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Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka being welcomed during his visit to Japan last week, where he met with Japan’s newly elected Prime Minister, Takaichi Sanae. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

By PRASHILA DEVI

FIJI and Japan, who recently signed Lomavata–Kizuna Partnership Joint Communiqué, have emphasised the importance of “maintaining a free and open international order based on the rule of law”. As part of Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka’s State visit to Japan last week, Fiji’s Head of Government met with Japan’s Prime Minister, Takaichi Sanae, where the leaders held bilateral discussions where they reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing peace, development, and cooperation across the Pacific region. PM Rabuka was among the first of world leaders to meet Japan’s first female Prime Minister following her successful election last month. The two leaders also affirmed their cooperation towards the realisation of a “Free

and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)”, addressing global challenges and enhancing regional stability. During the discussions, PM Rabuka also acknowledged Japan’s substantial contributions to Fiji’s national development including, the Tamavua-i-Wai Bridge Reconstruction project, grant for the Pacific Meteorological Centre, disaster response Multi-Purpose Vessel Project and Cyber-security Capability Improvement Project. Additionally, he sought Japan’s support for Australia’s bid to host Conference of Parties 31 (COP31) due to its proximity to the Pacific as a means to amplify regional representation in climate negotiations as well as solidifying Fiji’s commitment to the 2050 Strategy for a Blue Pacific Continent. PM Rabuka expressed appreciation for Japan’s continued support through the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM) framework.

In response, PM Takaichi stated that Japan was implementing cooperation tailored to the needs of Fiji, such as the provision of a disaster response vessel, and expressed her intention to stride forward together to strengthen economic relations, regional connectivity and resilience. During his visit, PM Rabuka was invited to provide a keynote address at the Sakakawa Peace Foundation’s seminar on “Ocean of Peace: Reemergence Day and Peace and Stability in the Indo-Pacific Region”. PM Rabuka highlighted the significance of the Ocean of Peace Declaration, endorsed by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders in September this year. He described the declaration as “a solemn pledge” to ensure the Pacific Ocean remains a sanctuary of unity, cooperation, and shared responsibility. “The Ocean of Peace embodies our com-

mitment to safeguard our region from division and conflict, transforming our vast waters into pathways of trust, stability, and prosperity.” As geopolitical competition intensifies across the Indo-Pacific, PM Rabuka stressed that small island nations must be proactive in shaping the region’s peaceful future. PM Rabuka highlighted the importance of Japan’s technological leadership in supporting Pacific climate resilience, sustainable development, and maritime security. “Japan’s commitment to peace and multilateralism aligns strongly with the Pacific’s aspirations,” he noted. He reaffirmed Fiji’s readiness to deepen cooperation in climate action, blue-economy development, and people-to-people exchanges.

Fiji reaffirms commitment to peace and multilateralism at UN'S 80th anniversary

By AZARIA FAREEN

THE United Nations (UN) Office in Suva recently hosted a special reception to mark its 80th anniversary — celebrating eight decades of global peace, human rights, social progress and sustainable development. Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, graced the occasion, joined by Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Non-Resident Ambassador to Israel, Filipo Tarakinikini, Great Council of Chiefs chairman, Ratu Viliame Seruvakula, members of the Diplomatic Corps, and representatives from international organizations and civil society. Speaking on behalf of the Government, chief of protocol (COP), Kiti Temo reflected on the UN's founding in the aftermath of World War II, and said that “from the ashes of war, 51 nations came together with a vision to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to build a world founded on peace, dignity, and cooperation.” Mrs Temo emphasised that today's global community of 193 member states — including Fiji and its Pacific neighbours



Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, with United Nations staff at the UN 80 reception. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

— stands as a testament to the success of decolonization and the enduring power of unity. Fiji's ongoing efforts, she noted, are anchored in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and the Ocean of Peace Declaration, both of which embody Fiji's commitment to collective action and sustainable development under the principles of the UN Charter. “Fiji's commitment to multilateralism is unwavering while strong international

cooperation, diplomacy, and the principles of the UN Charter remain indispensable. We must return to the foundation of the Charter — investing in human dignity, human rights, and shared global responsibility,” she said. United Nations Resident Coordinator Dirk Wagener paid tribute to Fiji's enduring role in global peacekeeping and its spirit of service. “For Fiji, the United Nations is part of Fiji's journey — a nation that has never

stood aside from the world's challenges, a nation that has always stepped forward with courage and conviction,” he said with pride. “On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you and all Fijian peacekeepers for your commitment and leadership.” “The UN continues to work closely with the Fijian Government and communities across four key pillars — people, planet, prosperity, and peace — ensuring equitable access to quality services and building

Fiji launches “Digital Lifeline” to strengthen online safety

By AZARIA FAREEN

F IJI stood together recently to make its online spaces safer, smarter, and stronger with the launch of the Online Safety Commission's Think Before You Click” Campaign. “Online safety is not optional — it is essential,” said the Minister for Policing and Communications, Ioane Naivalurua, setting the tone for a national call to action while launching the initiative. The event brought together government leaders, youth, artists, athletes, and the private sector — all standing side by side to protect what matters most: people, dignity, and values. The Minister spoke candidly about how the digital world has changed daily life noting that “the same phone that connects us to opportunity can destroy it in seconds”. “Issues like cyberbullying, scams, and image-based abuse are no longer distant threats — they are affecting families, schools, and communities across the country,” he said. “In response, the Government is taking decisive steps — combining law, technology, and humanity. Through the Online Safety Commission, the Fiji Police Force, and the education and youth networks, systems are being built to protect and empower every Fijian. And now, there's a new lifeline: 1548 — The Digital Lifeline.” “More than just a number, 1548 connects Fijians directly to counselling, help, and justice — free, confidential, and immediate - this is



Minister for Policing and Communications, Ioane Naivalurua, with (from left) Director-General for Digital Government Transformation, Cybersecurity and Communications, Tupou'tuah Baravilala, Online Safety Commission commissioner, Filipe Batiwale, and other guests at the launch. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

what leadership sounds like,” the Minister said, highlighting that the helpline represents action, not just promises. The Miss Fiji Online Safety Song was launched to take the message across the nation: Respect people. Protect privacy and think before you click. The initiative celebrates the partnership with the Miss Fiji Pageant, recognising young women as ambassadors for a safer digital Fiji. “Every contestant will be an Online Safety Champion and every stage will echo one truth: be kind, be smart and be safe,” Minister Naivalurua said. He reaffirmed that the Government will not tolerate harm — online or offline. “When you pause before you post, you protect someone's peace. When you call out cruelty, you change culture. When you share 1548, you save a life. The Government remains steadfast

in protecting women, children, and vulnerable groups, with full support for the Online Safety Commission in policy and budget. Working alongside the Ministry of Women, Children, and Social Protection, the focus remains on prevention, protection, and partnership — building systems that put people first. Minister Naivalurua thanked the artists and producers for using creativity to drive change and acknowledged Ana Tuiketei as well as Fiji Rugby and students and teachers of International Secondary School. Online Safety Commission commissioner, Filipe Batiwale emphasised the importance of addressing online safety, highlighting the need for a collective effort involving government, youth, artists, and the private sector.

Biosecurity Fiji detects new species

By SHILTA SINGH

THE Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) has confirmed the detection of a new species of fruit fly, *Bactrocera facialis*, also known as Tongan flies in the Yasawa Islands. The discovery was made during BAF's routine fruit fly surveillance activities, which form part of its ongoing biosecurity monitoring and protection efforts across the country. Following the identification of *Bactrocera facialis* at the end of September, BAF immediately initiated delimiting surveys in nearby islands and on the mainland to determine the spread of the pest. Preliminary findings show that the species exists in very small populations in one or two nearby islands. BAF's Acting Chief Executive Officer and manager national operations, Surend Pratap, said the detection underscores the importance of Fiji's robust monitoring systems. “Our officers continuously inspect imported and exported agricultural produce to ensure no pests or diseases enter or leave the country. In addition, we have a network of traps across Fiji that helps us detect any new pest or disease early and take quick action,” he said. The sample collected from Yasawa was confirmed as a new species after laboratory analysis at Koronivia. BAF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, promptly activated an emergency response and dispatched a team to assess the extent of the infestation. Fruit flies pose a serious threat to crops. When female flies lay eggs beneath the skin of fruits, the lava feeds inside, causing the fruit to soften, rot, and eventually fall to the ground, rendering it unfit for consumption or sale. While the current population of *Bactrocera facialis* remains low, it is known to attack crops such as chili, capsicum, breadfruit and papaya. BAF has urged farmers and members of the public to remain alert and report any unusual fruit damage or signs of infestation to the nearest Biosecurity office or the Ministry of Agriculture. The advice from the Ministry and BAF: “Early reporting helps us contain and prevent pests from spreading to other parts of Fiji.”

