He added that this has been one area of research undertaken by the Ministry as part of its policy review process, in particular the eligibility of the recipients on the lots requested, within certain development areas of the

Authority.

The findings from these research work and other available facts raise clear doubts on the eligibility of some of the lot recipients to receive heavily subsidised land lots and thereby, the level of transparency of the lot allotment process used by the Authority.

Responding to comments by the Fiji Bank and Finance Sector Employees Union, Mr Parera said the line Minister Premila Kumar's statement on this issue was well supported by these findings and observations.

"The union on the other hand needs not to go far, but simply read and hear what members of the public are expressing on corruption practices at Housing Authority, especially applicants who had applied for the lots and hoped that one day, they too would own their very own homes," he said.

Mr Perera also clarified that it is not the cur-

rent lot allotment policy which allows sale of limited number of high end lots which is being questioned by the Minister, but the system used to pick successful applicants.

"This system lacks transparency in selecting the successful applicants when large numbers of applicants who meet the basic criteria apply. This obviously leaves room then for those staff who intend to manipulate the decisions made, for their personal gains to abuse the system."

"We have been trying to understand the mechanism used by the Authority's Lot Allotment system in picking the successful applications, but unfortunately, have not received a satisfactory explanation to date. When the users of a system do not understand or cannot explain it, that leaves room for manipulation," Mr Perera said.

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Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Nazhat Shameem Khan during a virtual presentation to the Director General of the International Labour Organisation, Guy Ryder. Photo: SUPPLIED

## Fiji envoy presents UN pact ratification papers

FIJI'S Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Nazhat Shameem Khan has presented two instruments of Fiji's ratification of Convention 190.

This ratification will be covering - Violence and Harassment Convention 2019 and Protocol 2002 to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention of 1981.

Ambassador Khan made a virtual presentation to the Director General of the International Labour Organisation, Guy Ryder, last week.

While presenting Fiji's instruments of ratification, Ambassador Khan highlighted the

Fijian Government's continued commitment to improve labour conditions and to apply best practices aligned to international standards.

Fiji's ratification is consistent with Fiji's Human Rights Council membership and is timely and it remains committed to addressing real challenges such as violence, harassment, and intimidation in the world of work particularly during this pandemic.

Fiji also noted the inclusivity of the Convention, which purports to protect and empower all who are subject of bullying and harassment at work including women. Whilst receiving Fiji's instruments of ratification, Mr

Ryder, congratulated the Fijian Governments' commitment and leadership in various aspects including improving labour standards despite the hurdles posed by the pandemic.

"Fiji's ratification signalled to the world that this Convention needs to be ratified quickly and widely. In light of the pandemic, ILO knows from evidence that gender-based violence increased globally and this ratification works towards addressing those, so I thank Fiji for this," the director general said.

Further, the Director General reiterated that Fiji's ratification is critical in enabling the Convention to enter into force, "Your

ratification is most crucial and matters as it draws the Convention to meeting the minimum threshold to enter into force."

Mr Ryder wished Fiji well in the domestication of the Convention 190 and the Protocol 2002 and the ILO stands ready to work collaboratively with the Fijian Government in its implementations.

The Parliament of the Republic of Fiji, in its May, 2020 sitting, approved the ratification of Convention 190 - Violence and Harassment Convention 2019 and Protocol 2002 to the Occupational Safety and Health Convention on 1981.

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## PM's call

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The \$180,000 quarters will accommodate staff serving in the provincial office.

"Every official serving this province must become stronger advocates for the vast opportunities my Government has made available to the Fijian people, including our landowning communities."

"These opportunities are only made possible through our Fijian Constitution, which establishes, for the first time ever, permanent and unwavering protections of iTaukei land ownership. No exceptions and no excuses."

Prime Minister Bainimarama urged officials not to let this investment go to waste.

"Every extra hour of quality sleep you gain in these new quarters should be matched by an extra measure of service to our people; because as your well-being improves, so must the well-being of every Fijian you are entrusted to empower."

Prime Minister Bainimarama also took the time to commend the people of the Northern Division for their resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I want to thank Fijians in our Northern Division, especially those living in the Soasoa settlement, for their patience and co-operation through our containment of the deadly coronavirus. As you likely know, Fiji has ended our COVID-19 outbreak, and we have recorded no new cases in over 70 days."

"Our victory in keeping our people safe from this virus is shared by the Doctors, Nurses and Disciplined Forces who have spent countless hours in defence of their fellow citizens, and it is shared by the ordinary Fijians across this Division who took our directives seriously and adopted the good habits that stopped this virus from spreading."

# Fiji in phase 2 of pandemic response

F IJIANs have entered Phase 2 of COVID-19 response that is seeing the re-opening of schools, certain businesses, places of worship and recreational centres- but with restrictions to maintain precautionary measures.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama made the announcement recently after Fiji passed more than 70 days since the last positive case of COVID-19.

Fiji has been strictly observing safety measures and has not let down its guard as the world figure for COVID-19 has surpassed 10 million with more than half million fatalities.

"In Phase 2, our nationwide curfew will remain in effect, but to allow for more economic activity and freedom of movement, it will now be enforced from 11pm and lifted at 4am."

For this reason, nightclubs will stay closed but restriction on public gathering has been partially lifted.

"At the moment, gatherings of more than 20 people are banned. From June 22, we'll be relaxing this restriction, allowing for gatherings up to 100 individuals," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

He has hailed the understanding and leadership shown by religious bodies over the past months during which many holy days in the religious calendars had passed.

"Effective from Friday, the 26th of June, we're allowing houses of worship to re-open their doors to 100 worshippers at a time."

"We are asking each church, mosque, and temple to share the burden of responsibility, and look after your worshippers with the same duty of care that is at the centre of all our efforts. Set up hand-washing stations. Limit physical contact, encourage distancing measures and consider holding more services to ensure adherence to the 100-person limit."

On schools, Prime Minister Bainimarama

said the plan is to reopen schools in two stages.

"To safely ease back into the academic calendar and give our school leaders the space to adjust, Year 12 and Year 13 students in our secondary schools will start classes on Tuesday, 30 June. This will allow them to get back into preparing for their exams — a top priority to avoid longer-term disruption. Tertiary institutions as well can open for face-to-face classes from 30 June."

"The rest of the primary and secondary schools — as well as early childhood education — will open one week later, on Monday, the 6th of July."

Gyms, fitness centres and swimming pools — both public pools and those at hotels — re-opened from June 22 while cinemas re-opened but under various conditions such as limited to 50 per cent of capacity.

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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama officially opens the new Nakasi Fire Station. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

## \$1.7m fire station for Nakasi community

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THE new \$1.7million Nakasi Fire Station is a demonstration of the Government extending the reach of the National Fire Authority services around Fiji.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while commissioning the fire station, said strong and well-staffed fire stations provide Fijians with emergency services that can help protect homes, businesses and lives from the threat of fires and other emergencies.

"The people of Nakasi can now sleep easier knowing that these life-saving services are at your doorstep. But despite its name, the National Fire Authority does far more than put out fires."

"The NFA's responsibilities have grown to include responding to

auto accidents, protecting the public from hazardous materials spillage, carrying out flood and swift water rescue operations, emergency ambulatory services, first aid assistance, and search and rescue operations."

"By every standard, Fijian fire-fighters keep our communities safe day and night — and for that, they are heroes."

Prime Minister Bainimarama commended the efforts of NFA in the recent months, as Fiji grappled with two crises- COVID-19 and Tropical Cyclone Harold.

"Each posed unique challenges, which were only compounded by the other. Responding to either one alone would be difficult; being forced to navigate both at once would seem nearly impossible."

"But the National Fire Authority

stepped up and took action when the country needed them most. By keeping our evacuation centres sanitised, clearing debris and fallen trees, and cleaning out our communities as soon as the storm had settled, the NFA showed the world that Fijians don't back away from any challenge or crisis, no matter how great."

Prime Minister Bainimarama pleaded with Fijian families to take this as learning opportunity and as a chance to make the commitment to take fire safety seriously.

"Some of the biggest steps you can take are the simplest. Ensure that your homes are fire-safe by switching off all electrical appliances after use. Prevent overloading your power supply."

"Stay in the kitchen until your food is cooked and stove is

switched off. Keep an eye on candles, prayer diyas and mosquito coils, making sure that they are safely spaced from any flammable materials, placed on ceramic or metallic surfaces, and extinguished before leaving home or before going to bed."

He also urged parents to keep a close watch on your children. They often don't understand the potential dangers of a flickering flame, and their curiosity might get the better of them. Take every precaution to fire-proof your house by keeping matches and lighters out of their reach.

"And realise that it's our responsibility to sit down and speak to them about just how deadly a fire can be; so, by sitting down and having a simple conversation, you may be saving their life."

The people of Nakasi can now sleep easier knowing that these life-saving services are at your doorstep. But despite its name, the National Fire Authority does far more than put out fires.

Voreqe Bainimarama  
Fijian Prime Minister





Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar has welcomed all teachers who returned to school yesterday. Photo: SUPPLIED

# Minister welcomes teachers back to school

**T**HE Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar welcomed all teachers that returned to school yesterday.

Schools closed on March 20, 2020 immediately after the first COVID-19 case was identified in Fiji.

A total of 13,364 teachers are back in school after three months, the longest in the history of formal education.

Minister Akbar said, "Some of our rural, remote and maritime teachers have returned to their duty stations over the weekend and some may still be making their way back due to transportation schedules. I would like to thank all the hard working teachers who have worked from home and remotely in the last three months to provide education to all the children of Fiji".

Minister Akbar also commended the teachers for their resilience and preparedness to deal with the devastation of TC Harold and the uncertainties of the pandemic.

"I would like to thank the school heads and management who have worked together for the last few weeks in COVID proofing their schools and for creating awareness and information dissemination. School Heads are reminded to ensure that all classrooms are well ventilated and all hygiene practices are in place.

"All schools must ensure that there are enough water tanks to cater for hand washing and hygiene needs of all the students especially during recess and lunch breaks.

"Large schools which have had water issues in the past must work earnestly towards rectifying it before all students return to school."

Minister Akbar reiterated to school heads that the worksheets were supplementary resources only and teachers should not pressure any student to submit completed worksheets upon their return to school. The Minister strongly reiterates not to schedule any form of assessment upon the resumption of schools.

"I know my teachers are aware of the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on the students and they will provide the much needed psychosocial support to assist the children in dealing with this," said Minister Akbar.

All heads of schools, management, parents and guardians are urged to make the effort in ensuring that students make a smooth transition to term two.

Minister Akbar wishes all teachers a wonderful and successful term two.

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## Ministry commits to informal settlements project

**T**HE Minister for Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar, visited Cuvu informal settlement in Nadroga last week.

While in Cuvu, the Minister was able to inspect the progress of civil works carried out on site. Contractors were also visible carrying out site clearing, in order for civil works to recommence.

"There are three projects that will be finishing this year. These are Ledrusasa, Cuvu and Waidamadamu. In other words, we will be able to issue 99 year leases to 451 families in these three settlements once these projects are completed this year."

The visit was to reaffirm the Ministry's commitment in completing the civil construction works in Cuvu, which had lapsed



A contractor clears a site for civil works as Minister for Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar looks on during her visit to Cuvu Informal settlement in Nadroga. Photo: SUPPLIED

for a period of three years.

"Cuvu project started in 2014 and unfortunately in 2017 the project came to a standstill as it was not fully completed, so we're reviving that. Our intention is to finish that project before the end of this year," Minister Kumar said.

The Minister added that for any development, once the development is completed, the infrastructure is handed over to relevant Authorities.

The roads are taken over by Fiji

Roads Authority, Sewerage and water lines by Water Authority of Fiji and maintenance of the drains, footpath and garbage collection will be handed over to the Municipal Councils.

"That's why we need all these parties to come to the site, have an assessment, tell us what more we need to do or whether we have done enough, so that we can transfer the road to FRA and sewer and water lines to WAF and other services to the Municipal Council,"

Minister Kumar stated.

After the completion of construction phase, the lot allotment process will begin.

A detailed social survey and a strict means test will be conducted for verification purposes. The Fijian Government allocated a total sum of \$12.2 million for the completion of the three projects (Ledrusasa, Cuvu and Waidamadamu) this year.

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## Veterinary Surgeons Act under review

**T**HE importance of having fully operational Veterinarians in Fiji was relayed to veterinary professionals from all over Fiji to join hands in embarking on reviewing the 64 year old statute which governs Fiji's veterinarians.

Ministry of Agriculture permanent secretary Ritesh Dass highlighted this while opening the Legislative Consultation Workshop on the review of the Veterinary Surgeons Act of 1956 at Holiday Inn, Suva last week.

"The existence of your association for over 34 years deserves both, praise and gratitude in our acknowledgment of your profession's unfailing commitment to its creed in the devotion of your learning and skills in service of the care and welfare of Fiji's Animal Kingdom."

"Around 150 names are recorded in the Veterinary Surgeons Register which is required to be maintained under the 1956 legislation and unfortunately that register has not been kept up-to-date in terms of the statute. That oversight, along with many other anomalies has been discovered during the Ministry's recent reviews of Fiji's operative laws," Mr Dass said.

He emphasised the Ministry's constitutional duty to "provide reasonable opportunity for public participation in the development and review of the law before it is made" can only be fulfilled by our constructive engagement with the profession and the community it serves to ensure everyone is given a say in the design and making of our veterinary laws.

Mr Dass said today's programme is the ambitious beginning of a journey to awaken our sense and sensibility as well as parliamentary slumber on the long-neglected refinement of colonial-era legislation.

"The Veterinary Surgeons Act is no longer adequate in regulating a profession that has outgrown its original composition and ideals," he said.

He said contemporary reality challenges all of us to reflect maturely and constructively on existing problems to find solutions which are pragmatic, palatable and enduring to preserve the dignity of a profession whose noble calling is to protect animal life and welfare in the public interest.

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# Fiji Airways sets travel bubble plans

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fijian Government's budget consultation picked up momentum in Nadi as stakeholders saw this as an opportune time to discuss issues pertaining to their line of business.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, while addressing a substantial turnout of business people attending the forum, highlighted that the 2020-2021 budget will take into account the Government's loss of revenue as a result of the borders being shut down.

"The global economy is very much at a downturn and in fact all developed countries are facing huge challenges themselves.

"Debt is escalating not only to simply meet the cost of unemployment benefits but a lot of rescue packages have been put in by other countries as well due to huge job

losses," the A-G said.

"There is a lot of talk now that debt by a country is actually a good thing as long as the debt does not lead to huge inflation in the market and the debt is actually used for productive purposes."

It was discussed that when the "Bula Bubble" gets a confirmed date, Fiji Airways is ready to create compelling value packages so that every Australian and New Zealander will want to visit Fiji.

"We as Government also want to be able to collaborate with Fiji Airways who are currently working with a number of properties regarding various packages where we provide direct benefit to people," the A-G added.

Fiji Airways managing director and chief executive officer Andre Viljoen said "18 aircraft are parked in storage not generating any revenue so once there is a definite date set for the Bula Bubble, we will

make sure that we get maximum number of visitors to Fiji for as long as the bubble lasts".

"We have to be ready and that is why Fiji Airways have developed this Travel Ready program. We are targeting at least 300,000 people at 100,000 passengers per month that want to come to Fiji during the Travel Bubble period," Mr Viljoen said.

"We have approached the line Minister on how the Government can help us and the airline together with the hoteliers, the ground handlers and other parties will be sitting in a taskforce to discuss how we can get maximum visitors to Fiji," he added.

"This taskforce will not only look at the value package but also how we can ensure that we have all the necessary protection and protocol in place from the Ministry of Health's perspective with guidance from the World Health

Organisation, International Air Transport Association and the International Civil Aviation Organisation to draw up enhanced safety measures for staff and guests."

Mr Viljoen added that Fiji Airways is currently trying to meet the demand for airfreight and keep the cost as low as possible.

"We can't afford to fly at a loss as we are earning zero today so I can't put out a flight if it is not going to cover the cost because we have to preserve all the cash we have, and if we have more demand then we can put on extra flights," he added.

It was further discussed that tourists must present a certificate from a recognised medical institution certifying their 14 days of quarantine in their home country, along with proof of a negative COVID test result within 48 hours of their departure for Fiji, then they can immediately start their "Bula Bub-

ble" holiday within confined VIP lanes.

Another option presented was that upon arrival in Fiji, tourists can complete 14 days of quarantine at their own cost in a Fijian Government-designated quarantine centre or a hotel of their choosing, after which a negative COVID test can clear them to start their "Bula Bubble" vacation.

The panellists presenting with the A-G included Minister for Commerce, Trade, Industry, Tourism and Transport (MCTTT) Faiyaz Koya, MCTTT permanent secretary Shaheen Ali, Ministry of Health and Medical Service acting permanent secretary Dr James Fong, Ministry of Economy permanent secretary Makereta Konrote, Digital Government Transformation director-general Tupou Baravilala and Head of Fiscal Policy Research & Analysis Shiri Gounder.



FROM LEFT: Head of Fiscal Policy Research & Analysis Shiri Gounder, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Economy Makereta Konrote, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Permanent Secretary for Trade, Industry, Tourism and Transport Shaheen Ali and Director-General for Digital Government Transformation Tupou Baravilala during the 2020-2021 Budget Consultations at Sai Hall in Sigatoka last week. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

# careFIJI App 'mandatory' for Government issued phones

AZARIA FAREEN

BUSINESS stakeholders and members of the public converged in numbers to partake in the first round of the 2020-2021 Budget Consultations which kicked off in Sigatoka last week.

In addressing the audience, the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum stressed the importance of installing the careFIJI application, which is deemed mandatory for all Government issued mobile phones.

"Installing this app will greatly assist the Government in its campaign against

COVID-19 and build confidence by ensuring people that the tracking system and the health systems have credibility and integrity the," the A-G said.

"The careFIJI app is highly significant and it simply records the phones that have been around you for more than 15-minutes via the Bluetooth feature," he added.

"It's very critical that more Fijians have this app so we can tell the rest of the world on the percentage of people using the app so that they can feel safe to travel to Fiji."

The A-G states more than 24,000 people have downloaded the careFIJI app so far and the new framework states that any tourist coming to Fiji will need to download the app as well.

Digital Government Transformation director-general Tupou Baravilala highlighted that the careFIJI app uses Blue trace protocol, basically a Bluetooth low-energy technology which is able to inform you at the earliest if you have been in close proximity with another user diagnosed with COVID-19.

"The app does not capture your location due to the fact of it using the Bluetooth low-energy technology and which also only uses

minimal battery power," Ms Baravilala explained.

"The actual identity of a person is also not revealed as it is the temporary reference of your mobile number that is exchanged with another careFIJI user - it's like a digital handshake that takes place whenever your phone and another user's phone Bluetooth is turned on," she added.

"The only thing the app does capture is the mobile number of a person which you would consent to when you are doing the registration for the app. The reason why the mobile number is needed is to activate your account and so that the Ministry of Health and Medical Services team can contact you if you have come across a COVID-19 user."

Ms Baravilala is also encouraging everyone to visit the dedicated careFIJI website which has a list of "frequently asked questions" with instructional videos specifically for businesses and organizations to be used as a guideline.

The Government's new fiscal year is from 1 August, 2020 to 31 July, 2021 and the National Budget will be delivered for the next financial year on July 17, 2020.







# PM: Fisheries officers play vital role

NANISE NEIMILA

**T**IMELY effectiveness and consistent services to fishermen in the Central Division will certainly be boosted to another level after the opening of the \$300,000 duplex quarters in Wainibokasi, Nausori.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, speaking at the opening last week, said fisheries officers play a vital role in that mission as the role extends beyond that of a civil servant.

“You are serving the health of our oceans and as direct result the stability of our climate.”

“My Government is dedicated to supplying the resources you need to succeed in your mission to sustain our ocean ecosystems for generations — a mission I also serve on the world stage, as part of Fiji’s push for the sustainable management of our oceans, as well as seas far

beyond our horizons. So I’m delighted to be here at the Ministry of Fisheries’ Wainibokasi Service Center, where we are delivering two major upgrades to the lives and careers of your staff — upgrades that will allow them to better service coastal and riverine fisheries for the benefit of Fijians in Tailevu and Rewa.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama added that with the comfort and security of proper housing, these staff can focus on what matters most-serving the fishers and coastal communities that depend on them.

“I hope that Fijians in Rewa and Tailevu take full advantage of this newfound access to the Ministry at your doorstep, and seek advice on how you can tap into the many fisheries resources your Government provides.”

“And the benefits go beyond these new buildings I’m also pleased to be handing over

a new fishing boat and engine to the people of Vuci. This is a commitment I had made, and not forgotten so I’m happy to fulfil that promise to you all this afternoon.”

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Bainimarama re-emphasised the importance of sustainability in the use of resources.

“In order to continue reaping the benefits that our fisheries resources offer, we need to work together to sustain these fragile resources — and we can never lose sight of the importance of long-sightedness.”

“But this is, above all, a community effort. There is no way a single person or organisation can successfully manage these resources, so we must act collectively both as a community and as a nation to take this immense responsibility seriously, for the benefit of both current and future generations.”

## Fiji-US ties boost border security

**E**NHANCED bilateral engagements between Fiji and the United States of America has led to training and competency development opportunities for the Fijian border officers and frontline inspectors.

These officers of the Department of Immigration received first of its kind training program held last week at the Office of the Prime Minister was organised by the Fijian Government and the US Embassy in Fiji.

It will complement the Fijian Government’s current strategies on protecting and safeguarding Fiji’s borders by detecting potential risks that arises through fraudulent and illegal travels through the use of fake visa, fake passport or forged traveling documents.

Attended by 20 officers from the Department of Immigration and two border officers from Fiji Revenue and Customs Services (FRCS), the training will enable these officials to diligently carry out their role in effectively examining all the travel documents and to expedite the movements of legitimate travellers while intercepting high-risk travellers.

The one day training was facilitated by two officials from the US Embassy, Anthony Bogden and Erick Whippy.

Speaking at the official opening program, permanent secretary for Immigration and acting permanent secretary Yogesh Karan said the training is symbolic of the Fijian Government’s commitment to enhance the Fijian Immigration Services by implementing robust strategies for comprehensive border safety and security measures.

Mr Karan said this was work in progress for the Department of Immigration as it plans to organise similar training opportunities through partnership with the Australian Government.

He said that Fiji is appreciative of such great cooperation with its development partners that is integral to enhancing Fiji’s border control and safety.

Mr Karan said that Fiji is proud to have introduced the e-passports last year that has advanced security features which, recognises the milestone achievements of Fiji in modernizing the immigration services and taking it to a higher level.

“We are working on the second phase whereby we try to make our processes paperless, work permits and applications and being able to trace the label free visas. We are finalizing our draft concept and we have been assisted by IOM (International Organisation for Migration). Plans are also in place to introduce smart gates at Fiji’s international airport.”

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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar with teachers of Ballantine Memorial School at the commissioning of the new teachers' quarters on Monday. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

# School thanks Govt for teachers' quarters

FELIX LESINAIVALU

**A** \$668,922 upgrade to the teachers' quarters at Ballantine Memorial School funded by the Office of the Prime Ministers small grants scheme was commissioned by Prime Minister, Voreqe Bainimarama.

Ballantine Memorial School Principal, Miriama Naicegucegu commended the initiative by the Government, through the Office of the Prime Minister, for assisting the school in the construction of three teachers' quarters.

“Being a hostel boarding school, we need a lot more teachers in the compound to help with the supervision of students.”

“Out of 349 students, 173 are boarders, and with only 10 teachers we are sometimes too stretched out in the supervision.”

Ms Naicegucegu added the new teacher’s quarters will ease the workload for those already in the school compound and at the same time, with the state of the new quarters, it will be motivational for the teachers.

“Now with the fully furnished modern houses it will sure enough lift the morale of teachers and more so their efficiency.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama, while com-



Ballantine Memorial School Principal Miriama Naicegucegu (second from right) commended the initiative by the Government, through the Office of the Prime Minister, to help the school in the construction of three teachers' quarters. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

missioning the teachers' quarters, said, “Investing in high quality quarters is about more than providing teachers with a sense of physical safety and security, it is also about granting them comfort”.

While addressing the students of the school, Prime Minister Bainimarama said the Government was excited to reconnect students with their friends and teachers and continue their educational journeys in the classroom.

“Bear in mind that many of fellow students around the world don’t yet have this same opportunity; many of them will be learning at-home for quite some time to come.

“Be thankful; and put that gratitude into practice every day of the next term. Work hard, study hard, be kind to one another, and, together, let’s press Fiji’s education revolution onwards, and let’s do it as safely as it can be done.”



# Villagers work to protect environment

IN the midst of the growing economic challenges posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic, a small village in Tailevu is fighting to mitigate the ever increasing impacts of climate change on their community.

Kumi Village is home to about 100 families and for many years grappled with the effects of rising sea level.

In 2016, Government, through the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) funded the construction of a seawall for the village to help villagers adapt to the effects of this climate crisis – something which they have had to live through daily.

This was in line with the relevant provisions in the Paris Agreement.

Recently, nearby surroundings of the village had been frequently flooded due to the inundation of seawater inland.

To help mitigate this, more than

200 villagers of Kumi, including children as young as three-years-old took to the shores of the village to plant more than 1500 mangrove seedlings.

The Turaga ni Yavusa o Yasa of Kumi Village, Ilaitia Ravasakula, joined by other village elders led yesterday's program.

Village headman Timoci Ravasakula said although the planting of the mangrove was a long-term mitigating factor, it would still help save their village in the years to come.

"It has been almost five years since we have had our seawall, but today we have started to see things that we never used to experience before," Mr Ravasakula said.

"At present when it rains heavily, our village boundaries are usually flooded and nearby surroundings of the village shores that is not protected by the seawall are usually inundated with

seawater causing soil erosion and damage to trees and other resources.

"A lot of coconut trees in these areas had been damaged and washed out to sea because of this. The sea here in front of the village used to have a lot of resources that many of our ancestors used to live on, today, that has changed immensely.

"Today we don't get what our ancestors used to get from the sea which was why we thought to start planting mangroves. We're also doing this for our children."

Mr Ravasakula has urged other villages in the country faced with the same issue to replicate what they have done and not depend on any aid.

"We hope that other villages in the country will learn from this to not always depend on Government for everything. We need to start doing things on our own first.

Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Inia Seruiratu said for the people of Kumi, the mangrove planting program was not only a village project, but linking what they had done to the Paris Agreement.

"It's about taking ownership of global issues and of course with global warming, we need to take responsibility as well," Minister Seruiratu said.

"In the Paris Agreement, two key issues are adaptation and mitigation and in this village through the assistance of Government we've had a seawall which was completed in 2016. That is adaptation."

Minister Seruiratu also emphasised the mangroves planted today would be of great benefit to the villagers of Kumi.

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## PM takes lead in climate battle



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama plants a mangrove seedling at the Nasese foreshore. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Government's green initiative target of planting 30-Million-trees-in-15-years initiative continues to be a priority despite social gatherings having been drastically minimized.

In standing firm on the initiative, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, who is a vocal climate change advocate, recently took part in planting mangrove seedlings at the Nasese foreshore.

PM Bainimarama planted mangrove seedlings alongside over 170 troops from the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF), totalling close to 6,000 mangrove seedlings being planted that day.

This participation by the RFMF was called to pay tribute to Corporal Sefanaia Sukanaivalu by celebrating Infantry Day on June 23, 2020 due to his ultimate sacrifice which emulates courage and dedication to duty for the country.

Corp. Sukanaivalu was a member of the 3rd Battalion and was killed in action in the Solomon Islands during World War II.

He was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously.

With military activities on the low due to restrictions placed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the RFMF has been focusing more on community based activities this year especially mitigating threats from climate change.

The RFMF troops celebrated the Dawn Service by spending a night in the jungles of Delainakobalevu in upper Colo-i-Suva on Monday and marched to Queen Elizabeth Barracks (QEB) in Nabua early Tuesday morning.

Out of the 170 troops who participated in the mangrove planting, 134 of them will deploy as Taskforce Daimanirua - which is the rotation of Golan Heights in October this year.

The RFMF will further continue to do community based projects every fortnight to engage the troops positively.

So far they have planted over 30,000 mangroves.

# Youth takes on climate change activism

NANISE NEIMILA

A PART from being passionate about soccer, 19-year-old Adi Anasimeci Volitikoro has taken on a new challenge in being an activist for climate change.

The eldest of nine siblings, Anasimeci believes the only solution to fight climate change is planting more trees and ensuring that we look after this natural resource for the future generation.

"I believe that we have a responsibility of looking after our environment and one way is to replace our forest cover. For my youth group we have decided to plant trees for the future generation but also for our brothers and sisters."

"Our youth group is a multi-racial group so this tree planting initiative we have engaged in will also empower us youths. We need more of this community outreach that we can utilise as a group."

Anasimeci also highlighted that these community-based programs boost their morale because a lot of the youth are still in high school.

"It gives us another opportunity to learn more and appreciate the environment."

"In addition to this we can also encourage other youth groups around the country by showcasing that we are taking the lead role in sharing the message of how climate change is affecting our environment. We also want to challenge them that as youths we can become ambassadors and help the Government in sharing the message of climate change and ways to mitigate it."

Minister for Forestry Osea Naiqamu told the youths of Vatulovona that climate change is real.

"It is happening right now and it is the most urgent threat facing our entire species and we need to work together to combat it."

"As you are aware, climate change has the power to change the way we live and we have a very short time to turn things around."

Minister Naiqamu challenged the youths to take this opportunity to save the future of the planet.

"Future generations will judge us if we fail in our efforts to make a change. We have a responsibility to hand over a healthy planet to those that will inherit it after us."

"I am sure I can count on the 162 of you to play your part in ensuring we have a healthy planet for those yet to come. The future of our nation is in your hands."



Adi Anasimeci Volitikoro, 19, during a tree planting exercise as part of the 30 million trees in 15 years initiative at Vatulovona Village, Macuata. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA





## PM commissions \$20m dam in Tailevu North

FUJIANS living in the greater Korovou areas and neighbouring villages including schools will now access clean and safe drinking water after the commissioning of the \$20million Namau Dam in Tailevu.

While launching the programme last week, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said it marked a milestone in expanding access to clean water for our people. "By 2030 we expect every Fijian to have reliable access to safe, drinking water, much like what the Namau Water Project now supplies to Korovou Town, five of its surrounding villages, three schools and three farming communities."

Meanwhile, the Water Authority has identified 12 new villages, six settlements, seven schools and two more farming communities in Vulagi and Waidalice that can access treated water from here in Namau.

Photos: NANISE NEIMILA



## Fisheries resources 'key to sustainability'

A newly-constructed \$300,000 duplex quarters that will accommodate Ministry of Fisheries staff was commissioned by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama at Wainibokasi, outside Nausori, last week.

While speaking at the event, Prime Minister Bainimarama re-emphasised the vital importance of sustainability when it

came to the use of natural resources. "In order to continue reaping the benefits that our fisheries resources offer, we need to work together to sustain these fragile resources and we can never lose sight of the importance of long-sightedness," he said. Prime Minister Bainimarama stressed the value of our ocean ecosystems, both in

sustaining Fijian jobs and our environment and how the effective management of our country's more than 1.2 million square kilometres of ocean is vital to not only Fiji's wellbeing, but the wellbeing of our planet.

Photos: NANISE NEIMILA



## Use grants to full potential, youth urged

Various youth groups and residents of Waimalika Cane Field Road in Sabeto, Nadi, were reminded and encouraged to make use of Government assistance offered to them, especially in the field of running a business. Minister for Youth and Sports Parveen Kumar, while officiating at the handing over ceremony of youth grants to three recipients who run their own small businesses, encouraged those present to be innovative and creative. "These recipients are role models

for our youth. They have taken the initiative to start their businesses on a small scale and have demonstrated a capacity and desire to build these businesses," he said. Minister Kumar urged the recipients to learn about their business as it grows and to grow themselves as business people. He encouraged the youth to be job creators instead of job seekers.

Photos: MEREANI GONEDUA





# Islanders praise timely Govt help

MEREANI GONEDUA

IT was all smiles in the village of Nabukeru in the Yasawa Group for more than 200 Fijians, who previously had to travel by boat to seek medical assistance, at the opening of their new nursing station.

The nursing station which will cater for three villages namely Tamusua, Nabukeru and Navutoa was officially opened by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during a recent visit to Yasawa.

Apart from the nursing station, Prime Minister Bainimarama also witnessed the commissioning of a new solar freezer in Tamusua by the Minister for Defence Inia Seruiratu, the opening of a new canteen for the Tamusua Women's Group by the Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa including the commissioning of a new boat for the Kese Nursing Station by Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi



*As Fijians, you all have every right to tap into my Government's universal health coverage — coverage that is granted to all Fijians, not just those living in our towns and cities.*

Voreqe Bainimarama  
Fijian Prime Minister

Waqainabete.

Speaking on behalf of the *vana* Mr Matai acknowledged the Fijian Government for its timely assistance in helping rebuild the



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during the commissioning of Tamusua Nursing Station in Yasawa Island. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

nursing station.

"Villagers and children will now be able to live in peace knowing that they do not have to travel by boat again to find medical assistance as it is now just a few steps away from their home.

"Thank you for listening to our requests and bringing such needed services to our doorsteps. It has taken some time to get to where we are but we are thankful and grateful to know that our plea did not go to waste."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted that the \$300,000 project will have an immediate impact on the health of the communities it serves — some 258 people from the three villages including the children of the near-

by primary school.

"Now, with a facility to call your own, any discouragement or delay that you previously experienced is in the past. You have the convenience of a nursing station that will provide services and health monitoring with ease — so don't let it go to waste.

"Take advantage of this newfound access by taking ownership over your health and well-being. Use this new station as an opportunity to change the way you think about health-care.

"As Fijians, you all have every right to tap into my Government's universal health coverage — coverage that is granted to all Fijians, not just those living in our towns and cities."

## FSC eyes 30pc rise in crush target

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC) aims to harvest 728,280 tonnes of cane from the Rarawai and Penang area during this cane crushing season.

Officiating at the opening of the cane crushing season in Ba, Ministry of Sugar permanent secretary Yogesh Karan highlighted that it is estimated that the mill will produce 58, 295 tonnes of sugar.

Mr Karan highlighted that this would be an increase by 30 per cent when compared to the 2019 crushing season.

"In comparison to last year where 487,279 tonnes was crushed to produce 44,830 tonnes of sugar, the cane and sugar production this year from Rarawai mill will increase by 20 per cent and 30 per cent respectively."

"In terms of Rarawai, this mill will serve cane farmers from Rakiraki, Tavua and Ba districts and we expect this season to progress well as necessary preparations have been carried out well in advance in all areas; harvesting, transportation and milling."

Mr Karan challenged the three mills from Lautoka, Ba and Labasa to compete against each other with an award to be presented to the best achiever.

He acknowledged FSC for upgrading the rail lines that would increase transportation of harvested sugarcane to mills and would also assist farmers in terms of transportation costs.

Assuring farmers and FSC of the Fijian Government's continuous support, PS Karan highlighted that the Fijian Government had again allocated \$4million to cater for cane cartage costs of farmers that transfer cane from Penang to Rarawai mill.

He highlighted that Government in the last three years has spent \$14.78m to assist growers to cart their cane from Penang to Rarawai mill and as part of mill rationalisation to balance cane supply in Lautoka and Rarawai mills, FSC is transferring certain amount of cane to the Lautoka mill from Rarawai.

"A total of \$5million was used from the cane cartage program to assist 1,148 growers to cart 145,809 tonnes of cane from Penang to Rarawai and Lautoka mill in 2019.

"This year, FSC plans to transfer a total of 150,000 tonnes to Lautoka mill from Rarawai.

"To ease the shortage of lorries, Government had allocated a total of \$5.9 million for FSC to procure lorries."

## Sustain, manage resources, villagers urged

MEREANI GONEDUA

MINISTER for Fisheries Semi Koroilavesau has stressed the need for all Fijians to practice sustainability in order to save for the future especially during tough times.

Minister Koroilavesau, who visited seven villages in the Yasawa Group, reminded villagers of the need to sustain, protect and manage resources whether from the sea or in land.

"Overall the main reason for this trip to Yasawa was basically to continue with our program that we have carried out throughout Fiji. The major factor we wanted to stress was the subject of sustainability."

"As I have emphasised throughout the whole week is that sustainability has a few stages as far as the Ministry of Fisheries is concerned. Sustainability in the way we approach fisheries resources and how we go about in order to mitigate climate change and the various factors that affects fishing industry right now."