FHL Tower: A milestone of vision, resilience and progress

By AZARIA FAREEN

SUVA witnessed a historic moment recently with the opening of the Fijian Holdings Limited (FHL) Tower, a symbol of vision, courage, and determination.

Rising proudly in the city center, the 18-storey building represents more than steel and glass—it embodies what can be achieved through perseverance, even amid challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic, which caused material shortages, labour disruptions, and rising costs during its seven-year construction.

This was relayed by Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka, who acknowledged FHL’s journey and thanked God, whose guidance has been central to FHL’s enduring success.

“FHL was established in 1984 under the Bose Levu Vakaturaga with a clear purpose: to ensure iTaukei participation in Fiji’s economic sectors with its vision rooted in justice, inclusiveness, and empowerment, aiming to make iTaukei active owners, investors, and leaders in business,” he said.

“The early years of FHL were shaped by challenges in capital raising and building a solid foundation. Initial attempts in 1985 saw only 10 of 14 provinces participate, with the Native Land Trust Board holding a major share. Strategic capital injections in 1989 and the 1990s, along with listing on the stock exchange in 1997, strengthened the company and allowed iTaukei shareholders to benefit from its growth.”

“From humble beginnings, FHL has grown into a diversified conglomerate spanning construction, finance, retail, tourism, and manufacturing,” he added.

The Group owns major companies, including South Sea Cruises, Merchant Finance, RB Patel Group, Basic Industries, Pacific Cement, and FHL Properties, which manages several key buildings including the new Tower.

Today, FHL employs nearly 2,000 workers and contributes close to \$20 million in taxes annually.

PM Rabuka commended FHL’s financial performance noting that it reflects its success.

“As of June 2025, total assets reached \$917 million, with net profits of \$60 million and shareholder dividends exceeding five times the initial capital. Early investors have seen a 15-fold growth in their contributions through dividends and share appreciation, establishing FHL as a trusted and leading brand among the iTaukei community,” the head of Government highlighted.

“FHL’s strategic plan focuses on bold investments totaling \$200 million over the next three years, including upgrading the Lami cement mill, expanding Merchant Finance, and developing tourism through South Sea Cruises.”

“Notably, \$50 million will be invested directly with landowners through joint ventures, creating new opportunities for iTaukei businesses,” he revealed.

The FHL Tower itself sets a new benchmark as Fiji’s first green building, featuring 11 sustainable design elements such as energy-efficient systems, water harvesting, and integrated building management. Fully tenanted by mid-



Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, flanked by (from left) Fijian Holdings Limited (FHL) Properties Limited chairman, Colonel (Ret'd) Sakiusa Raivoce, FHL board chairman Rokoseru Nabalarua and (on the right) Roko Tui Suva, Sanaila Mudunavosa.
Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

2026, it will host key development partners, embassies, and major businesses, signaling confidence in Fiji’s potential.

In celebrating this milestone, FHL honors the pioneers and leaders who built its legacy, from early chairmen to employees. The Tower stands as a reminder that achievement is born from vision, effort, and faith. For Fiji’s young people, it is a testament that progress is imagined, built, and sustained locally—reflecting the nation’s resilience, faith, and boundless potential.

Fiji stresses need for action at climate talks in Brazil

By PRASHILA DEVI

Fiji does not intend to just participate but plans to deliver outcomes through climate negotiations at the Conference of Parties 30 (COP30) currently underway in Belém, Brazil.

Fiji’s Minister for Climate Change and Environment, Mosese Bulitavu, has also issued a strong statement where he emphasised that climate finance was not “charity” but “a legal duty and a matter of global equity”.

Minister Bulitavu told Fiji’s delegation attending the climate talks to negotiate with purpose, integrity, and unity, and to bring home real outcomes that matter for Fiji and all Small Island Developing States

“Every conversation, every paragraph we defend, every alliance we build must lead to results that strengthen our people’s resilience and protect our islands’ future.”

In delivering Fiji’s statement during the High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance, Minister Bulitavu highlighted that nearly a decade since the Paris Agreement, Pacific countries continue to face escalating climate impacts while finance remains unreliable and far below what was required.

The Minister highlighted the clear obligations under Articles 9.1 and 9.5 for developed countries to provide climate finance that is adequate, transparent and predictable.

Minister Bulitavu noted that only a small share of global climate finance goes to adaptation, despite rising needs, and pressed for adaptation finance to be tripled by 2030 and for key global and regional funds to be capitalised with grants.

“The Pacific is not asking for sympathy,” he said. “Climate finance is climate justice — and delivery is long overdue.

The Pacific has called for:



Fiji’s Minister for Climate Change and Environment, Mosese Bulitavu, meets Dame Jacinda Ardern during the Conference of Parties 30 (COP30) currently underway in Belém, Brazil. Dame Ardern was attending COP30 as the Special Envoy for Oceania, appointed by the Brazil Presidency. Photo: SUPPLIED

- multi-year climate finance commitments by 2026
- clear projections for adaptation, loss and damage, and delivery timelines
- removal of outdated pledges and full delivery of existing commitments
- mobilisation of at least US\$300 billion (FJ\$683.47b) annually before 2035.

Meanwhile, Assistant Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport, Naisa Tuinaceva, while speaking at the Moana Pavilion in Belém, also called for a major scale-up of long-term, blended and private finance to drive climate and ocean action across the Pacific.

Asst. Minister Tuinaceva laid out Fiji’s vision for predictable and community-focused financing that matches Pacific priorities.

He highlighted Fiji’s growing momentum — from the country’s pioneering green bond in 2017 to its blue bond in 2023 — proving that Fiji was ready to attract and deploy responsible capital for resilient infrastructure, sustainable fisheries, coastal protection and nature-positive development.

Govt announces rollout of \$200 Back-to-School support for 2026

THE Coalition Government recently announced the rollout of the Back-to-School Support for the 2026 academic year.

Minister for Finance, Esrom Immanuel, highlighted that the initiative—first introduced three years ago—remains one of Government’s flagship programs aimed at easing financial pressure on families as their children prepare for school.



From right: Minister for Finance, Esrom Immanuel with Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro, at the announcement of the Back-to-School Support for the 2026 academic year. Photo: SUPPLIED

The assistance provides \$200 per eligible child to support the purchase of school uniforms, shoes, bags, stationery, lunch boxes and other necessities.

Criteria and process for application are as follows:

- Parents and guardians with a combined annual household income of \$50,000 or less will receive \$200 per child from ECE to Year 13 with \$40 million allocated in the 2025–2026 National Budget for this initiative.
- The application period commenced on November 11, 2025 and will close on December 12, 2025.
- Forms available from schools or downloaded from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance websites.
- Completed forms submitted to schools for verification, with school heads responsible for uploading all details onto the FEMIS system. Each student must have a separate application form.

Families already receiving full transportation assistance or students with blue cards do not need to complete the full application as their income is pre-verified, although they must still submit a partially completed form.

Families earning below \$50,000 who are not receiving transportation assistance, as well as students receiving partial assistance or holding yellow cards, will be required to complete the entire form, including an income verification

section endorsed by an authorised officer.

Applicants must also sign the statutory declaration section included within the form, eliminating the need for a separate declaration.

Current ECE to Year 12 students (entering Year 13 in 2026) will apply through their existing schools, while children entering ECE for the first time in 2026 must complete their enrolment before applying. Students currently in Year 13 (2025) are not eligible for this assistance.

Parents and guardians are strongly urged to ensure that all information, especially mobile phone numbers, are accurate and registered for M-PAiSA or MyCash, as changes will not be accepted after submission.

Payments will commence on January 16, 2026, giving families adequate time to prepare for the school year, which begins on January 26, 2026.

Payments for students progressing from Year 12 to Year 13 will be released once exam results are issued and enrolment for 2026 is confirmed.

Funds will be disbursed through Vodafone M-PAiSA and Digicel MyCash, while Post Fiji will facilitate payment via TMO for maritime families without mobile coverage.

Government will cover all service fees, ensuring parents receive the full \$200.

(Source: Ministry of Finance)

Govt restores economic stability and inclusive growth

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

THE Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development, Esrom Immanuel, has emphasised the Government's strong progress in restoring fiscal stability, rebuilding confidence and creating an inclusive economy that benefits all Fijians.

"When the Coalition Government took office in December 2022, we inherited an economy weakened by years of excessive borrowing and mismanagement — compounded by the global pandemic. We took decisive steps to stabilise the economy, protect the vulnerable, and lay a sustainable foundation for long-term growth," Minister Immanuel said.

The Minister noted that the Government has successfully reduced the debt-to-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio from over

90 percent to below 80 percent, secured concessional financing from development partners such as the Asian Development Bank and World Bank and maintained low interest rates to support private investment.

Inflation has remained negative for nine consecutive months, reaching -3.4 percent in October 2025, due to measures such as the reduction of Value Added Tax from 15 per cent to 12.5 per cent, the 10 per cent bus fare subsidy, and zero VAT on 22 essential food items.

Minister Immanuel also reaffirmed the Government's commitment to improving living standards and social protection, noting the following achievements:

- Pay increases of between seven-20 percent for civil servants, followed by a further three percent rise this year — injecting \$115 million into the economy.
- Minimum wage raised to \$5 per hour,

ensuring fair pay for workers.

- \$130 million in back-to-school assistance delivered across three rounds, with the next phase starting next week.
- Social welfare benefits increased by up to 25 percent for senior citizens, with total welfare spending now at \$220 million annually.
- Sugarcane farmers received the highest prices in recent history — \$105.08 per tonne in 2023 and \$101.13 in 2024.
- \$650 million in TELS debt forgiven for 53,000 students, replaced by a targeted full scholarship scheme.

"These are not short-term fixes — they are deliberate and strategic actions to correct past imbalances and ensure that economic growth benefits ordinary Fijians, not just a few," Minister Immanuel said.

He added that economic confidence was rising, tourism and investment remained



Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development, Esrom Immanuel, speaks in Parliament earlier this month on the Government's strong progress in restoring fiscal stability, rebuilding confidence and creating an inclusive economy. Photo: SUPPLIED

strong, and the Government's responsible fiscal management was rebuilding trust at home and abroad.

"We are rebuilding an economy that is fair, sustainable, and inclusive — one that gives every Fijian the opportunity to prosper," Minister Immanuel stated.

Govt strengthens public sector productivity through strategic reforms

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

THE Minister for Employment, Productivity and Workplace Relations, Agni Deo Singh, informed Parliament that the Government has implemented a series of strategic initiatives and reforms to enhance productivity, efficiency, and service delivery within the public sector.

Minister Singh said improving public sector productivity is critical to ensuring that Fijians receive high-quality services while supporting sustainable national growth. He highlighted several key initiatives currently underway:

- Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Vision 2030
Fiji played a leading role in shaping APO's Vision 2030 framework during its Chairmanship from 2023-2024, focusing on green productivity, innovation, and inclusiveness. The program promotes knowledge sharing and policy support to enhance productivity across the Asia-Pacific region.

- Establishment of the National Productivity Commission of Fiji
The Ministry has laid the groundwork for establishing a National Productivity Commission, which will provide independent, research-based policy advice to Government, conduct public inquiries, and promote efficiency and fairness in economic and social policies. Benchmarking studies were undertaken with leading productivity institutions in Japan and Australia to guide its development.



Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Agni Deo Singh, with the Minister for Policing and Communications, Ioane Naivalurua and the Assistant Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs, Rakuita Vakalalabure. Photo: SUPPLIED

- Green Productivity (GP) 2.0
Fiji hosted the 65th Workshop Meeting of Heads of National Productivity Organizations in Nadi in October 2024, where the APO launched its Green Productivity 2.0 platform. Fiji now sits on the Green Productivity Advisory Council, working with regional partners to integrate sustainability into productivity initiatives, particularly in agriculture and waste management.

- Ease of Doing Business Reforms
Through collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Communications, the Government launched businessNOW Fiji, a digital platform simplifying business processes and improving the investment climate. The first phase of integrated e-Services for business registration went live in September 2024.

- Public Sector Productivity Training and Champions
National training programs have equipped over 40 senior officials from 20 ministries and state enterprises with productivity and service improvement tools. The Ministry is also appointing Productivity Champions in every

ministry to lead innovation and continuous improvement.

- Fiji Learning Institute for Public Service (FLIPS)
The establishment of FLIPS, under the Public Service Commission and Ministry of Civil Service, supports continuous learning, ethical governance, and digital transformation within the public service.

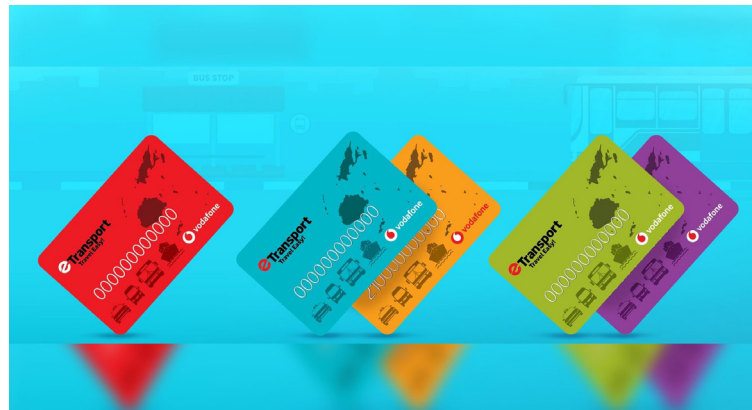
Minister Singh reaffirmed that the Coalition Government was rebuilding morale and trust within the civil service, following years of demoralisation under the previous administration.

"We are uplifting our workers through fair pay increases, regularising employment terms, extending the retirement age, and improving working conditions," he said.

He added, "A happy worker is a productive worker. When our public servants feel valued and respected, they deliver their best for the people of Fiji".

"Productivity is everyone's responsibility — when workers, businesses, and government work together, our nation grows stronger."

PM Rabuka: Fiji's e-Transport upgrade driving digital public transport



Upgraded e-Transport cards Photo: SUPPLIED

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

PRIME Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, says Fiji's upgraded e-Transport system has modernised public transport while addressing many commuter challenges.

"Buses remain the primary mode of travel, and a phased rollout was adopted to minimise disruption. During this period, old and new terminals operated together, allowing a smooth transition for commuters," the Prime Minister said.

He acknowledged challenges such as long queues for card upgrades. "Vodafone increased replacement booths, used community halls, and extended deadlines. To date, over 486,000 new cards have been issued, with more than 22.5 million taps recorded," PM Rabuka added.

Another concern was limited top-up agents, especially outside urban areas.

Addressing this issue, PM Rabuka said, "Vodafone has increased agent margins by up to 50 per cent, and we continue working with the LTA, Consumer Council, and operators to expand access".

The e-Transport Mobile App now allows users to check balances, top up via NFC, view travel history, and manage multiple cards.

"Currently, 10 per cent of top-ups are via the app, which has 120,000 active users. QR Pay will soon allow direct payments through smartphones," PM Rabuka said.

He also addressed past system limitations, including funds on lost cards and a top-up outage, assuring commuters that measures are in place to prevent future disruptions.

"The upgraded system has processed over 500 million transactions worth more than \$650 million since 2017. It keeps fares affordable, supports the 10 per cent subsidy, and provides valuable data for the Government."