Minister Koroilavesau highlighted that villagers need to approach fishing activity with sustainability in mind so that they would be able to maintain stock for future generation.

He stated that he was aware of the men and women who had worked in the tourism sector



Minister for Fisheries Semi Koroilavesau (right) during his visit to seven villages around Yasawa, urged villagers to sustain, protect and manage resources from the sea and land. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

and had been unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is perhaps going to be the most trying time for the nation as a whole as we try to address the challenges ahead. Let us work together so that we are able to slowly transform into the 'new normal'."

"This is not the time to be making hasty decisions but definitely the time to be making wise ones as we try to help each other out in terms

of food security and income generation and the overall sustainability of our resources."

The Minister assured villagers that there were also discussions underway for a mobile market for villagers in the four districts of Waya, Naviti, Nacula and Yasawa-i-rara.

He said that Government officials led by the Commissioner Western's office will soon run a weekly or bimonthly market service for them.



# Logawai, 85, tells of climate change impacts

NANISE NEIMILA

**F**OR 85-year-old Unaisi Logawai of Rauriko Village in the district of Dogotuki the dramatic changes brought by climate change has been very evident.

The octogenarian has literally witnessed the disappearance of popular birds in the village and also the failure of trees to bear fruits during certain months of the year.

“For us we have witnessed the changes in weather patterns, now we are experiencing cold nights and warmer days. It becomes even harder to determine the weather in the day but we know that climate change is really affecting us.”

“Climate change is real and we need to work together to combat it. I am glad that the Government in collaboration with the Ministry of Forestry is visiting us to enlighten us on the importance of tree planting and how it can protect our earth from climate change.”

Mrs Logawai said in our daily lives, there were many reminders of our connection with nature and our planet.

“This act is fundamental. The health of our planet is essential to our own health and well-being and to our future and trees are an essential part of it.”

Minister for Forestry Osea Naiqamu said it was becoming clearer that climate change was already having repercussions that seemed almost biblical in scope and rising sea levels threatened every coastline.

“More powerful storms and floods threaten every continent. On shrinking islands and shorelines, families are already being forced to flee their homes as climate refugees,” Minister Naiqamu said.

“I keep saying that planting trees is the most practical and tangible nature-based solution to addressing such issues.”

Meanwhile, Minister Naiqamu visited 14 villages – three in the district of Udu, four in Tawake, four in Dogotuki, two in Wairiki and one in Labasa.

He added that the tour to the Northern Division was an eye-opener as the reality of the drastic impact of climate change was evident in the 14 villages visited.



Unaisi Logawai, 85, during a tree planting exercise as part of the 30 million trees in 15 years initiative at Rauriko Village, Dogotuki, Macuata. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

## Kumar tours West, North, meets stakeholders

**M**INISTER for Local Government, Premila Kumar visited Municipal Councils in the Northern Division recently.

During the visits, Minister Kumar met with teams of Special Administrators of the various Municipal Councils, ratepayers, market vendors, taxi operators, business communities.

Whilst addressing the special administrators, Minister Kumar emphasised the importance of maintaining a good relationship with ratepayers and providing efficient services.

“Our rate payers are our customers and it is the responsibility of every Municipal Council to ensure they are proud of their towns and cities,” the Minister said.

Minister Kumar added that in order to successfully undertake this exercise, it was important for the Council to regularly conduct consultations with all stakeholders.

“Before we implement or change a policy, develop a new infrastructure or relocate any existing structure, it is crucial that we consult our stakeholders. Having everyone informed and on the same page from the very beginning is important. I therefore encourage every Municipal Council to conduct regular consultations with their stakeholders.”

Whilst in Labasa, Minister Kumar met with market vendors who raised issues concerning the allocation of market stalls; problems faced by vendors selling from the market footpaths and other difficulties faced by vendors at the market.

In responding to the issues raised, Minister Kumar emphasised the importance of working together and adhering to the market regulations.

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## Residents plant trees for future generations

NANISE NEIMILA

**P**LANTING more trees for the future generation will be the only possible solution for families residing on Waqaitakea settlement in the district of Udu Point in Vanua Levu as coastal erosion erodes their living space.

Originally from Nalele in Ciko-bia Island, Waisele Rokowati said since the arrival of his forefathers more than a century ago, the settlement has been home for his family and nine siblings.

“We grew up on the island and back in the days it was always a challenge for my parents so they decided to relocate here so that we could attend school.”

“Life on the island was always a challenge because our own mode of transport was by boat so we would help our parents with every little thing like selling coconuts, fishing just to get around in a day. A lot has changed, coastal erosion is more evident due to the rise in sea-level, what was once a playing ground for our children during the school holidays has van-

ished.

“The plan now is to rehabilitate our eroding coastline throughout the remaining months of this year to protect our village,” Mr Rokowati said.

“The dire need for the rehabilitation efforts is because of the erosions that have taken place over the last few years. As a community, we are worried that our coastline is eroding at a very fast rate that soon, if we don’t do anything, the sea water will reach the school in the near future,” he said.

In celebration and contribution to

replanting trees in the settlement to mitigate the effect of soil erosion and climate change, Minister for Forestry Osea Naiqamu led a team of Government officials to visit the settlement to enlighten them on the 30-Million-trees-in-15-years planting initiative.

With this target, Minister Naiqamu said the renewed massive tree-planting programme signifies the Fijian Government’s commitment to elevate the importance of trees and forests as it is critical to nation building, whilst reviving the kinship with nature and its rel-

evance to the very own existence and health of this planet.

He said Fiji’s tree-planting initiative is also part of the global reforestation movement to increase the planet’s ability to absorb carbon and ultimately address climate change.

Minister Naiqamu has urged the villagers of Waqaitakea to take part in the Government’s initiative to plant trees as this can also be a source of income to them and also contribute to the Ministry of Forestry’s initiative to plant more trees.





## Relief package for Housing Authority customers

SONAM SAMI

THE Housing Authority of Fiji is working hand in hand with the Ministry of Housing in providing a relief to their customers who are facing the full brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Authority chief executive officer Robert Sen said there have been a lot of financial hardships faced by their customers due to the COVID-19 pandemic resulting from unemployment, reduced working hours and leave without pay.

Mr Sen said the authority has their assisted 245 customers so far out of the 298 applications they received.

Out of the 298 applications, 203

were received from the Central Division while 95 applications from the Western Division.

“This difficulty is faced by the whole world and the Housing Authority of Fiji is there to help its customers by giving them time to do their repayments. This relief package is for those who are not able to do payment of their loans and houses due to unemployment or reduced working hours.”

The 24 applications that were declined was due to the recipients being on leave with pay and the rest had sufficient excess of funds in accounts to cover for the loan repayment.

He explained that the majority of the applicants requested to have three months’ loan repay-

ment holiday with extension of up to six months.

The authority is requesting its other clients who are not directly affected by the pandemic to make their payments as this will offset the cash flow that could arise out of the authority allowing those who have lost their job or reduced hours to delay their payments.

“We have our capital projects going on and my team is working to even reduce the cost and its impact”.

Mr Sen highlighted the Authority has made its submissions for the 2020/2021 National Budget which includes grants for their capital projects and for the first home buyers whereby the assistance of \$10,000 is given to first

land buyer and \$15,000 to first home buyers.

They are also working to assist those who are low income earners by subdividing the land and building homes and then selling them instead of just selling vacant lots.

Meanwhile, the Minister for Housing and Community Development, Premila Kumar, has challenged the authority to bring in new ideas for complete housing packages.

Minister Kumar sounded out this challenge during her visit to the informal settlements and the authority’s projects in the Western Division.

Minister Kumar said they want the authority to move away from just subdividing land and putting the lots on the market.

## LTA sets new policy direction

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Land Transport Authority (LTA) is embarking on new policy direction that is focused on delivering customer service and enhancing service delivery ensuring that customers are satisfied.

Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya reiterated to the staff members the need for improvement of customer service.

“As a customer service oriented organisation, LTA’s paramount goal is to enhance the service delivery and ensure customers are satisfied with the service.”

“Embrace technology for a more transparent and on-time service delivery. LTA Customers should be able to access services and pay for those services from the comfort of their homes and not stand in lines at an office and this brings in good governance - being accountable for your actions.”

Minister Koya highlighted that the authority has traditionally been responsible for implementing the safety of all public road users, by the means of establishing standards for registration and licensing.

“Controlling, coordinating, planning and implementing road safety in Fiji and monitoring, evaluating the effectiveness of programs and strategies of the organisation to name a few.”

With such provisions in place, Minister Koya highlighted that an estimated 1.3 million people die each year from road fatalities and a further 10 million are injured as a result of road accidents globally.

“Speeding is the major cause of road fatalities in Fiji. Therefore, it is incumbent on all road users especially vehicle owners and drivers to practice safety on our roads at all times.”

Meanwhile, with the opening of new office in Lami the Fijian Government, through its digital transformation intention, has introduced LTA’s online services for customers to control their information at the palm of their hands.

Minister Koya adds this effectively enables customers to carry out LTA transactions with the newly launched online services.

Subsequently, from 18 May this year, LTA has registered over 60,000 customers to the world of doing business Online through its e-Services platform and LTA smartphone app.

# Tenants benefit from compensation payout



Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Jone Usamate and Assistant Minister for Disaster Management, Rural and Maritime Development Vijay Nath after handing out compensation payments to affected leasing tenants in Nausori. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

FELIX LESINAIVALU

NINE affected leasing tenants and their families received a compensation payment of \$620,000 from Government.

This is the second stage of the Land Acquisition process which is being undertaken in three stages totalling more than 40 affected leasing tenants of both State and iTaukei owned land who had willingly given whole or part of their leased properties for the Nausori Airport Extension project.

A total of \$663,700 has been fairly paid out as compensation in stage 1 of the project benefiting 13 affected leasing tenants and their families.

Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Jone Usamate, said this is the type of coordination that Government desires to drive Fiji forward during this difficult time.

“This is the direction that the Government would want to pursue in solidarity with Fiji’s local, regional and international development and trade partnerships to enable Fiji fight this economic downturn incurred as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Nausori Airport Extension is a project initiated by the Government through the Fiji Airports Limited around 2013 for the expansion of the Nausori Runaway and Pavement Infrastructure.

“This is a project worth FJ\$60 million and to which the Hon Prime Minister had officiated

the ground breaking ceremony in September, 2018.”

Minister Usamate added that returns to the various landowning units (mataqali) who had given their land for leasing towards where the current airport sits, the Government through this initiative has been paying an annual rental of \$50,000 over a combined leased area of 32.4161 hectares.

“Meanwhile, the impact of an upgraded airport with an extended runway will be felt far beyond the homes and businesses in Nausori once the project is completed.”

“This infrastructure project will forever change the face of Nausori International Airport, improve the surrounding areas and advance its people.”





# Fiji, EU seal \$50m financing deal

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fijian Government strengthened its partnership with the European Union and its member states with the signing of a Financing Agreement worth \$50 million with a payment of FJD\$20 million for 2020.

EU Ambassador for the Pacific, Sujiro Seam said this shows the strength of the partnership between the EU and Fijian Government, it focuses on the critical sector in the context of COVID-19 and it translates the commitment of team Europe to the Pacific.

“The partnership between Fiji and EU is very strong because it is based on common values - democracy, human rights, support to the multilateral system and shared priorities in particular climate change and oceans,” Ambassador Seam said.

“This support for the next three years is a sign of trust and confidence placed by the European Union in the Government of Fiji. We trust the capacity of the Government of

Fiji to face the health consequences of the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and I want to congratulate the Government on the steps taken so far which has proven very successful in maintaining this outbreak in Fiji.”

Ambassador Seam added that he trusts the capacity of the Fijian Government to overcome the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

“This agreement will support the efforts undertaken by the Government of Fiji to reform the agriculture sector and implement the new strategy which will aim at creating value, job opportunities, diversifying, coping with the challenges of climate change so it is an opportunity to develop a rich, diverse and smart agricultural sector,” Ambassador Seam added.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum acknowledged the support and said “we are most appreciative of the confidence that the EU has placed on Fiji and it is not the first time they are

providing direct budget support to us”.

“It’s an indication – an affirmation of the fact that they have confidence in the way we manage our economy and the way we manage our financial system,” the A-G said.

“This financing through the budget is going towards the sustainable rural livelihoods programme and through the very able leadership of the Minister for Agriculture, we have seen in the past from 18 months to two years, a huge change in the agriculture sector.”

“One of the areas that we are also focused on is to ensure that value adding takes place in the agriculture sector and we are able to have more refined products,” he added.

“There’s also business opportunities in Fiji and we would like to expand that scope for European countries to look at Fiji as a point of investment where we can provide a number of opportunities in respect of processing and manufacturing.”

The \$50m finance facility will be available for the next three years.

## BAT Fiji invests \$1.3m in warehouse

AZARIA FAREEN

A \$1.3 million investment made by the British American Tobacco (BAT) towards its new Excise Bonded Warehouse in Nabua should further optimize their processes of preparing stock for the export markets.

In opening the warehouse recently, Minister for Commerce, Industry, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya said apart from providing safety and security, this also enables the payment of VAT and duties on goods to be deferred until they are removed.

“This was undertaken by BAT to optimize warehouse execution, which allows for greater storage space, improved logistical routes for faster deployment of finished goods and for full stock transparency by the means of narrow aisle racking systems,” Minister Koya said.

“So far, more than \$10 million has been invested in the Nabua factory from 2011 to 2014. A further capital investment of over \$8 million has been invested in the GLT factory in Nadi, with an additional investment of \$4 million projected for 2020.”

Minister Koya said more than 600 farmers have been signed up to grow tobacco leaf to meet production demands signifying commitment towards supporting Fijian farmers, imparting economic diversity and building a resilient supply chain.

“Earlier in 2019, BAT connected boreholes in Mavua, Raiwaqa and Muavesi connecting villagers to reliable clean drinking water. This \$90,000 project has provided villagers a sense of relief and improved quality of life while contributing towards Fiji’s commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals,” he further added.

“BAT has commissioned eight boreholes in tobacco farming communities with a further two awaiting completion.

“These improvements have significantly resulted in the business receiving the Authorized Economic Operator accreditation from the Fiji Revenue and Customs Services since 2018.”

British American Tobacco head of finance Maimuna Haniff said BAT has a rich history of being in operation for over 60 years in the local market and supporting the local economy by employing more than 130 staff and supporting over 600 farmers in the agricultural industry.

Ms Haniff said the company has gone through its most significant business transformation in 2017 including ramping up management and production for 13 export markets.

Prior to this BAT Fiji had exported finished goods to Samoa, Tahiti and New Zealand and the remaining markets were managed out of Australia.

“We would like to thank the Government for its ongoing support in the form of export incentives. This new bonded warehouse opened today is a new piece of infrastructure that will further optimize the processes of preparing stock for our export markets.”

## Seafarers ‘important to Pacific’



Women members of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces Naval Division during World Seafarers Day celebrations at Government Shipping Services yard in Walu Bay, Suva.  
Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

FELIX LESINAIVALU

MARITIME shipping and sea transport is very important in our part of the world especially for Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and communities.

The Pacific Island region consists of over 7,500 islands and 22 island countries covering an area spanning over 30 million square kilometer across the Pacific Ocean.

During the World Seafarers Day celebrations at Government Shipping Services, Minister for Transport, Faiyaz Koya said, “Shipping is crucial for trade and economic development and impacts upon virtually every development initiative.”

“It is the vision of the Fijian Government which is embedded in the five-year and 10-year national development plan (NDP), to provide safe, efficient, reliable, and affordable shipping services to Fijians that use the service.”

“The people of the Pacific have a history of early long-distance seafaring unequaled anywhere in the world.”

“Our re-export figures, is evidence of the fact that a large majority of products go through Fijian ports to reach other parts of the region, especially the Pacific Island Countries.”

Minister Koya added in this COVID-19 pandemic, seafarers are important in ensuring that food, medicine and medical supplies are distributed.

“Today we salute all seafarers with the respect and dignity you deserve so that you can continue to provide the vital services to keep our trade and the world trade moving.”

“Your sacrifices and services cannot go unnoticed any more. Today is your day and I invite all Fijians to join with me as we extend our warmest appreciation to all seafarers.”

Minister Koya said Fiji salutes seafarers for making that ultimate sacrifice of leaving the comforts of their homes to ensure that the career they chose would bring a change to the livelihood of all Fijians.





# \$13K assistance boosts battle against pandemic

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE Ministry of Health and Medical Services has acknowledged the assistance from Kaks Marketing Fiji following the donation of \$13,000 worth of equipment for COVID-19 relief efforts recently.

The line Minister, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete said, "The support that we have received from Kaks Marketing Fiji today will be a boost to our efforts to battle the pandemic".

Minister Waqainabete added that Fiji can prevent a second wave of COVID-19 through a whole of government approach and the support of the private sector amongst others.

"We have had developing partners that have come to aid us and now we have local companies that will assist Fiji against the pandemic."

Supplies such as cleaning agents, hand sanitizers and digital equipment

were given to the Ministry of Health.

Minister Waqainabete echoed the Prime Minister's message on "Phase 2" of Fiji's COVID-Safe Economic Recovery while keeping health at the forefront of every decision.

Kaks Marketing Fiji managing director, Keshwan Nadan, said he is proud of the hard work done by the Government, the different Ministries and especially the Ministry of Health in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

Mr Nadan added that his company wants to do its part in helping Government to protect the lives of Fijians.

"Though we may not be in a position to donate because of the current economic situation due to COVID-19, however, we want to contribute to the Ministry of Health to protect Fijians."

Mr Nadan hopes that the donation will make a difference in helping Fiji fight against COVID-19.



Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete with Kaks Marketing Fiji staff after receiving equipment for COVID-19 relief efforts. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

## Japan gives \$10m grant for medical equipment

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Government of Japan will provide \$10million in grant for the procurement of medical equipment to the Fijian Ministry of Health and Medical Services after the signing of a grant earlier this week.

The funding through the Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP) will enable the procurement of equipment to support the efficient delivery of health and medical services in Fiji.

Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete thanked the Japanese Government for the assistance and the procurement of medical equipment.

"This agreement is very timely throughout the COVID-19 remodel of our health care system that will empower, enrich, and value add to more than 200 facilities that we have around the country."