"We are committed to making this system work for every commuter," PM Rabuka added.

Ministry integrates drug and HIV awareness into school curriculum

By JACKSON TUVICI

THE Ministry of Education has strengthened efforts to integrate drug prevention and HIV awareness across Fiji's primary and secondary school curricular.

Speaking in Parliament, the Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro, said the initiative aims to build awareness, promote responsible behaviour, and improve health literacy among students at all levels.

The approach forms part of a wider programme titled "Building Resilience: Advancing Drug Prevention Through Youth, Community and Sport in Fiji."

The Minister acknowledged the support from the Australian High Commission through the Vuvale Partnership and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under the Pathways to Purpose initiative.

The Ministry, through this programme, was focusing on "red zone" schools and communities most vulnerable to drug exposure.

Public figures such as rugby players, musicians, and social influencers are being engaged to deliver prevention messages that resonate with youth.

The initiative involves collaboration with multiple stakeholders, including the Ministries of Policing, Youth and Sports, Trade, the Fiji

Rugby Union, the Great Council of Chiefs, the Fiji Substance Abuse Advisory Council, and the United Nations Development Program, to embed the campaign nationwide through school activities and curriculum integration.

Minister Radrodro also confirmed the introduction of citizenship education in selected schools, covering topics such as drug abuse, HIV/AIDS, and human rights.

Health and Family Life Education and Science and Biology curricula now include lessons on sexually transmitted infections, drug effects, and healthy decision-making.

Other subjects such as Geography, Physical Education, English, and vernacular languages also incorporate discussions, essays, and debates on HIV, drug prevention, and social awareness.

Early Childhood Education focuses on safety awareness, teaching young children to recognise and report unsafe situations, while awareness campaigns and competitions are being conducted in partnership with organisations such as Drug Free World Fiji, the Indian High Commission, Fiji Broadcasting Corporation, and the Pacific Community (SPC).

The Minister reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to providing comprehensive education that empowers students to make safe and healthy choices, helping build a resilient generation equipped to address social challenges related to drugs and HIV.



Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro, while delivering his speech in Parliament earlier this month. Photo: SUPPLIED

Minister Gavoka: Safeguarding Fiji's skies from bird strike risks



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Viliame Gavoka, in Parliament. Photo: SUPPLIED

By MELI NAISELE

Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Viliame Gavoka, has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening aviation safety through coordinated action against bird strike — incidents that continue to pose operational and financial challenges for airlines worldwide.

In 2024, Fiji Airways grounded

four Boeing 737 aircraft following bird strike incidents, costing an estimated FJD \$19.2 million. A single turbine blade damage in January 2025 added another FJD \$4.8 million in repairs.

"Bird strikes may seem like isolated events, but their impact on safety, maintenance, and operations is significant," Minister Gavoka said.

"Our approach must be grounded in vigilance, collaboration and the use of modern technology to

keep our skies safe."

Birds are often drawn to airport environments by open drains, rubbish dumps, and fruit trees near airport boundaries.

Recognising this, Fiji Airports and Fiji Airways have intensified their partnership through wildlife hazard management programmes.

Under the Fiji Airports Wildlife Management Plan, Wildlife Coordinators, Airside Safety Officers and Environment Officers monitor bird activity daily and mitigate attractants within a five-kilometre radius of airports.

Minister Gavoka commended Fiji Airways for enhancing pilot awareness and using DNA analysis to identify high-risk bird species.

"This scientific approach ensures our mitigation strategies are targeted and effective," he said.

To provide national oversight, Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Wildlife Hazard Management Committee for Aviation on 14 August 2025.

The committee brings together government agencies, aviation authorities, environmental bodies and local communities to coordinate action and ensure Fiji's compliance with ICAO safety standards.

"Every step we take — from monitoring and training to public awareness — strengthens Fiji's reputation as a safe and reliable aviation hub in the Pacific," Minister Gavoka said.

Govt explores compensation scheme for boating accidents

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

THE Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Agni Deo Singh, informed Parliament that the Government was exploring the development of a compensation scheme for passengers injured or killed in boating accidents.

Minister Singh explained that under the existing Accident Compensation Act 2017, only workers injured in boating accidents are currently covered by the Accident Compensation Commission Fiji (ACCF).

However, passengers and their dependents affected by injury or death at sea currently rely on civil litigation for compensation.

He said that the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF) is working on a third-party insurance scheme to provide coverage for:

- Loss of life at sea;
- Injuries to passengers or crew; and
- Damage to third-party property.

The Minister highlighted that this initiative was still in its early stages.

He added that Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji is reviewing international best practice models and will conduct nationwide public consultations to seek input on the proposed framework, funding model, implementation timelines, and compliance mechanisms.

"Stakeholders, including vessel owners, operators, industry representatives, and coastal communities, will be invited to



Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Agni Deo Singh, speaks during the Parliamentary sitting earlier this month. Photo: SUPPLIED

share their views through written submissions and in-person forums," Minister Singh said.

He also noted that two related bills — the Accident Compensation Amendment Bill 2025 and the Work Care Bill 2025 — are currently before the Standing Committee on Economic Affairs for review.

These amendments aim to ensure that the ACCF continues to focus on motor vehicle accident cases while new options are considered for maritime and other non-vehicular incidents.

Minister Singh reaffirmed that the Government remains committed to expanding protection mechanisms so that both injured workers and passengers involved in boating incidents are compensated.



Fiji pays tribute to fallen heroes on Remembrance Day



The Acting President of the Republic of Fiji, His Lordship Chief Justice Salesi Temo, officiated at the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the National War Memorial grounds in Suva, paying solemn tribute to the brave men and women who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The ceremony began with a two-minute silence and the lowering of the national flag to half-mast, followed by the laying of wreaths in honour of the fallen.

The ceremony was attended by Acting Prime Minister and Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Filimoni Vosarogo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism Viliame Gavoka, and other Cabinet Ministers.

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Pinktober brings breast cancer fight to the fore



Minister for Information Lynda Tabuya reiterated that breast cancer is real, painful, and affects everyone. "Many of us have lost someone or know someone who is battling breast cancer—a sister, a mother, a grandmother, or a dear friend, and we understand the depth of that pain. We have seen their suffering, heard their pleas, and felt their silent strength. In those moments, all we could do was sit beside them and offer a shoulder to lean on. Their cries still echo in our hearts, serving as a solemn reminder that this fight must never be ignored," Minister Tabuya stated.

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PM commends Chinese community



"The story of the Chinese in Fiji is one of courage, perseverance, and partnership."

This was the sentiment shared by the Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, at the celebration marking the 170 years of Chinese Settlement in Fiji and the 50th Anniversary of China-Fiji Diplomatic Relations in Suva late last month.

PM Rabuka stated that the celebration reflected the rich diversity within the Chinese community in Fiji, as well as the shared pride and unity that bind them in celebrating their enduring heritage and contribution to our nation.

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Residents engage with Govt during ‘Meet the Press’ in the West

By MELI NAISELE

PRIME Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, recently met with residents of Ba at Kshatriya Hall during the “Meet the Press” forum organised by the Fijian Media Association (FMA). The Head of Government was accompanied by the Minister for Public Works, Transport and Meteorological Services, Filipe Tuisawau, Minister for Information, Lynda Tabuya and the Minister for Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar, Charan Jeath Singh, along with Assistant Ministers, permanent secretaries and senior government officials. The event provided members of the public with a unique opportunity to directly engage with the Prime Minister and senior government officials on issues affecting their communities. The FMA emphasised that the purpose of the forum was to encourage open dialogue, allowing citizens to ask questions, raise

concerns and follow up on matters that require government attention. Key issues discussed during the session included the need for road upgrades in Ba, land-related concerns, challenges in the sugar industry, public transportation accessibility, medical facility improvements and drainage system upgrades. PM Rabuka encouraged the people of Ba to remain proactive in communicating their concerns, urging them not to wait for scheduled forums and to stay engaged with civil servants in Ba about their requests. He emphasised that consistent engagement with government representatives was vital to ensuring that community needs are effectively met. PM Rabuka reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to improving infrastructure and services across Ba, acknowledging the dedication of senior government officials who participated in the forum and



L-R The Minister for Sugar, Charan Jeath Singh, Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, Anish Chand, Ivamere Nataro and Minister for Public Works, Ro Filipe Tuisawau at Ba during the FMA Meet the Press Forum. Photo: MELI NAISELE

responded to questions from the public. Kshatriya Hall was filled members of the public who turned up to show their support and engage directly with national leaders, a clear sign of the community’s enthusiasm and commitment to shaping a better Fiji together. Meanwhile, in another session of Meet the Press held in Tavua Hall, residents voiced concerns about land issues, inadequate sewage and wastewater systems, poor road accessibility, and limited electricity and water supply along the Tavua corridor. Other topics included agriculture support,

the development of the sugar industry, and the need for greater public awareness on community issues. Ministers and senior government officials assured the public that their concerns are in aligned to the goals of the National Development Plan that ministries are now implementing. Citizens were encouraged to consult with relevant officers for follow-up actions. PM Rabuka reaffirmed the Coalition Government’s commitment to working with authorities to address community needs and meet public demand.

Ministry conducts livestock nutrition training

THE Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways, continues to promote sustainable livestock feeding practices, strengthen farmer resilience during dry periods and enhance overall livestock productivity in Fiji’s rural areas. In line with this goal, the Ministry recently conducted a one-day training on the preparation and use of Urea Molasses Blocks (UMB) at Bukuya Village, Magodro, Ba. The training was led by Senior Research Officer (Pasture), Mohammed Shafeen, and attended by 24 farmers from the Nausori Highlands, who showed great interest and enthusiasm in learning about this cost-effective livestock feed supplement. Mr Shafeen said the session aimed to educate farmers on the importance of supplementing livestock feed to maintain animal growth and performance, especially during the current dry spell when the availability of quality forage is limited. Urea Molasses Blocks serve as an excellent nutritional supplement for ruminants such as cattle, goats, and sheep by providing readily available energy, protein, and essential minerals. During the training, the advantages of UMB were highlighted, emphasising that:

- UMB blocks are convenient to produce, cost-effective, and made from locally available ingredients.
- It provides a readily available source of energy, protein, and minerals for ruminants.
- Helps improve the nutrition, health, and growth performance of live stock, especially where pasture quality is poor.
- Enhances animal condition during dry seasons, maintaining body weight and productivity when feed is scarce.



Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways staff supervisors a farmer as part of the one-day training on the preparation and use of Urea Molasses Blocks (UMB) at Bukuya Village, Magodro, Ba. Photo- SUPPLIED

The training was hands-on and participatory, where Ministry staff demonstrated each step of the UMB preparation process. Farmers were then given the opportunity to prepare the blocks themselves under staff supervision. “The practical session allowed farmers to gain confidence and skills in producing UMB using simple tools and materials available in their own communities,” Mr Shafeen said. Farmers expressed appreciation for the initiative, noting that UMB supplementation can significantly support their herds during drought and feed shortage periods. The Ministry intends to conduct further training sessions in Navosa, Nadi, Nadroga, and Ra in the coming months.

(Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways)

PM Rabuka reaffirms Fiji’s commitment to health and well-being in the Pacific



Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka along with health ministers from the western Pacific present at 76th World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee Meeting in Nadi. Photo: MELI NAISELE

By MELI NAISELE

“NON-COMMUNICABLE-DISEASES (NCDs) and mental health challenges are lived realities for almost every Fijian family,” he said. “NCDs account for more than 80 per cent of deaths in Fiji, hindering our social development. Mental health issues, often unrecognised, leave our adolescents vulnerable to trauma, stress, and substance abuse.” Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, conveyed this while officiating 76th World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific in Nadi recently which was attended by senior health officials from the 38 member states in the region. The Head of Government reaffirmed Fiji’s commitment to advancing health and well-being across the Pacific. “Today, we are 38 strong, collectively serving more than 2.2 billion people, more than a quarter of the world’s population,” he said. PM Rabuka highlighted both the region’s achievements and its evolving health challenges, including non-communicable diseases (NCDs), HIV, substance abuse, tuberculosis, influenza, and the growing mental health burden worsened by COVID-19 and climate-related disasters.

PM Rabuka outlined Fiji’s proactive measures, including legislative reforms to restrict unhealthy food marketing, healthy school policies, and greater investment in mental health services, particularly through decentralised care and training in psychological first aid. However, he emphasised that “stigma, underfunding, and data gaps remain significant barriers to progress.” He also called for targeted international financing for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to address the growing costs of NCDs and mental health care, noting that these challenges are compounded by climate change, food insecurity, and geographic isolation. “The path to a healthy Pacific is not just through hospitals and policies but also through justice, empowerment, equity, and love for our people.” Reiterating Fiji’s advocacy at the recent United Nations General Assembly, PM Rabuka said Fiji continues to push for universal health coverage, pandemic preparedness, and climate-resilient health systems — aligning with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. “Healthy people drive economic growth; healthy communities build national resilience; and healthy systems protect us from future crises,” he said.

FCS transformation highlighted as it marks 150th anniversary

By PRASHILA DEVI

FIJI Corrections Service has, from its very beginning, stood at the crossroads between loss and restoration, guiding those who have lost their way back towards the path of redemption. Acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Siromi Turaga, in his Ministerial statement on the 150th anniversary of Fiji Corrections Service in Parliament earlier this month, highlighted the history of the institution, it's highs and lows that helped transform it to where it is now. Minister Turaga said, "a century and a half of institutional endurance but also of transformation from a colonial-era prison system focused on punishment to a modern correctional service that now champions rehabilitation, restoration, and reintegration". "FCS has recognised that the purpose of correction is not only to secure but to heal. The institution is shifting its focus from incarceration to rehabilitation and reintegration." He explained that rehabilitation was about equipping inmates with education, vocational training, psychological and spiritual support so that they can lead productive lives upon release. "Reintegration, however, is the greater test. It calls for partnership across Government, NGOs, churches, the private sector, and communities to

help ex-offenders reintegrate into society with dignity," Minister Turaga insisted. He added that the Coalition Government was also drafting new proposed Criminal Records Bill following Cabinet endorsement in June 2025. The proposed Bill will provide opportunities to facilitate reform and reintegration for ex-inmates who fulfill the criterions agreed upon during the consultations. "The Bill will be an opportunity to make good on forgiveness for former inmates whilst also ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of the victim and greater community is safe guarded," Minister Turaga said. Furthermore, the ongoing rehabilitation services provided through the Yellow Ribbon Project, a national movement that encourages all Fijians to give ex-offenders a second chance to choose inclusion over exclusion, and compassion over condemnation. Minister Turaga acknowledged the contribution of the staff of the past and present who for their unwavering commitment to service, professionalism and humanity in carrying out their duties. "Their work is sacred. Every day, they deal with some of society's most difficult realities, yet they do so with compassion, courage and a sense of moral duty."



Corrections officers during the Fiji Corrections Service Anniversary Medal Parade 2025. Photo: SUPPLIED

Fiji to play leadership role in global fisheries governance

By WANSHIKA KUMAR

FIJI is set to play a leadership role in global fisheries governance, as the country prepares to participate in the 14th World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial Conference, where members aim to conclude the remaining elements of the Fisheries Subsidies negotiations. Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sitiveni Rabuka, told Parliament last week that Fiji's proactive engagement in the negotiations has earned the country the role of Vice-Chair at the upcoming conference, reflecting the confidence of other WTO members in Fiji's contribution. PM Rabuka reaffirmed that Fiji will continue to participate actively in these negotiations, advocating for a balanced outcome that preserves the sustainability of marine resources while recognising the unique challenges faced by small island developing states.

"We continue to call for adequate policy space — so that countries like Fiji can make full and sustainable use of their fisheries resources," he stated. "This is important, because our oceans are not just about conservation — they are also a source of income, jobs, and economic development for our people. "Our interventions also highlight the need for technical assistance and capacity building to help developing countries implement the new rules effectively. "Fiji's participation will ensure that the interests of small island economies are well represented as the global community moves toward comprehensive and sustainable outcomes." The WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, also referred to as Fish 1, represents a landmark achievement in global efforts to curb harmful subsidies that contribute to overfishing and the depletion of marine resources.