## Youth granted path to follow dreams, aspirations



Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations and Youth and Sports, Parveen Kumar with youth members of Saru Village, Lautoka Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

YOUTH grants are designed to grow youth businesses so that their dreams and aspirations are achieved.

The Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations and Youth and Sports, Parveen Kumar, encouraged the youth of Saru Village on the outskirts of Lautoka to enter into the business field so that they can become independent thriving Fijians despite the current pandemic crisis that the world is going through.

Through this, they can also contribute towards the growth of the Fijian economy.

"During this current global and national downturn due to

the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that we as Government and as a nation continue to dream, innovate and think and plan ahead on ways and means of keeping our economy growing."

Minister Kumar also acknowledged the dedication and interest showed by lone grant recipient, Seremaia Koroi in pursuing trainings and workshops organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports to run his kava canteen in Saru Village called Tee Jay Nem Kava Shop.

After setting up his kava canteen, Mr Koroi attended business training workshops held by the Ministry under the New Business Creation Course.

It was through this course

that he was able to enhance his knowledge on the business concepts needed to run a successful business and learn the importance of operational discipline.

"It is an honour to be part of the National Youth Program with the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, young people are having a hard time in finding employment," Mr Koroi said.

His kava business was established two years ago in the hope of assisting his wife who was the sole breadwinner in his family, and to help in the family expenses of his household, especially in education.

"I was unemployed and I thought of running a small business to provide income

to support my family. Participating in the ministry's training has opened ideas for me. I thought that opening a kava shop will inspire the youth in the village."

"I also wanted to empower young people in the village so that they know we can do something worthwhile. Saru Village has a high crime rate and this kava shop project is a way for me to inspire youth to come away from crime and to move into more positive things in life."

The Government through the ministry assisted Mr Koroi with \$4980 worth of stock to rebuild and expand his business thereby providing employment opportunities for the youth of Saru Village

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Masahiro Omura  
Japanese Ambassador to Fiji

"We have also realised to be able to work well during this pandemic and also disaster we have to ensure is to decentralise our services and also ensuring that the facilities are properly resourced and we are grateful for the opportunity to procure the equipment with this grant."

Japanese Ambassador to Fiji, Masahiro Omura commended Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama for his leadership and the commitment of the Ministry of Health and Services in ensuring that all Fijians and foreign nationals were safe from COVID-19.

"Fiji reported its first COVID-19 case on 19 March 2020 and since then Fiji has been working progressively to prevent the spread of this virus."

"Apart from dealing with the pandemic, Fiji has suffered severe damage by Tropical Cyclone Harold and that has exacerbated other health challenges such as leptospirosis, dengue fever, diarrhoea and typhoid (LDDT) in communities."

Ambassador Omura adds the proactive measures taken by the Fiji Government has resulted in Fiji being declared COVID-19 free.

He is adamant that through these partnerships Fijians will access better and efficient services provided by the ministry.





# Youth grant aims for inspired job creators

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

ONE of the key aims of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Youth Grant is to create more independent youth business operators who become job creators instead of job seekers.

This was the message sent out by the Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports, Parveen Kumar while officiating at the handing out of grants to youth recipients from Waimalika, in Sabeto, Nadi.

“This is an important step for many of you to achieve your dreams. As someone who has worked in a business environment and ran a family business, I am aware of the sacrifices and hard work required to run a successful business. There are various formal and informal means of training and education that you can explore,” Minister Kumar stated.

Youth groups and young people were also reminded to contact the respective Youth offices in their districts to ensure that their applications for the grant can be accessed and to allow them to venture out into fields of their interests.

“I urge all the youth and youth clubs to get in touch with our officers, and apply for the grant when applications open.”

The recipients were reminded to learn about their businesses as it grows and enhance their skills and knowledge as business operators.

“Do not be scared to ask and learn from those



Minister for Employment, Productivity, Industrial Relations, Youth and Sports, Parveen Kumar with Waimalika youth recipients after handing out grants at Sabeto, Nadi. Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE

who have run successful businesses. As youth, learn to respect and follow your own ideas and judgment when it comes to running your business,” Minister Kumar said.

Viniana Talei, a grant recipient who operates a baking business called Talei’s Creations from her home in Votualevu is thankful for the timely assistance she received and stated that this will be an added boost to her business.

Acquiring her baking skills from her mother, the 27-year-old said catering has always been an interest and her dream is to open a coffee shop in Namaka Town or Nadi Town.

“I am deeply honoured to be one of the successful recipients of this grant and I know that with these items, the dreams and goals of my small business will be achieved much easier in the near future,” Ms Talei said.

## Hospital operations return to normal

THE Labasa Hospital has returned to a post-COVID new normal from June 29, 2020.

Medical Superintendent of Labasa Hospital Dr Jaoji Vulibeci said that this means that all special outpatient clinic customers (Medical, Surgical, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Orthopaedic and Paediatric) will be seen by the doctors in the hospital on the given dates in their cards starting from June 29.

“This is in line with the latest relaxation of restrictions announced by the Honorable Prime Minister last week,” Dr Vulibeci said.

“All COVID related preventive activities such as social distancing, hand sanitizer usage and maximum of 100 Fijians will be part of the new normal.”

Labasa Hospital has been preparing well for COVID-19 for some time now following the first case in Lautoka.

Dr Vulibeci added this was an opportunity to fine tune their contingency plan before Labasa recorded its first case some weeks later.

The outpatient clinic will remain at the Nasea Health Center with the Children’s outpatient services at the Ro Qomate Health Clinic.

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# Fijians get creative on social media

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THE persevering ‘bula spirit’ continues to shine through the current COVID-19 pandemic period with many Fijians taking to social media to spread some cheer through creative expression.

From partaking in the *Fiji Barter Facebook* page like many Fijians, these individuals decided to take up challenges, showcase their skills and improve their online presence.

A case in point is Mere Moto who was nominated by a friend to take up the challenge of doing 25 push-ups for 25 days to raise awareness on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression which drive some people to commit suicide.

Ms Moto said she did it because she felt it was an important issue.

“It is something that I believe we don’t talk about much and now with COVID 19 and everything it brings, there is definitely a need to talk about mental health in our homes, communities and country.”

“Life is not easy, but if you’re aware, there are things you can do, people you can see and even



FROM LEFT: Mere Moto takes up the 25 push-ups for 25 days to raise awareness on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Taitusi Mucunabitu engages himself on Tik tok to entertain his audience and Immanuel Anand showcases his cooking skills. Photo: SUPPLIED

talking to someone helps to put you at ease, then it makes it a little easier.”

Ms Moto took the challenge to new heights as she did push-ups in notable places around Fiji, such as in front of the State House, Government Buildings, Mount Korobaba and many other unique places.

“Anyone and everyone can do this, be creative and have some fun with it. Do it as a family or with your group of friends but the most important thing is to get people to talk about this issue and in doing this you may be able to help

someone,” she said.

“I plan to do my final day at St. Giles Psychiatric Hospital which I think is probably the best place to finish this challenge and bring the focus back to the issue and the reason for this challenge.”

Another person who took to social media to showcase his cooking talent by making videos, was Immanuel Anand who said he was bored at home and decided to create some content.

“Cooking seemed fun and not only would I have something to do but I would also have something to eat,” Mr Anand said.

“I was just trying to have some fun with cooking by adding some of my own content.”

Taitusi Mucunabitu, a father of three and also a content creator, decided to focus on the famous video platform known as *TikTok*.

“I joined *TikTok* six months ago because I believe it is a platform where you create your own style of short comedic videos and even lip syncing to trending sounds and music.”

“My first video that went viral had 7000 views apart from the usual ones I posted which had 50 to 100 views so I started chang-

ing the concept a bit and created my own style to a recent comedy video which had around 15,500 views which basically means that the content is entertaining.”

Mr Mucunabitu added that he is becoming a frequent user of *TikTok* and it has become somewhat of a family affair as his daughter who often insists on adding her own creative twist to his videos has even featured on his channel.

He believes that this platform enables everyone to be a creator and encourages users to share their passions and creative expression through their videos.



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President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote receives the Championship Thank You Certificate and Report from Weightlifting Fiji President Della Shaw-Elder on behalf of the Oceania National Olympic Committee for Fiji's hosting of the IWF Junior World Championships last year.  
Photo: RONAL DEO

# COVID-19 BUDGET

## Govt holds interactive sessions at consultations

AZARIA FAREEN

**T**HE first comprehensive COVID-19 national budget will be announced on July 17, 2020 and debated 10 days later.

The Fijian Government is on the road holding budget consultations where the valuable input and insight from a plethora of audience from all of works of life is being taken on board as the budget is drawn up.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has been at the forefront of these consultations where he has given a pragmatic outlook on the health of

the economy and what to expect in the coming days.

The A-G has highlighted a number of initiatives that are being introduced to survive in the COVID-19 era, case in point being the careFIJI app and the efforts Government is making towards the "Bula Bubble".

"We, as Government, also want to be able to collaborate with Fiji Airways who are currently working with a number of properties regarding various packages where we provide direct benefit," he said.

It was discussed that whenever the Bula Bubble gets a confirmed date, Fiji Airways is ready to create value packages that are so

compelling that every Australian and New Zealander will want to come to Fiji.

Issues such as price control, COVID-19 vaccines, improving food security, tourism, careFIJI app privacy and various Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises loan schemes have featured in the first spate of consultation.

Business community in the Western Division turned up in numbers where they were given the platform to sound out their perspectives and the challenges they faced.

In the discussions, health concerns took centre stage but with more than 100 days after the last COVID-19 case was reported,

Fijians are ready to head back to reviving their livelihood and the economy with all precautionary measures taken into account.

The A-G was joined by Minister for Commerce, Trade, Industry, Tourism and Transport (MCTTT) Faiyaz Koya, his permanent secretary Shaheen Ali, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Health and Medical Service Dr James Fong, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Economy Makereta Konrote, Director-General for Digital Government Transformation Tupou Baravilala and Head of Fiscal Policy Research & Analysis Mr Shiri Gounder.



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प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्द्रो बड़निमारासा ने कैया फीजी एप की लॉचिंग करते हुए कोरोना वायरस के कारण देश में लगे कुछ प्रतिबन्धों को ढीला करने की घोषणा की। चित्र: विलियामे तिकोटानी

## ‘सीमा खोलने की फीजी की अपनी योजना’

वीरेन्द्र लाल

फीजी, निउज़ीलैंड, ओस्ट्रेलिया और कुछ अन्य प्रशांत देशों के लिए अपनी सीमा खोलने की व्यवस्था कर रहा है जिससे देश में आर्थिक कारवाइयों में तेज़ी आए और देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था सुधरने लगे।

कैया फीजी एप की लॉचिंग करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्द्रो बड़निमारासा ने कोविड-19 के कारण लगे प्रतिबन्धों को कुछ ढीला करने की घोषणा करते हुए इसकी जानकारी दी।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि फीजी अपनी सीमा बन्द करके यँही आर्थिक घाटा का सामना नहीं कर सकता। उन्होंने बताया कि सीमा खोलने को लेकर डाक्टरी विशेषज्ञों से बात-चीत हुई है। उन्होंने कहा कि बहुत सावधानी बरतते हुए

तथा सभी पहलुओं पर गौर करते हुए सीमा खोली जायेगी।

“टुरिज़्म से होने वाली आमदनी वापस आने लगेगी, लोगों की नौकरी मिलेगी। लम्बे समय तक बेरोज़गार रहने से लोग मानसिक रूप से बीमार पड़ सकते हैं। बुला बवल शुरू करके हम आर्थिक कारवाइयाँ बढ़ाना चाहते हैं”।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि बुला बवल, फीजी ऐयावईज़ और टुरिज़्म फीजी के साथ मिलकर शुरू किया जाएगा। उन्होंने बताया कि किवीज़ और ओज़ीज़ को फीजी में छुट्टियाँ बिताने के लिए आमंत्रित किया जाएगा लेकिन कुछ नियमों का पालन करने पर ही इन लोगों को फीजी आने दिया जाएगा।

इन पर्यटकों को यह साबित करना होगा कि फीजी आने से पहले वे अपने देश में चौदह दिनों

के क्वारंटीन समाप्त कर चुके हैं और फीजी आने के अड़तालिस घण्टों पहले कोविड-19 के लिए किया गया उनका प्ररिक्षण नकारात्मक था। प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि फीजी आने पर इन पर्यटकों का फिर से कोविड-19 के लिए प्ररिक्षण किया जाएगा और परिणाम नकारात्मक रहने पर उन्हें फीजी में चुने गए निर्धारित इलाकों में जाने दिया जाएगा।

जो लोग अपने देश में चौदह दिनों के क्वारंटीन में रहने की शर्त पूरी नहीं करेंगे, वे यहाँ आकर सरकार के चुने हुए या अपने मन के होटल में अपने खर्च पर क्वारंटीन में रह सकते हैं जिसके बाद कोविड-19 के लिए उनका प्ररिक्षण किया जाएगा।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि वे तुवालू, किरिबाज़ और तोंगा के साथ पॅसिफिक पाथवर्डज़ भी

शुरू करना चाहते हैं। इन देशों में डब्लू हर्डिच और सेटिफाईड टेस्टिंग लेब हैं।

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि बाद में चलकर सामुवा, सोलोमन आयलैंड्स और वनवातु को भी इसमें शामिल किया जाएगा।

सभी से कैया फीजी एप डउनलौड करने की माँग की जा रही है। कैया फीजी एप से आपको पता चल जाएगा अगर कोरोना वायरस के शिकार कोई व्यक्ति आपके आस-पास है और इस एप से यह भी पता करने में आसानी होगी कि वायरस के शिकार व्यक्ति किस किस के सम्पर्क में आया था।

इस साल उन्नीस मार्च को फीजी में कोरोना वायरस का पहला मामला सामने आया था और तब से देश की सीमा बन्द है। देश में यह बीमारी आने से रोकने के लिए ऐसा किया गया था।





## प्रधान मंत्री ने नांदी में डेम का उद्घाटन किया

रोनल देव

नांदी शहर और आस-पास के इलाकों में बाढ़ चढ़ने वाली समस्या कम करने के लिए सरकार ने नया मोसी डेम बनाया है।

लगभग दो मिलियन डोलर वाली इस योजना का उद्घाटन करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा ने बताया कि बाढ़ के कारण नांदी में कई घर, व्यापार तथा लोगों की जान को खतरा रहता है।

तीस मीटर उँचे इस डेम के बनने से बाढ़ चढ़ने का खतरा कुछ हद तक कम हो जायेगा।

गम्भीर वर्षा के समय पहाड़ों से आने वाला पानी इस डेम में इकट्ठा होगा और नांदी शहर इलाके में कम पानी जायेगा।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि सरकार का काम यहीं खत्म नहीं होगा, जबकि आने वाले साल में

वोटावर्डज़ मंत्रालय वहाँ एक और डेम का निर्माण करेगा।

“हम तबतक आराम से नहीं बैठेंगे जबतक नांदी के सभी फीजिवासी जिनमें सत्तर हज़ार से ज्यादा लोग शामिल हैं और जो नान्दी को अपना घर मानते हैं, आगे बढ़ सकते हैं और समृद्ध हो सकते हैं।

हम यह जानते हैं कि इन लोगों के



प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा तीस मीटर उँचे मोसी डेम का उद्घाटन करते हुए चित्र: मेरेयानी गोनेदुआ

जीवन और आजीविका हमारे बदलते जलवायु के बिगड़ते प्रभावों के अनुकूल है”

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि बाढ़ का पानी नान्दी तथा देश भर में हुए कई बिलियन डोलर लागत विकास बहा लेजा सकता है।

उन्होंने कहा कि अगर कोई कदम नहीं उठाया गया तो लोग मजबूर

होकर देखेंगे कि उनकी मेहनत से बनाया हुआ घर, स्कूल और खेत किस तरह बाढ़ से तबाह हो जाते हैं। प्रधान मंत्री के अनुसार भविष्य में होने वाली इन घटनाओं से बचने के लिए सरकार ने ठोस कदम उठाया है।

“हम नहीं चाहते हैं कि नान्दी को सिटी घोषित होने वाला सपना

बाढ़ के पानी में डूब जाए, न ही सरकार चाहती है कि उनके द्वारा कोई कदम न उठाने से, आने वाली पीढ़ियों को दुख झेलना पड़े।”

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि जलवायु परिवर्तन के कारण बाढ़ चढ़ने वाला इस तरह के बड़े विषय के खिलाफ खड़े होने के लिए बड़ी सोच तथा भारी पुँजी की ज़रूरत है।

## लामी में नया एल टी अई दफ्तर खुला

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लामी के आस-पास रहने वालों को अब लैंड ट्रांसपोर्ट ओथोरिटी - एल टी अई की सेवाओं के लिए कहीं दूर नहीं जाना पड़ेगा जबकि वहाँ एल टी अई का एक दफ्तर खुल गया है।

दफ्तर का उद्घाटन करते हुए कोमेस, ट्रैड्स, टुरिज़्म एन्ड

ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्री फर्डियाज़ कोया ने कहा कि लोगों को सेवा प्रदान करने में दफ्तर अहम भूमिका निभायेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि वे चाहते हैं कि ज्यादा से ज्यादा लोगों को एल टी अई की सेवाएं प्राप्त हों।

“इस दफ्तर में लोगों को एल टी अई की सभी सेवाएं प्राप्त होंगी। पिछले साल मई और इस साल मई के बीच एल टी अई ने अकेले केंद्रिए विभाग में आठ जगहों से नौ लाख से ज्यादा ट्रांसेक्शन्स प्रोसेस किया था”।

मंत्री कोया ने बताया कि दफ्तर हर महीने नौ हज़ार से ज्यादा लोगों को ज़रूरी सेवा प्रदान करेगा और एल टी अई की सेवाओं के लिए लोगों को कहीं दूर नहीं जाना पड़ेगा।

एल टी अई के लामी दफ्तर में लोग गाड़ी रजिस्ट्रार कर सकेंगे, ड्रायविंग लायसन्स के लिए अर्जी लगा सकेंगे, लेनज़ पेमिट के लिए अर्जी लगा सकेंगे, ड्रायविंग लायसन्स रिनउ कर सकेंगे और ज़ुर्माना भर सकेंगे। मंत्री ने कहा कि हर साल दुनिया भर में अनुमानित एक दसमलव तीन मिलियन लोग सड़क दुर्घटनाओं में मारे जाते हैं और दस मिलियन घायल होते हैं।

फिलहाल एल टी अई बोर्ड चेयामेन विजय महाराज ने बताया कि पिछले दस सालों में फीजी में गाड़ियों और ड्रायवज़ की संख्या में भारी वृद्धि हुई है। उनके अनुसार यह वृद्धि जारी रहने की सम्भावना है।

“इस साल अईप्रल तक फीजी की सड़कों पर एक लाख तीस हज़ार (130,000) के आस-पास रजिस्टर्ड गाड़ियाँ थी। इनमें ज्यादातर कारें (Approximately 87,000) हैं। युटिलिटी और अन्य वेन्स की संख्या लगभग छब्बीस हज़ार (26,000) है। मोटो सायकल्स की संख्या आठ सौ पचास (854) के आस-पास है। ज्यादा गाड़ियों के कारण रास्ते व्यस्त रहते हैं और युवा ड्रायवरों के कारण से ट्रेफिक कानूनों का ज्यादा उल्लंघन हो रहा है। एल टी अई के लिए यह एक चुनौती बनी हुई है,” श्री महाराज ने कहा।

# लोगों के लिए एक सौ छप्पन लोट्स उपलब्ध

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दुवू, वाईदामुदामु और लेंडुसासा सेटलमेंट्स में सुधार करने के बाद लोगों के लिए एक सौ छप्पन (156) लोट्स उपलब्ध किए जायेंगे।

हाउज़िंग तथा कोमिउनिटी डिवेलपमेंट मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार ने दुवू सेटलमेंट और नातन्दोला में हाउज़िंग ओथोरिटी सईट का दौरा करते हुए इसकी जानकारी दी।

“अपने इस दौर पर मैं हाउज़िंग ओथोरिटी की ज़मीन देखना चाहती हूँ ताकि हम विचार कर सकें कि किस तरह से इस ज़मीन का विकास किया जा सकता है ताकि बाज़ार में लोगों की माँगों की पूर्ती हो”।

मंत्री कुमार ने बताया कि विकास करने के बाद वे योजना अलग अलग मंत्रालयों के हवाले कर सकते हैं ताकि अन्य मंत्रालय अपनी भाग अदा कर सकें जिससेकि लोगों के रहने के योग्य ज़रूरी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध रहें।

“लेंडुसासा में बस थोड़ा काम बचा है हमने वहाँ सर्वे भी कर लिया है। हम यह जानना चाहते हैं कि उस इलाके में जिन लोगों को लोट्स दिए गए हैं, क्या वे कम कमाने वाले हैं।”

मंत्री ने बताया कि उन्हें पता चला है कि इनफोमल सेटलमेंट्स में रहने वाले सभी लोग



हाउज़िंग तथा कोमिउनिटी डिवेलोपमेंट मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार नतम्बुआ लौतोका में पी आर बी फ्लेट्स का दौरा करती हुई चित्र: रोनल देव

गरीब नहीं हैं।

“कुछ लोग ऐसे भी हैं जो अपने घर रेंट पर देकर खुद इनफोमल सेटलमेंट्स में रहते हैं। यह लोग सोचते हैं कि उन्हें मुफ्त में लोट्स मिल जायेंगे।

हम इन लोगों की आमदनी के बारे में अच्छी तरह से पता लगायेंगे और यह देखेंगे कि

इन लोगों के पास पहले से कोई घर ज़मीन नहीं है।”

मंत्री कुमार ने कहा कि प्राप्त जानकारी के आधार पर हम निर्णय लेंगे कि किन लोगों को लोट्स की ज़रूरत है।

मंत्री ने बताया कि वाईदामुदामु में काम समाप्त होने वाला है।



# स्कूल्स और टेशरी इनस्टिट्यूशन्स खुले

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फोम्स सिक्स और सेवन तथा टेशरी इनस्टिट्यूशन्स में आमने सामने पढ़ाई कल से शुरू हुई जबकि किंडागाडन, प्रायमरी स्कूल और हाय स्कूल के बाकी बच्चों की पढ़ाई अगले सप्ताह छः जुलाई को शुरू होगी।

कोविड-19 के कारण लगे प्रतिबन्धों को कुछ ढीला करने की घोषणा करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा ने कहा कि स्कूल अधिकारियों को यह देखना चाहिए कि स्कूल में साफ सफाई पर ध्यान दिया जाए जिससे कि कोरोना महामारी से बचा जाए।

इस घोषणा के बाद एक समाचार सम्मेलन में शिक्षा मंत्री रौजी अक्वर ने बताया कि तैयारी करने के लिए अध्यापकों को उनतीस जून से स्कूल जाना चाहिए।

उन्होंने बताया कि सरकार का बज्र फेया असिस्टन्स स्कीम जारी रहेगा और जिन बच्चों के माता पिताओं ने कोविड-19 के कारण अपनी नौकरी खो दी है या जिनकी आमदनी पर असर पड़ा है, और जो पहले ज्यादा आमदनी होने के कारण इस स्कीम के लिए क्वालिफाय नहीं होते थे, अब इस स्कीम के लिए अर्जी लगा सकते हैं।

स्कूल का दूसरा टर्म तीस जून को शुरू होकर अक्टूबर तक रहेगा जबकि तीसरा टर्म अक्टूबर से सप्टेम्बर को शुरू होकर अक्टूबर डिसेम्बर को समाप्त होगा।

शिक्षा मंत्री ने कहा कि स्कूल लौटने के तुरन्त बाद बच्चों को असेस नहीं किया जाएगा। उन्होंने बताया कि वर्तमान स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए बच्चों को सेटल होने का समय दिया जाएगा।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि सभी स्कूल हेल्स और टीचर्स को यह समझना चाहिए कि वोक्शीट्स केवल सप्लिमेंट्री रिसोसस थे और स्कूल लौटने पर बच्चों पर पूरा किए गए वोक्शीट्स वापस देने का दबाव नहीं डालना चाहिए।

मंत्री अक्वर ने सभी स्कूल हेल्स, टीचर्स और माता-पिताओं को स्कूल बन्द रहने के दौरान समर्थन करने और घर पर बच्चों को पढ़ाई में जुटाए रखने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया।

बच्चों से माँग की जा रही है कि स्कूल वापस जाने पर साफ सफाई पर वे ध्यान रखें और हर समय यह देखें कि वे सुरक्षित रहें।

इस साल उन्नीस मार्च को फीजी में कोरोना वायरस का पहला मामला सामने आया था और बीस मार्च से देश भर में सभी स्कूल्स बन्द हैं।

फिलहाल इस साल केवल फोम्स सिक्स और सेवन के एक्स्टेनल एक्जैम होंगे। माता पिताओं से बच्चों को सहयोग देने की माँग की गई है।

## प्रतिबन्धों को कुछ ढीला किया गया

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केया फीजी एप की लॉन्चिंग करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा ने कोविड-19 के कारण लगे प्रतिबन्धों को कुछ ढीला करने की घोषणा की है।

पिछले सप्ताह सोमवार से कैफेज अब रात ग्यारह से सुबह चार बजे तक हो गया है। प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि कई लोगों ने कैफेज पूरे रूप से न हटाने की माँग की थी और इसी को ध्यान में रखते हुए ऐसा किया गया है।

पिछले सप्ताह सोमवार से सिनेमा घर, जिम्स और स्विमिंग पूल्स भी खुल गए हैं लेकिन इनका प्रयोग करने वालों को केया फीजी एप डउनलोड करना होगा और सोशल डिस्टन्सिंग का पालन करना होगा तथा साफ सफाई का ध्यान रखना होगा।

केया फीजी एप से आपको पता चल जाएगा अगर कोरोना वायरस के शिकार कोई व्यक्ति आपके आस-पास है और इस एप से यह भी पता करने में आसानी होगी कि वायरस के शिकार व्यक्ति किस किस के सम्पर्क में आया था।

सिनेमा घर खोलने की एक शर्त यह भी है कि सिनेमा घर केवल आधा भरा होना चाहिए और लोगों को एक दूसरे से एक दसमलव पाँच मिटर दूर बैठना चाहिए।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि हर पिक्चर के बाद सिनेमा घर की सीटें अच्छी तरह से साफ करनी होगी।

अब लोग सभी प्रकार के खेल-कूद में भी भाग ले सकते हैं। लेकिन प्रधान मंत्री ने अधिकारियों से बीमार खिलाड़ियों को मैदानों से दूर रखने की माँग की है। उन्होंने बताया कि स्टेडियम्स भी केवल आधे भरे होने चाहिए और लोगों को एक दूसरे से दूर बैठना चाहिए। खुले मैदान में केवल एक सौ की संख्या तक लोग एकत्रित हो सकते हैं।

शादियों, अंतिम संस्कारों, कैफेज, रेस्टुरांट्स, कोन्फरन्सस और अन्य सामाजिक गेटरिंग्स के साथ साथ पूजा-पाठ में भी केवल एक सौ की संख्या तक लोग एकत्रित हो सकते हैं। मंदिरों, मस्जिदों और गिरजाघरों के अधिकारियों से लोगों को उठने बैठने को लेकर और बात-चीत की गई है।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि इन प्रतिबन्धों पर समय समय से पुनः विचार किया जाएगा।

इस साल उन्नीस मार्च को फीजी में कोरोना वायरस का पहला मामला सामने आया था और तब से सिनेमा घर, जिम्स और स्विमिंग पूल्स बन्द थे और लोगों को एकत्रित होने पर प्रतिबन्ध लगा दिया गया था।

नईटक्लब्स अभी भी बन्द हैं।



प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा नकासी में नया फायर स्टेशन के उद्घाटन के दौरान आग बुझाने वाले कर्मचारियों के साथ चित्र: ननिसे नडिमिला

## नकासी में नया फायर स्टेशन खुला

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नकासी में एक नया फायर स्टेशन हो गया है। एक दसमलव सात (1.7) मिलियन डॉलर मूल्य के इस नया फायर स्टेशन और एक नया फायर ट्रक का उद्घाटन प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा ने किया।

उद्घाटन करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि वे फीजियन्स को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने की दिशा में काम करते रहेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि यह जानकर कि इलाक़े में उनकी मदद करने के लिए एक फायर स्टेशन है, नकासी के लोग अब चैन की नींद सो सकेंगे।

“इस इलाके के लोगों की सुरक्षा अब तुम्हारे हाथों में है। यहाँ के लोग तुम पर निर्भर हैं”।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि इसकी भी मान्यता देना ज़रूरी है कि फीजियन्स को सुरक्षित रखने में आग बुझाने वाले कर्मचारी किन परिस्थितियों का सामना करते हैं।

नकासी फायर स्टेशन में एक स्टेशन अफसर के साथ सत्ताईस (27) कर्मचारी रहेंगे। यह लोग सातों दिन और चौबीसों घण्टे सेवा प्रदान करेंगे।

आग बुझाने के अलावा एन एफ अई, दुर्घटनाओं के स्थल पर भी पहुँच जाती है, खतरनाक पदार्थों के गिरने से जनता को सुरक्षा प्रदान करती है, बाढ़ के समय लोगों को पानी



प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा नेशनल फायर अथोरिटी की महिला अधिकारियों के साथ चित्र: ननिसे नडिमिला

से निकालने का काम करती है, अपातकालीन स्थिति में लोगों को अस्पताल पहुँचाने का काम भी करती है, फेस्ट अईड सहायता भी प्रदान करती है और गायब होने पर लोगों को खोजने का काम भी करती है।

प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि ओथोरिटी अपनी सेवाओं के बारे में जनता को शिक्षित करेगी और यह भी बताएगी की आग से कैसे बचा जा सकता है। बड़िनमारामा के अनुसार कोविड-19 महामारी और समुद्री आँधी हेरल्ड के दौरान एन एफ अई की सेवाएं काफी मददगार साबित हुई

थी। उन्होंने बताया कि ओथोरिटी के कर्मचारियों ने राहत केन्द्रों की साफ सफाई की, आँधी से गिरे पेड़ हटाए और आँधी के बाद इधर उधर भिखरे मैल साफ किए।

उन्होंने बताया कि एन एफ अई ने पूरी दुनिया को दिखा दिया कि फीजियन्स किसी तरह की चुनौती से पीछे नहीं हटते, चुनौती चाहे कितनी बड़ी क्यों न हो। देश में अब कुल मिलाकर अक्टूबर (18) फायर स्टेशन्स हो गए हैं।

माता पिताओं से बच्चों को आग के बारे में शिक्षित करने की माँग की गई है।





## राष्ट्रपति ने ब्रिटिश राजदूत होफ़िन्स को बिदाई दी

राष्ट्रपति विविये कोनरोने ने फीजी के लिए यूनाइटेड किंगडम की राजदूत मेलानी होफ़िन्स को अपनी शुभकामनाएं दी हैं। महामहिम होफ़िन्स सरकारी भवन पर राष्ट्रपति कोनरोने से बिदाई लेने गई थीं। राष्ट्रपति ने राजदूत द्वारा पिछले चार सालों में अपने पद पर बहेतर काम करने के लिए उनकी सराहना की। दो साल पहले राजदूत होफ़िन्स की देख-रेख में ब्रिटन के शाही घराने से राजकुमार हेरो और उनकी पत्नी मेगन माकल फीजी के दौर पर आए थे। राजदूत होफ़िन्स इसी हफ़्ते फीजी से बिदा ले रही हैं।  
चित्र: फिलिक्स लेसिनईवाल्



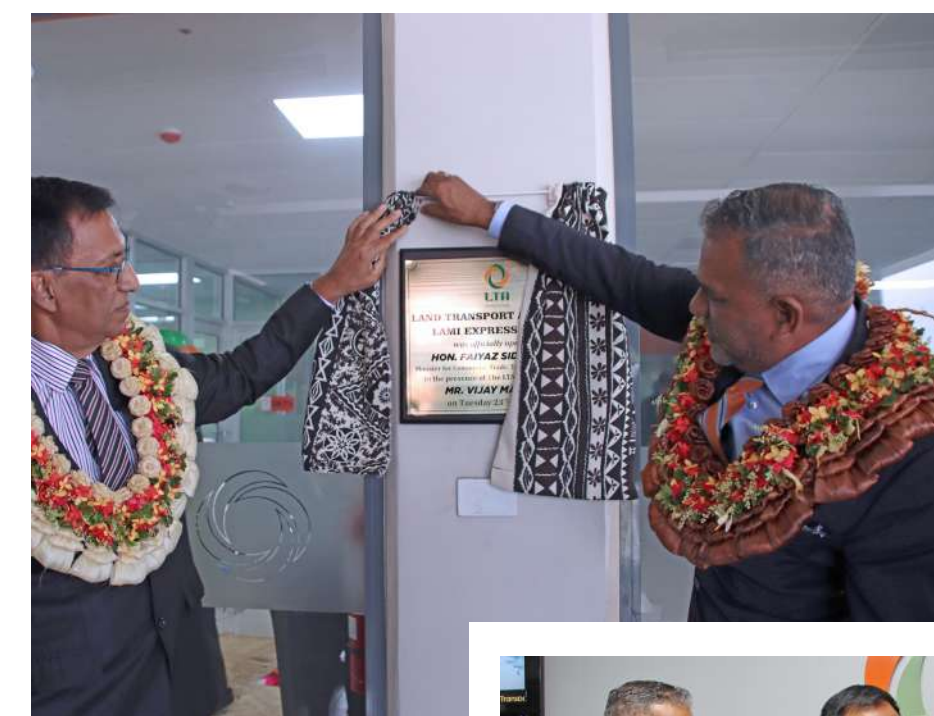
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कोरोना वायरस को लेकर देश में लगे प्रतिबन्ध ढीला किए गए हैं। इसपर अटोनी जेनरल अईयाज सईयद खईयूम, शिक्षा मंत्री रैजी अक्वर, कोमनिकईशनस मंत्रालय की तुपुड बराबिलाला, स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय की डाक्टर अलिशा भाहु खान तथा स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के स्थानापन स्थाई सचिव जईम्म फोन्ग ने एक समाचार सम्मेलन में पूछे गए सवालों का जवाब दिया।  
चित्र: विलियम तिकोलानी



## मंत्री कुमार का लौतुका दौरा

लोकल गवमन्ट, हाउजिंग तथा सामाजिक विकास मंत्री पैमिला कुमार ने हाल में लौतुका स्थित हाउजिंग अथोरिटी की नई योजनाओं, पब्लिक रेंटल बोर्ड के फ्लैट्स का दौरा किया तथा लौतुका के निवासियों से मुलाकात की जो हाउजिंग की जमीन तैयार होने का इंतज़ार कर रहे हैं ताकि वे घर बना सकें। मंत्री ने हाउजिंग अथोरिटी के कर्मचारियों को भी चेतावनी दी कि वे भ्रष्टाचार वाली कार्यवाहियों से दूर रहें और इमानदारी से सेवा प्रदान करें।  
चित्र: रोनल देव



## लामी में एल टी अई का नया दफ्तर खुला

लेन्ड ट्रान्सपोर्ट अथोरिटी का एक नया दफ्तर लामी में खोला गया है जिससे गाड़ी चालकों को सेवा हासिल करने में और भी सहूलियत हो गई है। दफ्तर का उद्घाटन करते हुए कोमिस, दईड, दुरिज़म एन्ड ट्रान्स्पॉर्ट मंत्री फईयाज कोया ने कहा कि लोगों को सेवा प्रदान करने में दफ्तर अहम भूमिका निभायेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि वे चाहते हैं कि ज्यादा से ज्यादा लोगों को एल टी अई की सेवाएं प्राप्त हों। “इस दफ्तर में लोगों को एल टी अई की सभी सेवाएं प्राप्त होंगी।” उन्होंने कहा।  
चित्र: फिलिक्स लेसिनईवाल्







## फीजी चायना फंडशिप से औज़ार मिले

वीरेंद्र लाल

फीजी चायना फंडशिप असोसिएशन ने फीजी में चायना चेम्बा ओफ कोमेस और प्रायवट सेक्टर के साथ मिलकर फीजियन हेल्थ वोकज़ को एक लाख छत्तीस हजार फीजियन डोलर मूल्य के सुरक्षा सामान प्रदान किया है।