The villagers of Matasawalevu, Kadavu, Fiji recently harvested their first batch of seaweed, a long-anticipated achievement. Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sitiveni Rabuka, told Parliament last week that Fiji is set to play a leadership role in global fisheries governance. Photo: SUPPLIED

Minister updates Parliament on JP appointments



Acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Siromi Turaga, updated Parliament on the progress of Justices of the Peace appointments around the country like the one that took place in March this year (pictured) where 30 newly appointed JPs were officially sworn in Suva in a ceremony presided over by Chief Justice Salesi Temo.

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

Acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Siromi Turaga assured Parliament that the Government remains committed to maintaining a transparent, fair, and merit-based selection process in the appointment of Justices of the Peace (JPs) across Fiji. In providing an update on the progress on the appointment of JPs, Minister Turaga highlighted, "As of November 2025, Fiji has a total of 673 Justices of the Peace. Between January and July 2025, the Ministry of Justice received 80 new JP applications". "Given the important role JPs play in supporting our justice system and serving their communities, it is essential that we conduct a thorough and transparent vetting process," Minister Turaga said. The Minister confirmed that as of October 2025, a total of 38 applicants have been interviewed — 33 from the Central Division, two from the Western Division and three from the Northern Division. The remaining 42 applicants are scheduled to be interviewed this month. All interviews are being conducted by the Ministry's Justice of the Peace Unit based in Suva,

whose officers travel to the Western and Northern Divisions to ensure equal access and consistency in the selection process. "Following the completion of interviews and consultation with the High Court, the induction and swearing-in ceremony for successful applicants is scheduled for February 2026," Minister Turaga said. He also confirmed that the Ministry has introduced a new JP Allowance Policy, which was trialled for the first time last month with payments made to 103 non-civil servant JPs. The policy provides a \$100 monthly allowance for active JPs who meet service and reporting requirements. "The Ministry will review this new policy within the next six months to ensure it fairly recognises JPs' contributions while maintaining accountability and efficiency," Minister Turaga added. He reminded all JPs to submit the required documentation to enable timely payment of allowances and emphasised the values expected of those serving in this important community role. "We continue to impress upon all JPs that they must act with integrity, fairness, justice, and within the rule of law for the critical community service they provide."

“Amendment to section 58 to strengthen enforcement provisions and enhance administrative transparency, including a new section 58(A) granting the Chief Justice the power to make rules governing court proceedings for adoption cases,” Minister Kiran said.

Presidents pays tribute to fallen peacekeepers at UN Military Academy in Ireland

By NANISE NEIMILA

The President of the Republic of Fiji, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, and First Lady Emily Lalabalavu visited the United Nations Military Academy at Curragh, Kildare, in Dublin, as part of the President's first official visit to Ireland late last month. Upon arrival, President Lalabalavu inspected an eight-man Guard of Honour, marking the historic moment. The visit celebrated Fiji and Ireland shared decades-long commitment to international peacekeeping and the enduring friendship between the two nations. The UN Military College provides specialised training for the leadership, management and combat units of the Irish Defence Forces.

Training modules include career courses, Infantry support weapons, senior management courses and overseas training. In a solemn ceremony, President Lalabalavu laid a wreath in memory of those soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty during peacekeeping under the UN banner. President Lalabalavu expressed deep appreciation for the strong ties between the Irish Defence Forces and the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, particularly through collaboration in UN peacekeeping operations in the Middle East and other parts of the world. "Fiji and Ireland's longstanding experience with peacekeeping underscore our commitment to uphold peace and maintain stability across the world," he said. "Fiji values its partnership with Ireland and



The President of Fiji, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, visited the United Nations Military Academy at Curragh, Kildare, in Dublin, as part of the President's first official visit to Ireland late last month. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

we look forward to further strengthening our cooperation in peacekeeping and defence training." The visit included a comprehensive briefing on the Irish Defence Forces' Middle East operations, which maintain close cooperation with the Fiji Battalion.

Head of State honours late Sgt. Talaiasi Labalaba



The President of Fiji, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, laid a wreath at the memorial site for the late Sergeant Talaiasi Labalaba at Hereford, in the United Kingdom last month. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

By NANISE NEIMILA

THE President of the Republic of Fiji, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, and First Lady, Emily Lalabalavu, laid a wreath at the memorial site for the late Sergeant Talaiasi Labalaba at Hereford, in the United Kingdom last month. Sgt Labalaba who born in Fiji in 1942, joined the British Army in 1961 and later became a member of the elite Special Air Service (SAS) of the British Army. Sgt. Labalaba was part of a team of nine SAS soldiers stationed outside Mirbat, Oman. On 19 July 1972, a day before they were due to return home, their unit came under heavy attack. Despite being vastly outnumbered, Sgt Labalaba ran several hundred yards to operate a 25-pound artillery gun — a task normally requiring four to six men. He held off waves of attacks for over two and a half hours against at least 250 fighters before he was fatally shot. While reflecting on Sgt Labalaba's heroic sacrifice, President Lalabalavu commended his valiant effort, noting that his bravery

continues to make Fiji proud. Family members of the late Sgt Labalaba were also present at the ceremony. Following the ceremony, President Lalabalavu met with members of the Fijian diaspora in Hereford currently serving in the British Army. President Lalabalavu thanked the serving soldiers and their families in Hereford for their service and the warm hospitality shown to him and the First Lady, reminding them that Fiji will always be their home. He also thanked them for continuing to heed the call of their vanua in supporting development projects in their villages and Tikina (Districts) and in supporting their families through financial support that contributes to the record annual remittance figures. President Lalabalavu further encouraged the diaspora to teach their children the importance of practicing their culture and preserving their heritage. The Head of State also reiterated the importance of learning their mother tongue and ensuring they are registered in the Vola ni Kawa Bula (VKB).

President visits World Rugby in Dublin, hails rugby's role in strengthening ties



The President of Fiji, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, met with the Vice Chairman of World Rugby, Jonathan Webb in Dublin, Ireland late last month. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

By NANISE NEIMILA

THE President, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, met with the Vice Chairman of World Rugby, Jonathan Webb in Dublin, Ireland late last month. President Lalabalavu extended his congratulations to Jonathan Webb on his election as Vice-Chair of World Rugby. The meeting highlighted the importance of sports diplomacy as a bridge for strengthening international relations and promoting shared values such as teamwork, discipline, and respect. President Lalabalavu commended World Rugby's continued efforts to grow the game globally and acknowledged the pivotal role rugby plays in fostering unity and national pride. Discussions also touched on the recent performances of Fiji's men's and women's rugby teams in both the 7s and 15s formats, which continue to inspire young athletes across the Pacific region. The Head of State also highlighted that many Fijian players have secured professional contracts overseas, enabling them to support their families and give back to their communities. He further noted the growing popularity of Kaji Rugby and secondary school rugby in Fiji, which is becoming an important pathway for young men and women to transition to the international stage. In response, Mr Webb commended Fiji's contribution to global rugby and praised the country's natural talent and passion for the sport. He acknowledged the significant role Fijian players have played in enhancing the global standard of rugby and reaffirmed World Rugby's commitment to continuing its partnership with the Fiji Rugby Union to strengthen development pathways and opportunities for young players.

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Acting President, Chief Justice Salesi Temo (middle) with the recipients of the 2025 Fiji Business Excellence Awards. Acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Siromi Turaga, (fifth from right) and Assistant Minister for Youth and Sports, Alikia Bia, (second from left) received the award for their Ministries. **Photo: MELI NAISELE**

Acting President hails business resilience at Fiji Business Excellence Awards

By AZARIA FAREEN

THE Acting President, Chief Justice Salesi Temo has applauded the resilience, innovation, and dedication of the nation's business community during the 2025 Fiji Business Excellence Awards Night, calling the event a celebration of collective progress and unity.