फीजी चायना फंडशिप असोसिएशन की प्रधाना फेंग जमनादास ने इन सामानों को प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़निमारामा को प्रदान किया। इस अवसर पर फीजी में चीनी राजदूत गियान वो और फीजी में चायना चेम्बा ओफ कोमेस के प्रतिनिधि उपस्थित थे।

प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़निमारामा ने इन सामानों को स्वीकार करते हुए फीजी चायना फंडशिप असोसिएशन और फीजी में चायना चेम्बा ओफ कोमेस को धन्यवाद दिया और कहा कि यह सामान बहुत सही समय पर दिए गए हैं और इससे कोविड-19 के खिलाफ लड़ाई में हमारे लोगों को मदद मिलेगी। इन सामानों को फीजी पहुँचाने की व्यवस्था करने के लिए प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमारामा ने फेंच पोलिनिशिया के राष्ट्रपति एडोवाड फिच को भी धन्यवाद दिया।

चीनी राजदूत गियान वो ने फीजी में कोविड-19 पर काबु पाने के लिए,



प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़निमारामा, फीजी चायना फंडशिप असोसिएशन की प्रधाना फेंग जमनादास से सुरक्षा सामान स्वीकार करते हुए

जल्द कदम उठाकर, अच्छी नेतागिरी दिखाने के लिए प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़निमारामा को धन्यवाद दिया।

राजदूत वो ने दोहराया कि कोविड-19 के खिलाफ लड़ाई में चीन फीजी की सहायता करता रहेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि चीन चाहता है कि फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था में एक बार फिर सुधार आए।

फीजी चायना फंडशिप असोसिएशन की प्रधाना फेंग जमनादास ने बताया कि चीन और फीजी के बीच अच्छे

सम्बन्धों के कारण उन्होंने दान दिया है। उन्होंने बताया कि आगे चलकर वे फीजी में बने सामानों के लिए बाज़ार ढूँढ़ेंगे और व्यापार तथा पूंजी के क्षेत्र में फीजी की मदद करेंगे।

“फीजी को कोविड-19 से मुक्त करने और यह वायरस फैलने से रोकने के लिए तीव्रता के साथ कदम उठाने के लिए मैं प्रधान मंत्री को बधाई देना चाहती हूँ। इस महामारी पर काबु पाने कि दिशा में फीजी चायना फंडशिप

असोसिएशन, फीजी में चीनी दुतावास के ज़रिए आपकी सरकार और फीजी के लोगों की मदद करता रहेगा। मैं यह बताना चाहती हूँ कि यह सहायता यहीं बन्द नहीं होगी, हम व्यापार, पूंजी तथा नौकरी के और मौके उपलब्ध करेंगे,” फेंग जमनादास ने कहा।

फीजी चायना फंडशिप असोसिएशन की स्थापना दो हजार बारह में हुई थी और उसके एक सौ के आस-पास सदस्य हैं।

## निउज़ीलैंड की सरकार ने प्रधान मंत्री के रिलीफ फण्ड को दान दिया



स्वास्थ्य मंत्री, निउज़ीलैंड के हाई कमिशनर से राहत सामान लेते हुए

वीरेंद्र लाल

निउज़ीलैंड की सरकार ने प्रधान मंत्री के नेशनल डिज़ास्टा रिलीफ एंड रिहबिलिटेशन फण्ड को एक लाख पचास हजार निउज़ीलैंड डॉलर दान दिया है। समुद्री आँधी हेरल्ड से नुकसान पहुँचे लोगों को राहत सामान बाटने के लिए फीजी सरकार ने सहायता की माँग की थी।

दान देते हुए फीजी में निउज़ीलैंड हाय कमिशनर जोनाथन केर ने कहा कि इस दान से फीजी, समुद्री आँधी हेरल्ड के शिकार लोगों की सहायता और अच्छी तरह से कर पायेगा।

“पड़ोसी और दोस्त होने के नाते निउज़ीलैंड, असर पड़े लोगों की मदद करने में फीजी के कार्य को सहायता प्रदान करना जारी रखेगा। अभी बहुत कुछ करना बाकी है, और यह ज़रूरी है कि हम मिलकर काम करें। इस तरह से मुसिवत के समय में हम एक दूसरे की मदद कर पायेंगे,” श्री केर ने कहा।

नेशनल डिज़ास्टा मेनेजमेंट ऑफिस डायरेक्टर वसीली सोको ने ग्रांट स्वीकार करते हुए, लगातार सहायता प्रदान करते रहने के लिए निउज़ीलैंड की सरकार को धन्यवाद दिया।

“अन्य विकासशील छोटे राष्ट्रों की तरह फीजी इन चुनौतियों का सामना करने की कोशिश कर रहा है लेकिन उसकी सीमित सम्पत्ति के कारण अकेले उसे पूरे रूप से ऐसा करने में सफलता नहीं मिल रही है। इस सहायता के लिए हम निउज़ीलैंड को तह दिल से धन्यवाद दे रहे हैं।”

सोको ने बताया कि राहत सहायता बाटने के दूसरे दौर का कार्य समाप्त हो चुका है और एक लाख सात हजार फीजियन्स की मदद की गई है।

फिलहाल एन डी एम औ, सभी फीजियन्स के लिए अर्थ-व्यवस्था सुधारने और स्वास्थ्य स्थिति बेहतर करने पर काम कर रहा है।

# स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को स्थानिए कम्पनियों से सहायता मिली

वीरेंद्र लाल

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय को केक्स मार्केटिंग फीजी से तेरह हजार डॉलर मूल्य के औज़ार सहायता के रूप में मिले हैं।

दान में मिले यह सामान स्वीकार करते हुए स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डाक्टर इफेरईमी वांगाइनम्बे ने केक्स मार्केटिंग फीजी को धन्यवाद देते हुए कहा कि यह सामान कोविड-19 के खिलाफ लड़ाई में काम में लाए जायेंगे।

“हमारे डेवेलपिंग पार्टनर ने हमारी मदद की है और अब स्थानिए कम्पनियाँ महामारी के खिलाफ लड़ाई में हमें सहयोग दे रही हैं,” मंत्री ने कहा।

केक्स मार्केटिंग फीजी के मेनेजिंग डायरेक्टर केशवन नादन ने बताया कि सरकार ने खास रूप से स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय और मंत्रालय के कर्मचारियों ने देश में कोविड-19 फैलने से रोकने की दिशा में जो काम किया है, उससे उन्हें गर्व है।

“कोविड-19 के कारण पैदा हुई वर्तमान स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए हम शायद दान देने की स्थिति में नहीं हैं लेकिन हम मंत्रालय को इस महामारी के खिलाफ उसकी लड़ाई में सहयोग देना चाहते हैं।”

श्री नादन ने आशा व्यक्त की कि इस दान से महामारी के खिलाफ लड़ाई में फीजी को कुछ मदद मिलेगी।

दान किए गए सामानों में क्लनिंग एजेंट्स, हेन्ड सेनिटाइज़र और डिजिटल इक्विपमेंट शामिल हैं।



स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डाक्टर इफेरईमी वांगाइनम्बे, (दाईं ओर) केक्स मार्केटिंग फीजी के मेनेजिंग डायरेक्टर केशवन नादन को कोविड-19 के खिलाफ लड़ाई में काम में लाए जाने वाला औज़ार दान करने के लिए धन्यवाद देते हुए



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# बजट पर लोगों की राय

रेनल देव

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री तथा अटेनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने राष्ट्रीय बजट पर आम जनता से उनका विचार लेना शुरू कर दिया है। सईयद खईयूम ने आम किया कि इस साल राष्ट्रीय बजट की घोषणा शुकवार सत्तरह जुलाई को की जायेगी।

आम जनता से उनका विचार लेते हुए अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने प्रकाश डाला कि मोबाईल फोन का उपयोग करने वालों को केयरफीजी एप का इस्तेमाल करके कोविड-19 के खिलाफ अभियान में फीजी की मदद करना कितना

ज़रूरी है।

“कई लोग नहीं समझ रहे हैं कि केयरफीजी एप कितना ज़रूरी है। दुनिया में काफी कुछ अब नए सिरे से होगा, जैसेकि कैसे व्यापार करना है, एक दूसरे से कैसे संपर्क बनाए रखना है तथा कैसे सफर करना है, यह सबकुछ बदलेगा,” अटेनी जेनरल ने कहा।

“इन सबमें सबसे ज़रूरी है, भरोसा। यह लोगों में भरोसा पैदा करने का एक तरीका है, कि इस बात का ध्यान रखा जाए कि यह ट्रेकिंग सिस्टम और स्वास्थ्य प्रणालियों में विश्वसनीयता और इमानदारी हो,” सईयद खईयूम ने कहा।

उन्होंने प्रशान्तीय मार्ग, बूला बबल तथा प्रायवट सेक्टर को कोन्सट्रक्शन यानि निर्माण की ओर प्रोत्साहित करने के तरीकों पर भी बातें की।

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने कहा कि पूरी दुनिया की अर्थ-व्यवस्था गिर रही है, कई विकसित देश चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहे हैं, कर्ज बढ़ रहे हैं जबकि कई लोग बेरोज़गार हो गए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसी बातें हो रही हैं कि क्या कर्ज लेना अच्छी बात है? जवाब में अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने बताया कि कर्ज लेने से अगर महंगाई बढ़ी और आर्थिक गतिविधियों में तेज़ी नहीं आई तो यह अच्छी बात नहीं होगी।

उन्होंने कहा कि हमारा राष्ट्रीय बजट उस विषय पर आधारित होगा जहाँ सरकार ने भारी आमदनी खो दी है।

फीजी में कोरोना वायरस का पहला मामला सामने आने के बाद सरकार ने बहुत ही फुर्ती से काम किया। सभी पहलुओं पर गौर करते हुए कोविड-19 के जवाब में एक बजट निकाला गया था।

अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री ने कहा कि जबकि आर्थिक साल पहली अगस्त से इक्तीस जुलाई के बीच है तो इस महीने एक और राष्ट्रीय बजट की घोषणा की जाएगी।



# Noda Viti



E ratou taba toka oqori na Minisita ni Bula, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, na mata ni matanitu ko Niusiladi, Jonathan Curr kei na liuliu ni ICU ena Colonial War Memorial Hospital (CWMH) ko Dr Lisa Bennett kei na misini ni cegu-cegu ka solia vakailoloma na matanitu ko Niusiladi vei Viti.

## Laveti cake na vei-qaravi ni vale ni bula baleta na Covid-19

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**S**A SOLIA wale mai na Matanitu ko Niusiladi vua na Tabana ni Bula me eso na misini ni cegu-cegu me vukea na kena valuti na mate COVID-19 ena noda vanua.

Na kena isau na misini oqori e tiko ena \$1.452,200 na ilavo ka sa laveta cake kina na vakatagedegede ni Tabana ni Bula ena noda vanua ena kena qaravi na COVID.

Na misini oqo na AIRVO 2 e buli ko Fisher&Paykel Healthcare mai Niusiladi ka sa vakilai ni yaga saraga na kena vakayagataki ena veiyasai vuravura ena kena vukei na nodra cegu-cegu vinaka na tamata era tauvimate.

Na kena inaki na misini oqo oya me vakarawarawa taka na nodra cegu na tamata ka vakayagataki vata kei na cagi ka tawani ena tavaya ni cagu bulabula.

E 8 kece na misini vakaoqo e vakarautaka na matanitu ko Niusiladi ena veivuke oqo ena loma ni ono na vula ena yabaki oqo ka sa vakayagataki tiko ena vei valenibula ena noda vanua.

Esa vakila talega na kena vinaka ena nodra qaravi na lewenivanua tauvimate mai ena leptosporis kei na dengue. Sa vakadinadinataka na

Intensive Care Unit ena vale ni bula levu ena noda vanua na kena lutu sobu totolo na kisi ni tauvimate mai na mate ni cegu oca ena 70 na pasede ena nodra vakayagataki na misini oqo.

Laki solia na misini vou oqo na mata ni matanitu ko Niusiladi Jonathan Curr kivua na Minisita ni Bula, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, Vunivola Tuden (Vakatawa) Dr James Fong kei na liuliu ni ICU ena Colonial War Memorial e Suva Dr Lisa Bennett.

Vakaraitaka na mata ni matanitu ko Niusiladi ni nodra matanitu esa tu vakarau me vukea na matanitu ko Viti ena vakarautaki ni gacagaca ni vei-qaravi vaka na misini ni cegu-cegu ni cagi bulabula oqo ka bulia na kabani mai Niusiladi me vakayagataki ena veiyasai vuravura ka kenai naki levu oya me vukei ira na tamata tauvimate mera bula.

Vakavinaka na Vuniwai ni ICU mai CWM, Dr Lisa Bennett kina na valenivolavola ni mata ni matanitu ko Niusiladi ena kena vakarautaki na misini oqori me veivuke ena vei-qaravi nei Viti.

Era sa veivuke talega na vei kabana ena noda vanua ena vakarautaki ni wainimate ni vuluvulu se sanitizer ka veivuke mai kina na Kaks Marketing Fiji.

# Kacivaki na ituvatuva vou

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**S**A kacivaka ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na ituvatuva vou ni vei-qaravi nei Viti me baleta na valuti ni COVID-19.

Vakabi na tuvaka oqo ena laveti ni vei-qaravi ni vakatubuilavo ni matanitu ena tabana ni veivoli, veilakoyaki, saravanua ka vakauasivi ena muri ni lawa me rawa tikoga kina na tiko bulabula ka me kua ni dua e vakaleqai na nodra bula.

Dua vei ira na tuvaka oqo oya na kena vakayagataki ena *careFIJI App* edua na gacagaca ni vei-qaravi ena mona livaliva ka na vukea na tabana ni bula me vakaqara ka dik-e va lewenivanua kevaka edua e tauvi koya na mate oqo.

Na *careFIJI App* oqo edua na veivakatoro-caketaki vou ka gadreva na matanitu me vakayagataki vakararaba ka vakalevu na lewenivanua me baleta saraga na tataqomaki ena valu oqo.

Mo na *download-taka* ena nomu talevoni

veikauyaki ka vakayagataki na gacagaca ni *Bluetooth* ka sega ni dua na kena isau e lavaki ena data.

Ia ena veitalanoa ni veilakoyaki ena gade kei na saravanua esa dolava ko Viti na nona yalayala ni vanua vei rau na matanitu ko Ositerelia kei Niusiladi ka sa buli edua na walewale vou ni vuka me vaka na Vacation in Paradise.

Oqo edua na sasaga ni matanitu kei ira na veitabana era oka ena bisinisi ni veivukayaki, gade kei na saravanua me vakarautaki edua na gaunisala ni curuvana se gade ena

saravanua ka taqomaki kina na tiko bulabula, vakamuri kina na ivakaro ni COVID ka tomani talega kina na vakatubuilavo ena bisinisi ni veilakoyaki, gade kei na saravanua.

Na sasaga oqo ena oka kina na veimataniitu ena pasivika ena dua na tabana ni veiqaravi ka vakayacani me Pacific Pathway. Na rai e tiko oya me na oka mai ko Tuvalu, Kiribati kei Tonga ena tekivu ni sasaga oqo ena veivuka yaki vata vakamataniitu ena pasivika.

Na kena vakamatalalai ena ika 6 drauni-veva.





# Veidinadinati vou ni PRB

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**S**A VAKARAITAKA na nodra kauwai na Minisita ni Veivakavaletaki kei na Vakatoroicaketaki ni itikotiko, Premila Kumar me baleta ira na lewenivanua era sa tiko balavu me yacova e lima sagavulu na yabaki ena veivakavaletaki ni Tabana ni Vale Sau Lalai se Public Rental Board (PRB). Vakaraitaka na tikina oqo na

Minisita ena nodra veisiko voli ena veivakavaletaki mai Natubua, Natokowaqa kei Simla ena macawa mai muri.

“Na PRB flat e sega ni vanua meda tiko kina vakadua, oqo edua na veivakatorocaketaki se kabakaba ni torocake. Na gauna ni tiko ekeya na gauna ni soqoni ni lavo ka marau iyau me rawa ni ko volia edua na nomu vale, ka rawa ni veivuke kina na Housing Authority me dua na

nomu vale vakadua,” kaya ko Minisita Kumar.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Kumar ni inaki ni kena tauyavu na PRB me qaravi ira na lewenivanua era sega ni rawaka vinaka sara ia ena vakanananu mera na toki ena dua na siga era rawa ni volikina edua na nodra vale vakadua.

Kuria ko Minisita Kumar ni rawa ni beitaki ni cala nei Housing Authority kei na PRB ena nodra sega ni vukei ira na

lewenivanua mera rawa ni dewa yani mera volia edua na nodra vale vakadua ke sega mera bau tuberi madaga na lewenivanua sau lalai ena nodra rawaka vakailavo.

Sa gadreva kina ko Minisita Kumar me volai vou tale edua na veidinati ni vale ena PRB baleta na nodra toki yani na lewenivanua ka wili kina na kena ripea taki.



Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena veivakatorocaketaki vou mai Nadi ena ilati ni ua luvu mai Mosi.

## Dolava ko Bainimarama na ikatolu ni lati ni uciwai

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**N**A sasaga ni Matanitu baleta na taqomaki ni lewenivanua mai na revurevu ni draki veisau, ua luvu kei na tubu ni wai e mai vakavatu-kana tale ena vanua o Nadi.

Oqori ena kena dolavi na ikatolu ni lati ni uciwai ena gauna ni ua luvu mai na uciwai e Mosi, Nadi.

Na isau ni cakacaka oqori e toka ena \$1.8 na milioni ka na veivuke kina e na kena tarovi na wai ena kena curuma na lomanivanua o Nadi ena gauna ni ua luvu.

Vakatokai ena yacana na Mosi 3 Dam.

Sa namaki me tarovi na ualuvu edau tara na tauni levu o Nadi kei ira na vei koro volekata ena kena laki tavoci edua na tatarovi ni ua vou mai Mosi ka laki vakaitavi kina na turaga Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama.

Vakaraitaka na Paraiminisita ni na sega ni vakatara na matanitu me yaco tiko na ualuvu vakaoqo ena vanua o Nadi me vaka ni tauni ni bisinisi ka semati kina ko Viti vei Vuravura ena rara ni waqavuka levu ena noda vanua, sara-vanua kei na bisinisi ni vakacegu kei marau ena vei otela lelevu.

Na vakarau kina na matanitu me valuta na ibole levu oqo baleta na draki veisau ka me qarauni talega nay asana ni vakatubuilavo.

Na laveti cake na itatarovi me balavu cake mai na vanua e tara tiko kina ka merawa ni tatarovi ni wai kedra tadrue na veitikotiko kei na wailevu.



TABA E LOMA: Ko Siteri Duwaicuvutoge na marama ni Yadrana, Lakeba, Lau, ka vakavinavinakataka na kena rogoci na nodra tagi na lewe ni koro ena kena tara vou na nodra bai ni ua. iTaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU

## Taqomaki na koro mai na draki veisau

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**N**A bai ni ua vou ena koro o Rukurukulevu ena yasana vakaturaga o Cuvu, Nadroga, e tara donuya saraga na gauna ni draki veisau. Na veivakatorocaketaki oqo e na taqomaki ira na lewenivanua mai na revurevu ni draki veisau.

Vaka koto oqori na vakanananu nei Neumi Ratulevu edua na

lewe ni koro e Rukurukulevu ni oti na kena mai dola ena macawa sa oti.

“Keimami a kerekere ena vale ni volavola ni matanitu ena veivakadonui ni Turaga Na Kalevu ena gagadre ni bai ni ua baleta wale ga na draki veisau me vaka keimami sa vakila totolo tiko na kena revurevu,” kaya ko Ratulevu.

“Ia e dua na vakacegu levu nikua ni keimami raica na kena sa mai tara oti sa levu kina na vakavinaka kina na matanitu ena ilavo levu era mai sovaraka me baleta na sasaga oqo.”

Ko Siteri Duwaicuvutoge, edua na marama ni Yadrana, Lakeba, Lau, ka vakawati e Rukuruku-

levu. Sa oti e 36 na yabaki nodra bula voli mai kea. E marautaka vakalevu na veiqaravi ni matanitu ni kena mai tara edua bai ni ua ni koro me rawa ni taqomaka na nodra bula kei ira na nodra kawa mai muri mai na kaukauwa ni draki kei na ua.

“Dua na gauna balavu nodra tagica toka me dua na nodra bai ni ua ia sa qai kena gauna oqo ena matanitu nei Bainimarama,” kaya ko Sireri.

“Vakavinaka kina Paraiminisita Bainimarama kei na nona matanitu baleta na nodra veivuke oqo”

Rauta ni \$438,000 na kena isau vakailavo na veivakatoroicaketaki oqo.

Salamuria tiko na kena dola na

bai ni ua mai Namoli, Dravuni ka duavata tiko na rai me baleta na draki veisau

Vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni matanitu ena qarauna me vakarautaka na veiqaravi vinaka mera taqomaki kina na lewenivanua kei na nodra vurevure ni bula ena veisiga me vaka ni sa veiravuti tiko nikua na draki veisau.

Ko Rukurukulevu edua na koro era vakila tumai vaka balavu na leqa tubukoso vumai ena revurevu ni draki veisau ena ua kei tubu ni wai. Era vakila talega na sisi ni qele ena gauna ni tubu ni ua ni dewa mai ka drodro ena loma ni koro ka vakarevaki sara ena gauna ni cagilaba.

## ‘Vinaka vakalevu’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

**K**O Eremasi Radanivatu edua na lewenivanua ena koro ko Namoli ena vanua ko Vitogo ena yasana vakaturaga ko Ba. Vakaraitaka voli ko Radanivatu na nodra vakavinaka vua na matanitu ena kena laki tara na nodra bai ni ua vou.

Vakaraitaka ko koya ni oqo edua na nodra sasaga balavu mai vaka koro me vaka ni sad

au tarai ira yani na draki veisau ena kena revurevu me qai laki vakilai tiko ena tubu ni waitui ena gauna ni ua luvu se cagi laba.

Oqo edua vei ira na lewe levu na lewenivanua ena muaira era marautaka voli na nodra bai ni ua me vaka esa veiqaravi tiko mai ni na tabana ni wai kei na uciwai me baleta na kena maroroi vinaka na nodra bula na lewenivanua ena revurevu ni draki veisau.



Ko Eremasi Radanivatu ena yasani ni bai ni ua e Namoli, Lautoka, ka laki dolava vou ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI



... dua na vakacegu levu nikua ni keimami raica na kena sa mai tara oti

Siteri Duwaicuvutoge.  
Rukurukulevu, Cuvu.





# Biubiu e 170 na sotia ki Sinai

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA biubiu mera laki veisosomitaki ena veiqaravi ni veisaututaki ena tokalau e loma e rauta ni 170 na noda sotia ni Mataivalu e Viti.

Era rawa ni dewa yani na matalawalawa oqori ena veivuke ni mataivalu mai Ositere-lia na Royal Australia air Force ka vuka mai kina noda rara ni waqavuka mai Nadi mera mai vakavodoki na mataivalu ni Viti.  
Era qaravi rawa na imatalawalawa oqo ena

raici kei na dikevi ni mate na COVID-19 mai veiratou na Tabana ni Bula nib era nira vuka mai Nadi mera gole yani ki Ijipita.  
Era vodo ena Australian Air Force KC30-A tanker aircraft ka laki talaci ira e Nadi o Chief-Of-Staff RFMF Captain (Navy) John

Fox.  
Oira na 170 na sotia era veisosomitaki ena veiqaravi veiratou na 166 na sotia era sa vakaoti mai na nodra itavi. Era na laki vula 12 na nodra veiqaravi na imatalawalawa oqo ka ra biubiu ena macawa oqo.

## Dola na Vale ni wai e Tamusua

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA dua na gauna taleitaki ki vei ira na sivia na lewe 200 na lewe ni koro o Tamusua ena Tikina o Yasawa-i-Rara-i-Yata na ika 18 ni June ena nona sa dolava kina o Paraiminisita Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama na nodra Vale niwai vou.  
Sa qai oti kina vakadua na vodo waqa ena loma ni dua na aua kina itikotiko ni nasi era dau lai qaravi kina e liu.

Tukuna vei ira mai Tamusua o PM Bainimarama ni isau vakailavo ni tara ni nodra vale ni nasi e koto ena \$300,000 ka na yaga sara vakaleu ki vei ira na lewe 258 na lewenivanua ena koro Tamusua, Nabukeru, kei Navotua kei ira na gonenivuli ena nodra Primary School.  
Sa vakasalataki ira talega na lewenivanua mai kea mera veisautaka na ivakarau ni nodra rai me baleta na veiqaravi ni tabana ni bula.  
“Ena veigauna sa oti oni dau loma tarotaka tu na mate e tauvi kemuni me kau e



E taba toka na liuliu ni matanitu ena nona a dolava na nodra vale ni wai vou na lewe ni koro e Tamusua, Yasawa.  
TABA E LOMA: Na na vale ni wai vou. iTaba: MEREANI GINEDUA

valeniwai. Oni qai dau vakasamataka talega na ivodovodo ni waqa ki Teci.  
Qo na vuna e levu vei kemuni oni sa sega ni gole kina ivalenibula. Ena gauna saka oqo sa sega ni dodonu vua e dua na lewenivanua e Viti me tiko vua na iitovo ni vakasama oqori. Sa mai dolavi saka oqo na nomuni vale ni wai ka sa oti na dredre oni dau sotava,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.  
Laki solia talega o PM Bainimarama e dua na nodra katao ni waililiwa vakalivaliva

ena rara ni matanisiga se Solar Freezer.  
Sa na ivurevure vinaka ni kena bisinisitaki na nodra ika ni qoli kei na kena me baleta na kana ni matavuvale.  
E liu e dau sega ni rawa ni ra maroroya vakadede na ika ni sega tu nodra kato ni wai liliwa.  
Kaya vei ira o PM Bainimarama ni sa kunea vei ira na Tabacakacaka ni Qoli na iwali ni dua na leqa esa balavu sara nodra sotava voli mai.

## Veivuke na sola ki na isoqosoqo

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NA sasaga ni matanitu me baleta na tiko vinaka ni lewenivanua ena sega ni oti rawa ia ena laveti cake tikoga ena itagede ni bula vinaka.  
Bibi kina na nodra vukei ka uqeti na lewenivanua me ra dau laveta cake tale na itagege ni nodra rawaka vakailavo, vakaukauwa nodra vakayagataki qele kei na yau bula ena loma ni waitui me rawa ni tokona tikoga na sasaga ni raiyawa ni matanitu mera tiko vinaka.  
Ena loma ni macawa sa oti era bau gole tu ki Yasawa na Marama Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni Dravudravua Mereseini Vuniwaqa me laki solia edua na sola vou ki vei ratou na soqosoqo ni marama mai Tamusua me veivuke ena nodra veiqaravi ni cakacaka vakamarama ka mera vakatubuilavo talega kina.  
Na isau ni sola oqo e tiko ena \$7750, ka edua veivuke ena sasaga ni Minisitiri ena kena vakaukauwataki na bula veiwekani kina soqosoqo vakamarama ena nodra vakaqacacotaki na marama ena veitaudaku ni koro lelevu.

## Vukei na dauqoli

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ELaki vukei ira na dauqoli mai Yasawa na Minisita ni Qoliquoli, Semi Koroilavesau ena nodra laki vakasobura e waitui e vitu na wase-wase ni yaragi ka dau bacani kina vakarawarawa na ika ena loma ni waitui.  
Oqo na yacana vakavalagi na FADs se fishing aggregate devices ka wili kina na dali, poe kei na ka e vakatokai na spat collectors ka dau uqeti ira na ika mera vakavolekati ira mai.  
Lewe 14 na dauqoli mai na koro o Waya ki Nacula era lako curuma talega na vuli ma baleta na gacagaca ni qoli oqo ka nanumi ni na vukei nodra qaravi itavi ena veisiga me vake ni dau uqeta mai na ika lelevu vaka na marlin, tuna kei na mahimahi.  
E 100 kece na misini vakaoqo era sa vakasoburi oti ena veiyasai Viti ka mera ka qai vakadikeva na vakamuria na Tabana ni Qoli ena noda vanua. Vakaraitaka na Minisita ni mai Kadavu era sa vakatakilakila taka na vinaka ni gacagaca oqo ena nodra qoli. Mai Lau era vakayagataka vinaka na dauqoli mai key aka sega ni ra lako vakayawa ki waitui levu mera laki qoliva kina na ika lelevu.  
Ia mai Yasawa me vaka nira sa levu na lewenivanua era sa suka yani kina koro me baleta na sega ni cakacaka era na kunea talega na bula ena waitui ka sa bibi kina mera vakayagataka na gacagaca oqo me baleta na nodra vurevure ni bula kei na ilavo ena veisiga.

## ‘Me nanumi na siga ni mataka’



Na Minisita ni Qoliquoli Semi Koroilavesau ena nona solia e dua na kato ni wai liliwa e na nona veisiko voli tiko ki na vitu na koro e na yatu Yasawa. iTaba: MEREANI GONEDUA

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA vakasala tiko na Minisita ni Qoliquoli Semi Koroilavesau vei keda na lewenivanua ka dau vakayagataka na waitui kei na uciwai meda bula kina ena veisiga me da nanuma na veisiga ni mataka ena gauna eda dau vakayagataka kina na vei yau bula oqo.  
Mai rogo tiko na nodra vakasala na minisita ena nodra laki veisiko kina Yatu Yasawa bala-

balavu ka leki sotavi ira kina na lewenivanua ena ena vitu na koro vakaviti. Sa dodonu mera lewa matau ka manidia taka vinaka na nodra iyau bula me baleta na vei siga ni mataka ka me kua vakadua ni vakasabusabutaki baleta ni sa gauna dredre sara eda sa donua oqo.  
“Sa levu era sa sega ni cakacaka baleta na leqa ni mate na COVID ka soqo kina na otela ni saravanua,” kaya ko Minisita Koroilavesau.

“Oqo edua na gauna dredre ka na vakatovolei kina na bula ni veiqaravi ena veisiga vakalewenivanua vakamatani, ka sa dodonu meda cakacaka vata me rawa nida valuta kina na bula vou oqo.”  
Oqo esega ni gauna ni guce se yatayata se vakayaco vakatulewa vakamataboko ka sega ni veinanumi, oqo esa gauna me da veiraici ka veitokoni ka veilomani kina.  
Sa dodoonu talega meda vakila

ka vakananumi keda ena veiwekani ni veika bula era tubu wavoliti keda me vaka na qele, waitui kei na veisau e kauta main a draki ena gauna eda bula curuma oqo.  
Era veivuke na Vale ni Volavola ni Talai Veivuke ena Muaira ena kena soli na nodra kato ni wai liliwa na koro ko Tamusua, Malakati, Nacula and Matacawalevu.





## Veitokoni ena tei dogo ko Bainimarama

Era laki veitokoni ena tei dogo na liuliu ni matanitu kei ira na mataivalu ni noda vanua ena baravi kei Nasese me tekivutaki kina na vakananumi ni Infantry Day.  
ITaba: MEREANI GONEDUA



## Lotu ni vakananumi baleti ira na sotia

E donumaka na lotu ni nodra vakananumi na noda sotia kina i valu ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ka tomani ira ki na 3rd Battalion ni Mataivalu ni Viti ena lotu vakamataka me nanumi kina na Infantry day. Oqo edua na siga era dau namaka na sotia baleta ni tukuna na keda itukutuku bula

na noda sotia nodra laki valu ena Solomon Campaign ka dua na ivalu levu ena ikarua ni valu levu.

E vakananumi kina nodra vakayalia na nodra bula na leweni mataivalu ena noda vanua ena ivalu ni veiqaravi kina nodra vanua.  
ITaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU



## Sikovi na Vualiku ni noda vanua

E a veisiko na Minisita ni Veikau, Osea Naiqamu ena tikina ko Dogotuki e na koro ko Rauriko kei Namukalau, Vanua Levu.

Era liutaka na lakolako vakamatani tu na minisita ena sasaga talega ni kena teivaki vakalevu na kau ni viti kei na kau dina ena salamuria tikoga na vakanananu ni kena tei e 30 na milioni na kau ena 15 na yabaki. E ra uqeti kina na lewenivanua me ra tokona na sasaga levu ni matanitu ena kena taqomaki na bula mai na draki veisau.

ITABA: NANISE NEIMILA



## Sikova na Mua-i-Ra ko Kumar

Era sikova na Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua na Minisita ni Veivakavaletaki kei na Vakatoroicaketaki ni Veitikitiko, Premila Kumar.

Usutu ni nona veisiko voli oqori na veivakatoroicaketaki ena tara ni vale me ganiti ira na lewenivanua.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Kumar na bibi ni kena vakarautaki vinaka na vale me nodra na lewenivanua era dau vakasaqara voli ga.  
ITABA: VILIAME TIKOTANI







# Wase 2 ni kena vakalesui mai na COVID ni bula vakailavo

VILIAME TIKOTANI



## TOSO NA VAKATATABU KI NA 11PM-4AM

Na vakatatabu ena bogi ese vakadeitaki tikoga, ia na sasaga ni matanitu me vakalevutaki na galala ni veitosoyaki me baleta na qaravi itavi ni vakatubuilavo sa toso kina na gauna ni vakatatabu mai 11pm kina 4am ena mataka.

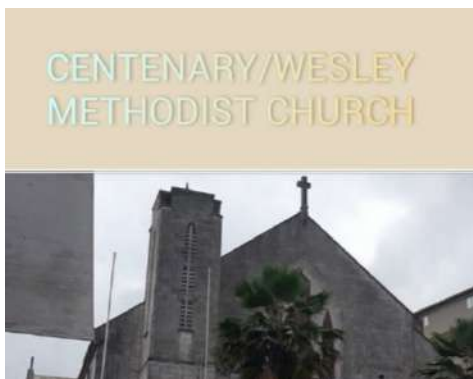
E sega walega ni baleta na tiko bulabula ni lewenivanua sa baleta talega na nodra bula vakailavo ena veisiga na lewenivanua. Sa rogoci talega na gagadre ni lewenivanua me deitiko na vakatatabu ni veilakoyaki me vaka nira vakila na kena vinaka vei ira

Ka sa na tekivutaki kina na 11pm ena bogi ni Jiune 22 me yacova na 4am ni Jiune 23. Ena qai dikevi tale vakamalua na gauna oqori ena gauna ena ganiti.

## SOGO TIKO NA VALE NI GUNU

Ena sogo tikoga na vale ni gunu kei na marau.

Tekivu ena Moniti 22 ni Jiune sa vakatarai na vakasoqoni vata me yacova na wiliwili ni 100 ni vei soqo vaka na vakamau, somate, valeni gunuti, vale ni boseka kei na sota vaka veiwekani.



## DOLA NA VALE NI SO KALOU

Me tekivukitaki maina Vakaraubuka 26th ni Jiune, esa dola na vale ni sokalou me yacova e 100 na lewenivanua ena dua na gauna. Era sotavi ira na liuliu ni veimatalotu na Tabana ni Bula mera ena loma ni siga 4 mai oqo tekivu ena Moniti Jiune 22 ka mera veitalanoataka na tekivu veikavou oqo kei na cava era rawa ni vakarautaka merawa ni tokona na sasaga vou oqo.

Na matanitu esa kerei ira na veimatalotu mera tokona na veiqaravi kei na sasaga oqo ka mera veivuke ena nodra taqomaki na lewenivanua.

Me vakarautaki na vanua sava ni liga, vakalailaitaki na veitaratara ka me tokoni na tiko veiyawaki ka mera raica me vakayacori e vuqa na lotu ma rawa ni ganita ka muria na ivakaro ni 100 na tamata.

## TEKIVU NA VULI

Era tekivu vuli na fomu 6 kei na 7 ena siga Tusiti 30 Jiune

Era sa rawa ni dolava talega nodra koronivuli na vuli torocake ena vakayaco kalasi ena 30 ni Jiune

Oira na paraimiri kei na sekodari kei ira na muri vuli era tekivu ena Moniti 6 ni Jiulai

Sa nodra itavi na liuliu ni koronivuli kei na qasenivuli mera taqomaki na nodra koronivuli mai na COVID



## VANUA NI QALO KEI VAKAUKAUWA

Na vanua ni vakaukauwa yago, tobu ni silisili ena otela kei na vanua saumi era sa dola ena Moniti 22 Jiune. Mera qarauna na kena itaukei na kena savasava ka mera maroroya na nodra itukutuku na lewenivanua era sikova yani ke vaka esega nodra monalivaliva ni CareFiji App ena nodra talevoni

## TARA NA QITO

Na tekivu talega na qito, rakavi, veicaqe, veikoba kei na qito eso.