The Acting President, Chief Justice Temo said the occasion reflected Fiji's shared vision for prosperity — one built on inclusivity, sustainability, and national growth.

"The Fiji Business Excellence Awards is a testament to the resilience, vision, and dedication of our nation's businesses — from small enterprises to large organisations — all of whom contribute meaningfully to our economic strength and social well-being," he said.

Highlighting the Government's commitment to a people-centred economy, the Acting President said Fiji's path forward was guided by the National Development Plan 2024–2029 and Vision 2050, which aim to foster innovation, nurture talent, and create opportunities for all.

He cited inspiring local success stories such as the Kamal family's agri-business in Labasa and Saunitoga Enterprises' solar-powered kava farm in Ovalau as examples of resilience and creativity in action.

The Acting President also commended the Fiji National University's National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) for its continued role in promoting productivity and quality improvement through initiatives like the National 5S Certification Programme.

He praised the participation of five

government agencies in this year's awards, describing it as a sign of growing collaboration between the public and private sectors.

"As we celebrate excellence, let us renew our commitment to building a prosperous and resilient Fiji," he said. "Together, we can create a future that is inclusive, innovative, and sustainable."

The Acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Siromi Turaga in receiving the Commitment to Business Excellence Award for the Ministry of Justice and Achievement in Business Excellence Award for the Office of the Attorney-General at the event thanked the organisers for putting this event together.

"These two ministries are both strategic ministries and it's so vital that they are of service to the people of Fiji and to the other Government ministries which are streamlined, inclusive, accountable

and efficient," he said.

"Though to be one of the few government ministries, we are happy and I think this is where the Ministry of Civil Service should be looking to get other ministries onboard so that we can improve our services to the people at large," Minister Turaga said.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Education staff member, Rubina Ravasua in commending the award night stated that the ministry has done a lot in terms of improving their work systems and processes to better their service delivery to the nation.

"We dedicate this award to all the teachers in the country, to all the children and all the support staff of the Ministry of Education, our partners and stakeholders," Ms Ravasua added.

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Dola na Fijian Holdings Limited



Turaga na Qase Levu ni Lotu Wesele Dr Semi Turagavou , Na Jiameni ni Fijian Holdings Limited Rokoseru Nabalarua, Turaga na Tui Suva, Sanaila Mudunavosa nai iliuliu ni noda matanitu Sitiveni Rabuka nai vakalesilesi ni FHL Properties Limited Sakiusa Raivoce ena kena mai dolavi na Tabavale ni Fijian Holdings Limited. **Taba: Azaria Fareen.**

“Ena siga nikua eda mai duavata ena kena marautaki e dua na cavuisausau ena kena sa mai dolavi na vale ni veiqaravi na Fijian Holdings Tower , ka da vakavinavinakataka na 7 na yabaki ena kena tara voli mai ka da masuta na kalou bula me sobu na nona veivakalougatataki”.

Na nodra mala ni vosa nai liuliu ni noda matanitu Hon Sitiveni Rabuka ena kena mai dolavi na valenivolavola ni Fijian Holdings Limited. Na Fijian Holdings Limited a tauyavu taki ena 1984

ena vakanananu ni matabose Levu Vakaturaga ka kena inaki levu tiko sai koya na nodra vakauqeti na na iTaukei ena buturara ni bisinisi . E kaya na iliuliu ni noda matanitu, ni taura e 7 na yabaki me qai vakacavari na taba vale qo....ka sotavi kina na bolebole, vakabibi ena kena donumaki na mate na covid 19 ena 2020-ki na 2021. Qo na kena vakilai vakalevu kina na lailai ni tamata cakacaka mera qarava na cakacaka ni tara vale ka vaka kina na kena voli mai na iyaya ni tara vale, wili kina na isau ni yaya kei na dredre ni veitosoyaki vei ira na tamata cakacaka mai na nodra itikotiko ki

na vanua ni cakacaka. “Na Fijian Holdings Limited e tu dei nikua me dua na kabani tudei, ka sa vakaraitaka na nona rawaka ena veigauna sa oti. Au via vakavinavinaka vakalevu vei ira na solia vakabibidi na nodra bula me tauyavu taki kina na FHL, o Mr Lye Cupit ka vaka kina na Paraiminista Vakacegu o Mr Laisenia Qarase”. Ena Jiune ni 2025 e mai rawati kina na tubu vakailavo e \$917m ka namaki mena tubu ki na \$1 bilioni ena yabaki vakailavo oqo. E na yabakai vakailavo sa oti e rawati kina na tubu e \$60m ni vakatauvatani kina \$70m ena yabaki 2023 e kuria,

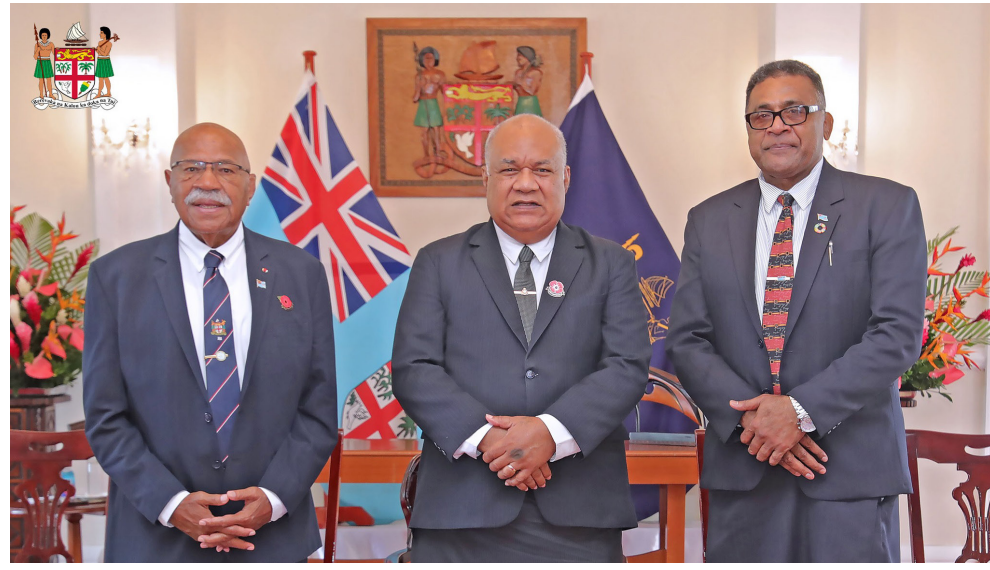
ni rawata talega na kabani oqo na tubu e 60 na milioni na dola ni cava na kena yabaki vakailavo, ka ra wasea na kena tubu o ira era vakasea ki na kabani levu oqo. Tukuna na iliuliu ni noda matanitu, ni FHL e taukena talega na FHL properties limited ka nona na taba vale na Ra Marama, Ratu Sukuna, Vanua House kei na FHL Tower, ka se qai dola oti ga oqo. E kuria ni rauta e 2 na udolu na kena tamata cakacaka ka sauma tiko na kabani oqo ki na matanitu na ivakacavacava e rauta ni 20 NA MILIONI NA DOLA.

Cabeta o Esrom na iTutu Vaka Minisita

Era sa cabeta nai Tutu Vakaminisita ni iLavo, Veivoli kei na Vakatubu Bisinisi ena noda vanua o Hon Esrom Yosef Immanuel. E mai vosa bubului e matadra na Peresitedi Vakatawa na Vosa Vakadua His Lordship Chief Justice Salesi Temo. Era taura tu nai Tutu vaka ivukevuke ni Minisita ni Lavo mai na Tiseba ni 2022 ka solia sara vei ira e levu na kila ni bera nira mai cabeta nai tutu vakaminisita.

“Au vakavinavinakataka na veivaka-bauti kei na veitokoni mai vua na iliuliu ni noda matanitu o Hon Sitiveni Rabuka ena vuku ni tutu oqo ena siga nikua.

Sa vakanuinui vinaka tu naTuraga Persitedi Vakatawa Vosa Vakadua His Lordship Chief Justice Salesi Temo ka vaka kina na iLiuliu ni noda matanitu ki vei Hon Esrom ena vuku ni tavi sa vakacolati vua.