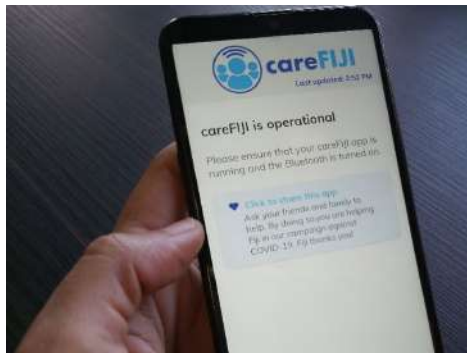


## SARA QITO

Sa vakatarai talega na qito ena vanua vakarautaki me baleta na veiqito kece ia mera vakamuria na ivakaro. Mera dolava ia me 50 na pasede na levu ni tamata sarasara ka mera vakamuria talega na ivakaro vou oqo ka mera vakayagataka na careFiji App. Vei ira na vakayaco qito ena nodra itikotiko mera vakamuria talega na ivakaro ni 100 na lewenivanua. Ena qai dikevi tale vakamalua na ivakaro oqori ena gauna e ganita.

## SARA YALOYALO

Sa dola na vale ni sara yaloyalo ka mera vakamuria na ivakaro ni 50 na pasede na levu ni lewenivanua era laki sarasara kina. Mera vakamuria na veiyawaki ena 1.5 na meter na lewenivanua. Mera qarauna na itaukei ni vale ni yaloyalo oqo na savasava ni nodra vale ni bisinisi ka mera vakamuria na ivakaro vou oqo me baleta na careFiji App.



## VAKAYAGATAKA NA CAREFIJI APP

Esa na vakayagataka na careFiji me baleta na nodra veitaratara na lewenivanua. E vakayagataka na Bluetooth ka sega ni gadrevi edua na data me vakayagataka. E vakarautaki na careFiji app oqo me vakarawarawataka na veiqaravi ni matanitu kivei ira na lewenivanua.

Era sa vakadeitaka mai Tabana ni vakauitukutuku edua na veidinati kei na Digicel kei Vodafone me vakaisosomitaka vaka tini na data ni lewenivanua ena kena downloadtaki na careFiji App me 100 na megabytes me vaka taura ga e 10 na megabyte na download ni app

Esa vakaroti talega na lewenivanua era veiqaravi ena matanitu ka ra sa soli mera vakayagata na talevoni ni matanitu mera vakayagataka na careFiji app oqo ka wilika kina na mataivalu, ovisa kei ira na kabana ni matanitu

Sa vakauqeti ira na veimatabose vakacacacaka na matanitu era veiqaravi voleka nei ira na dau tauri veivuke mai na matanitu kei ira na kabani vakacacacaka ena taudaku ni matanitu kei bisinisi mera vakayagataka na careFiji app.



## VEILAKOYAKI KI VANUA TANI

Na matanitu sa cakacaka vata voleka kei na Fiji Airways kei Tourism Fiji ka surety ira mai Niusiladi kei Ositerelia ena nodra mai gade ka saravanua e Viti ena dua na veiqaravi taqomaki ka dei. Na VIP se vacation in paradise edua na sasaga mera qarauni ni vakavoleka na saravanua ena gauna era gole mai kina ena noda vanua ka yadravi na veivanua era sikova ka me dikevi ka vakadeitaki kina na savasava.

Mera lako mai ki Viti, oira mai Niusuladi kei Ositerelia mera vakayacora walega e vica na vakasala oqo:

Matai ni digidigi: Mera vakarautaka edua na sitivikiti ni nodra sa dikevi vakavalenibula ka ra sa vakagalalataki ena 14 na siga main a nodra matanitu ni sega ni tauvi ira na mate ena loma ni 48 na aua nodra bera ni gole mai ki Viti, ka rawa nira tekivuna kina noda Bula Bubble holiday ena veivanua era veigole kina.

Karua ni digidigi: Nodra yaco mai ki Viti era mai o curuma na 14 na siga ni nodra vakatabui ira vakaira ena gole e tautuba ka

mera sauma ga ena otela se vanua era gadreva ka sa vakarautaka oti na matanitu. Na nodra san a vakagalalataki ni oti na 14 na siga sa kenai balebale nira sa rawa ni vakamuria saraga na nodra gagadre ni saravanua ena Bula Bubble



## BULA BUBBLE

Na Bula Bubble oqo ena vakatarai ira mai Ositerelia kei Niusiladi mera marautaka na nodra gade mai ki Viti nira tiko vakayawa mai vei ira na kena vo ni vulagi se lewenivanua e Viti.

Oira na gole mai ki Viti ena gade vakalekaleka era na sega ni veilakoyaki ena lomanivanua. Era na taqomaki vinaka ena veiqaravi ni VIP tekivu mai na waqavuka ena rara ni waqavuka e Nadi ka dewa kina nodra lori vakarautaki me yacova sara nodra otela ka vakakina me yacova ni oti nodra tiko e Viti.

Sa vakaqarai tiko ena gauna oqo eso na otela tu veiyawaki me ganita na sasaga oqo ni Bula Bubble. Eratou na kacivaka na Fiji Airways, Tourism Fiji, Tabana ni Veivoli, Saravanua kei na Veilakoyaki na kena tukutuku vakamatailalai.

## PACIFIC PATHWAYS

Na matanitu ena vakarautaka edua na "Pacific Pathways" me baleti ira na gade mai Tuvalu, Kiribati kei Tonga. Me vaka ni dua na matanitu esa vakadinadinataki ena nodra sa valuta ka tarova na COVID ena Pasivika ena vakayagataka ni gacagaca ni veiqaravi ni WHO, o Viti esa toka ena dua na yavu vinaka me vakarautaki kina na nodra taqomaki na gole mai na Pasivika.

Na minisitiri ni Veivoli, Bisinisi, Saravanua, Fiji Airways, Tourism Fiji kei ira na kena dau ena veika ni tiko bulabula ena Matanitu eratou sa veitaratara tiko kei ira na matanitu ena pasivika me vaka i Tuvalu, Kiribati kei Tonga me vakatarai nodra gade mai ki Viti.

Era mai vakamuria na ivakaro ni vakatatabu me 14 na siga nib era nira vakatovolei ena COVID-19 test nib era nodra rawa ni veilakoyaki ena noda vanua.

Oqo ena vakarautaki kevaka era sauma ga na nodra tiko se sauma nodra matanitu. Na veiqaravi oqo ena qai dikevi talega ka vakatetei kina matanitu ko Samoa, Solomoni kei Vanuatu.

Na veivuka kece ni Pacific Pathways ena qarava na Fiji Airways ena loma ni vakamuri ni ivakaro ni Travel Ready mera daramaka na nodra ubi ni ucu kei na gusu ka vakamuria vinaka na ivakaro ni tiko bulabula kei na savasava. Era na mai dikevi vakavoleka na lewenivanua ena veilakoyaki mai ena veiqaravi oqo ke vaka ena tiko vei ira eso na ivakatakilakila ni mate.





# ‘Me ra tekivutaki vinaka’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

S A vakasala tiko na Minisita ni Vuli, Rosy Akbar vei ira na qasenivuli mera qarauna na nodra lesu yani ki vuli na gonevuli ka mera rawa ni tekivu vinaka talega. Sa sega ni dodonu mena qai vakaqakai talega vei ira na nodra lesoni ka

solia mai na nodra koronivuli se na tabana ni vuli ena gauna donua na veitauvi ni mate levu oqo na COVID-19. Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Akbar ni sega ni dua na gonevuli ena vaka qakai se makataki ena gauna era lesu yani kina ki kalasi. Me soli vei ira na gauna me ra dabe vinaka kina ka tekivu vinaka talega.

Oira na liuliu ni koronivuli, qasenivuli liu, manidia mera qarauna ni koya na lesoni a soli ena gauna ni COVID-19 oya e ikuri walega ni lesoni ka sega ni dodonu mera na vakaukauwa taki na nodra vakasuka main a nodra cakacaka ko ira sa cakava main a gauna era tiko kina e vale. Oqo e dodonu me qarauni saraga vaka vinaka me

vakamuri talega. Sa vakavinakataki ira na qasenivuli, tubutubu na Minisita ni Vuli ena nodra veitokoni ena gauna e sogo tuki-na na koronivuli.

Era sa uqeti talega na gonevuli mera qarauna nodra lesu ki koronivuli ka mera vakamuria vinaka na ivakaro ni bula ena yasana ni tiko savasava ni bera nira lesu

## Vakarautaki na vokete ni benu



Era taba toka oqo na Minisita ni Teitei, Wai, Veikabula bula wapoliti keda, Dr Mahendra Reddy kei ira na lewenivanua e Sawani ena nona laki solia na nodra vokete ni benu. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

E va na koro e dabe volekata na uciwai na Waimanu e Naitasiri e sa vakarautaki na nodra vokete ni benu ena sasaga ni tiko bulabula ni matanitu. Era laki solia e 40 na vokete ni benu na

Minisita ni Teitei, Wai kei na Veika Bula bula wapoliti keda, Dr Mahendra Reddy. Oqo edua na ivakananumi vinaka talega ni Siga ni Veika Bula era bula wapoliti keda ena vuravura oqo ena raiyawa ni matanitu me taqomaki na noda vanua mai na benu ca.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Reddy ni dua na ka bibi oqo oya na kena maroroi vinaka na noda yau bula ka me ra qarauni talega na itovo ni lewenivanua me ra maroroya ka taqomaka na rai oqo.

## Lawa vou me baleta na iVola ni Kawa Bula

VILIAME TIKOTANI

E dua na lawa vou e ratou sa muria tiko na Tabana ni iVola ni Sucu na nodra kauta yani na itubutubu na siti-vikiti drokadroka na ivakadinadina ni nodra volai ena iVola ni Kawa Bula.

E ratou gadreva na Tabana ni iVolanisucu na ivakadinadina qo me rawa ni qai caka kina na ivola ni sucu vou ni luvedra.

Sa vakadinadinataka kina na noda valenivolavola ni Veitarogivanua na kena vutucoqa tiko na noda valenivolavola vei keda na lewenivanua ni oti na kena dola tale na veilakoyani ka tarova tu o COVID-19.

Era osota mai na lewenivanua na vanua ni veiqaravi ka kauwai vakalevu ni ra okati kina na nodra mai keveti tiko na gone dramidrami.

Sa via veivakananumi kina na noda Valenivolavola ni Veitarogivanua ena bibi ni noda qarauna na noda bula, vakabibi



Na vale ni volavola ni iVola ni Kawa Bula e Suva. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

vei ira na luvedra.

Me vaka ni se tikoga na ivakaro ni noda qaqarauni ena mate veidewavi (COVID 19), sa kerei me ra kakua ni kau mai na gone dramidrami kei ira era se bera ni ra yacova na yabaki ni vuli ni na rawa ni ra na mai tauvimate.

E vakabauta na veitarogi vanua ni daumaka me na gole duadua ga mai na tamanigone ka mai cakacakataka na nodra ivola ni sucu na luvedra ka ra tiko ga yani e vale na gone kei tinadra. na vukei ira qo ni ra se qai vakasucu vou na marama de ra mai tauvimate wale ga se tado-

ka ena balavu ni wawa.

Kevaka e sega ni tiko na tamanigone, ia me qai gole mai e dua na lewenivuale ka kauta mai na nodrau iVolanisucu na itubutubu ni gone.

Sa nuitaki na noda na veitukutukunitaka yani.



Era taba toka oqori na mata ni matanitu o Amerika ki Viti Joseph Cella kei na taukei ni bisini lalai ena noda vanua ka ra dau vakau yaya ki vakalagi.

## Tubu na volitaki yaya ki vanua tani

VILIAME TIKOTANI

N A volitaki ni yaya buli ena noda vanua kina vei matanitu mai vanua tani edua na bisinisi ka sa bau veivuke toka ena vakatubuilavo ni matanitu ena gauna dredre oqo ni sa vakatabui na veilakoyaki kei na gade ni saravanua baleta na COVID.

Oqori na mala ni vosa ni Minisita ni Bisinisi, Veivoli, Saravanua kei na Veilakoyaki, Faiyaz Koya. Vakaraitaka na tikina oqori na Minisita ena nodra boseka na daunibisini me baleta na vakau iyaya se volitaki ni iyaya buli ena noda vanua ki Amerika.

Na imatai ni boseka oqo ea dolava na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ka sureti ira kina na daunibisini ena noda vanua era dau vakau iyaya buli ki Amerika mera veitalanoa ka cakacakavata me baleta na tuvatuva ni vakau iyaya ki Amerika.

Mai yaco tiko na boseka oqo ena gauna e donua tiko na kena tekivu na mate na COVID-19 ka ra sa sogosogo mai na veimatanitu ena veiyasai vuravura me baleta ne veilakoyaki se gade vakacakacaka, vuli ka wilikina na bisinisi kei na veivoli.

Vakaraitaka na mata ni matanitu ko Amerika ki na noda vanua ko Joseph Cella ni sasaga ni Fiji Forward edua na tuvatuva ka vinaka ka lewa matau baleta ni raica vakatabakidua na veivoli nei Viti kina na veivanua kei na matanitu tani ka mera qai laurai se na qaravi vakacava.

Kurian a mata ni dua na ka na kena gadrevi tikoga na iyaya ka buli yani Viti mai Amerika me vaka esa dua tiko na makete ni daunibisini kei na lewenivanua era dau volivoli tiko kina. Era veivuke na mata ni matanitu ko Amerika ena kena veisemati na daunibisini, dau ni vevoli kei ira na veitabana vakamatani mai Amerika me baleta na veivoli ka mera veitauriga taka vata na sasaga ni bisinisi ka me toso tikoga.



# Noda Viti

# Toso tikoga na veiqaravi

## SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**T**OSO tikoga na veiqaravi ni matanitu ena nodra baci veisiko wavoki na liuliu ni matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena veiyasai Viti ka kauta vata kei koya na veivakatorocaketaki ka laveti kina na bula raraba ni lewenivanua.



Na ipamu ni wai vou e Namau, Tailevu, ka dolava ena macawa sa oti ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama. Na veivakatorocaketaki ogo ena vukea vakalevu na nodra bula na e rauta ni 3800 na lewe ni vanua e Tailevu. E toka na kena isau ena \$20 na milioni. **iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA**

## PAMU NI WAI E NAMAU

Era vakila na liga ni veiqaravi nei Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na lewenivanua ena vanua o Namau ena nodra laki dolava edua na nodra pamu ni wai vou ka na vakabula e rauta ni \$50,000 na kena isau vakailavo ena kena dau usa tiko na medra wai ni gunu savasava. Era na gunu mai kina e 3800 na lewenivanua e Tailevu. Vakaraikata kina ko PM Bainimarama ni matanitu e tu vakarau me qarava na lewenivanua ena veivuke kece ga mai nja semati ni livaliva se vakadrodroi ni waini gunu. Na pamu ni wai vou ogo e tawana rawa e 5 na mega litre ka semata e 21 na kilometer na paipo me yaco yani kina veikoro voleka. Na matanitu esa raica tiko edua tale na veivakatorocaketaki e rauta ni \$20 na milioni me qaravi kina na veikoro voleka

maio Vunilagi kei Waidalice ka wili kina e 12 na koro, ono na tikotiko, vitu na koronivuli kei na rua na tikotiko ni tei-tei.



Na waqa vou ni veiqaravi ni qoliqoli ka cereva ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama e Tailevu. E dolava tale ga na iliuliu ni matanitu na nodra vale na i vakalesilesi ko ira na veiqaravi ena Tabana ni Qoliqoli e Wainibokasi. **iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA**

## VALE, WAQA KEI NA IDINI VOU

Dewa ki Wainibokasi ena nodra siteseni ni veiqaravi na tabana ni qoliqoli na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama me laki dolava kina edua na nodra vale vou na ivakalesilesi ni tabana, ka laki soli talega edua na waqa kei na idini vou me vukea na veiqaravi e Tailevu kei Rewa.

Vakaraitaka na Paraiminisita na nodra yalo dina na veiqaravi ni matanitu baleti ira na lewenivanua era vakararavi kina na waitui me baleta na nodra bula ena veisiga. Kuria kina ko koya ni bibi kina na nodra veiqaravi lewa matau na ivakalesilesi ka vaka kina oira na lewenivanua kevaka merawa nira vakayagataka tiko vakabalavu nay au mai na waitui mera bula kina.

## DOLAVA NA VALE NI BOKOBUKA

E Nakasi era laki dolava kina na liuliu ni matanitu edua na valenibokobuka vou na lewenivanua mai key aka sa kauta cake kina na wiliwili ni siteseni ni bokobua me 18 taucoko. Na isau ni vale ni bokobuka vou ogo e tiko ena \$1.7 na

milioni na dola ka wili kina edua na lori ni boko buka vou.

Vakadreti ira na dau ni book buka na liuliu ni matanitu mera qarava vinaka nodra itavi ka mera maroroya vinaka na nodra vale kei na lori. Era vakavinakataki PM oira na lewenivanua mai Nakasi.



Dolava ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena siga Moniti na nodra vale na qasenivuli era veiqaravi voli ena Ballantine Memorial School (BMS), e Delainavesi. **iTaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU**

## VALE VOU NI QASE NI VULI

Edua na vale vou ni qasenivuli era laki dolava na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama mai Lami ena koronivuli na Ballantine Memorial School. Na veivakatorocaketaki vou ogo era vakailavotaka na valenivolavola ni Paraiminisita ka tiko na kenaisau ena \$660,000 ka dua na ivakaraitaki ni matanitu kina na lewenivanua ni kauwaitaka na torocake ni bula ni veiqaravi ena vuli vei ira na qasenivuli me baleta na nodra tuberi vinaka na gonevuli.

Vakaitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni dau uqeti koya vakalevu na nodra qaravi vinaka na gonevuli ena koronivuli ni noda vanua ka vakaraitaka ko koya ni dodonu meda tokona kece na nodra vuli na gone ka mera torocake na vua. Era vakavinakataki na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na ivakalesilesi ni koronivuli ko Fotu Kolinisau ka tukuna ni sa dua na ka vinaka nira vukei tiko na qasenivuli mera qaravi ira kina na gonevuli vakavinaka.