Na iliuliu ni noda matanitu Hon Sitiveni Rabuka, Na Peresitedi Vakatawa na Vosa Vakadua Chief Justice Salesi Temo kei na Minisita ni Lavo Hon Esrom Yosef Immanuel ni oti na nodra mai vosa bubului enai ka 3 ni Noveba, 2025. **Taba Azaria Fareen**

Vakatulewa ni Bose Yaco ena 28 ni Okotova , 2025

Fiji and UNDP strengthen partnership to build climate resilience through Insurance and Adaptation Programme

Sa vakadonuya na Boseyaco na ivola ni veidinadinati ena kedrau maliwa na matanitu o Viti kei na Tabana ni United Nations Development Programme(UNDP) me baleta na ka e vakatokai na Pacific Insurance and Climate Adaptation Programme.

Ena vakatabakidua, ena nodra tokoni na marama, na itabagone, o ira e vakaleqai tu na ituvaki ni yagodra ka vaka kina vei ira na dau cicivaki bisinisi lalai, me vaka na vakayagataki qele, vakayagataki ni qoliqoli kei na cakacaka ni saravanua ka cicivaki ena noda itikotiko se koro.

Na inaki levu ni tuvatuva oqo me vakarawarawataka na nodra vukeyi vakailavo ena veivuvale eso ena Pasivika, noda itikotiko, bisinisi lalai, kei na matanitu, me baleta tikoga na draki veisau kei na leqa tubukoso, ka na gadrevi kina na cakacaka vata, na vakayagataki ni walewale vou ni veivuke vakailavo, na vakayagataki ni mona livaliva kei na vakarautaki ni vuli kei na iyau me vukea na tarai cake ni bula.

Review of FNPF Act and Special Death Benefit Regulations to Strengthen Member Protection

Sa vakadonuya na boseyaco na vakatutu ni Matabose ni iLavo Musuki na Fiji National Provident Fund FNPF) me baleta na kena dikevi lesu na lawa ni FNPF Act ni 2011, ka vaka kina na tiki ni lawa me baleta na ilavo ni mate, na Special Death Benefit Regulations ni 2022.

Na kena inaki levu oya na kena qarauni me dei ka veiraurau ka taqomaki kina na nodra gagadre na meba ni FNPF, ia, me sotava na bula vakailavo

kei na bula raraba ni noda vanua.

Na dikevi lesu ni tiki ni lawa me baleta na ilavo ni mate, na Speacial Death Benefit, ena gadrevi kina me na cakacakataki na kena iwalewale me qarauni kina ni veiraurau ka me tau kina na lewa dodonu.

Ena taura e 18 na vula na kena dikevi lesu na lawa oqo, ka na curuma na kena veitalanoa kei na veitabana tale eso, ka ra na okati kina na tamata cakacaka, itaukei ni cakacaka, vei tabana tale eso vakamatani kei ira na lewenivanua raraba.

Cabinet endorses Review Report to strengthen Rural Development in Fiji

Sa vakadonuya na Boseyaco na ripote ni kena rai lesuvi na ituvatuva ni cakacaka na Integrated Rural Development Framework ni 2009, ena dua tale na cavuikalawa ki liu ena kena vakavinakataki cake na ituvatuva ni veiqaravi ena taudaku ni veikoro lelevu na national rural development policy e Viti.

Na cakacaka ni kena rai lesuvi na veika oqo, a qaravi ena maliwa ni Noveba ni yabaki 2024 ki na vula o Me ni 2025, ka na raici kina na veika sa qaravi tiko ena IRDF, na vakadikevi ni veika e gadrevi mai na dua na itikotiko, na kena veit-



alanoataki kei ira na veitabana tale eso era qarava talega na cakacaka ni veivakatoroicaketaki.

Na veika ena basika mai ena rai lesuvi ni tuvatuva oqo, ena sasagataki kina me veisautaki vakalailai na irairai ni veivakatoroicaketaki e qaravi, ka na vakanamata ena veika sara ga e bibi ka gadrevi taumada, na nodra vakatulewataka na lewe ni tikotiko me toso cake kina na ivakatagedegede ni bula, nodra vakauqeti na itabagone mera vakaitavi ena cakacaka ni veivakatoroicaketaki, na vakadeitaki ni tutu ni veiliutaki vakavanua, ka vaka kina na ituvatuva me qaravi me toso vata kei na gauna oqo ka sotava talega na draki veisau.

E kena usutu levu me wili tiko ena uto ni veivakatoroicaketaki levu ni matanitu, na veivakatoroicaketaki ena qaravi ena taudaku ni veikoro lelevu.

New Commissioner of Rotuma Appointed

Sa digitaki o Dr Lesi Korovavala na Vunivola Tudei ena nona valenivolavola na Prime Minisita, me sa taura talega

na itutu vaka Talai Veivuke ki Rotuma.

A kacivaka na itukutuku oqo na liuliu ni noda matanitu, Hon Sitiveni Rabuka, me vaka ni sa vakadonuya na matanitu, na kena tomani tale na itutu ni veiqaravi oqo ki Rotuma.

Na veilesi oqo esa vaqacacotaki kina na nodrau veiwekani o Viti kei Rotuma. Sa mai lala tu na itutu vaka talai veivuke ki rotuma me tekivu mai ena 2010. E marautaka na iliuliu ni noda matanitu na veiciqomi ni Matabose kei Rotuma ena nodra sa wawa toka mai vakadade.

Na veilesi kina na itutu oqo, esa rawa ni vakarawarawataka sara na kena raici ka qaravi na veika era gagadre kina na lewenivanua mai Rotuma ka vaka kina na cakacaka ni veivakatoroicaketaki.

Ni oti na veitalanoa kei na Matabose kei Rotuma me baleta na raici lesu ni lawa mai Rotuma, e vakamatatataka na iliuliu ni noda matanitu, ni gadrevi me na laveti cake na ivakatagedegede ni bula ka vaka kina na kena tosoi na cakacaka ni veivakatoroicaketaki mai Rotuma me rawa ni vakalesui tale mai na nodra veivakabauti na lewe i Rotuma.

Sa na nona itavi na Talai Veivuke e Rotuma, me na raica na veiqaravi tau-coko ni veitabana vakamatani, ka me isema ni Matabose kei Rotuma kei na matanitu ena nona Valenivolavola na Prime Minister.

Ka ya o Dr Lesi Korovavala ni sa vakanamata tiko me na cakacaka vakavoleka sara kei na Matabose kei Rotuma ena raici me qaravi vakavinaka na veivakatoroicaketaki e dodonu me na qaravi ena gauna e dodonu me qaravi kina.



Vakatulewa ni Boseyaco 13th ni Okotova, 2025

1). Fiji's initial state report to the Committee on the Rights of Perons with Disabilities.

Sa vakadonuya na Boseyaco na isevu ni vakatutu mai na komiti ka dau raica ka dau tutaka na nodra dodonu na lewenivanua ka vakaleqai tu na ituvaki ni yagodra.

Me vaka ni noda matanitu esa duavata ka tokona ka vakamuria tiko na tiki ni lawa me baleta na nodra dodonu na lewenivanua ka vakaleqai tu na ituvaki ni yagodra se Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, esa dodonu kina vei Viti, me vakarautaka edua na nona ripote taumada, ni bera ni na qai dau vakarautaka tiko na i ripote ni veigauna eso, ka dau koto kina na cakacaka esa qaravi tiko me tutaki kina ka wanonova na kena vakamuri ka rokovi, na nodra dodonu, na nodra wili se okati kei na nodra vakaitavi na lewenivanua e vakaleqai tu na ituvaki ni yagodra ena veiyasa ni bula taucoko sara.

Oqo e dua na cavuikalawa levu ena sasaga nei Viti, ena noda raici vakatautauvata, na vakarawarawataki ni veika eda gadreva ka tokoni kina na dodonu ka sega kina na veivakaduiduitaki.

Oqo esa na boroya edua na iyaloyalo vinaka, ni o viti esa duavata tiko ena kena cakacaka ka qarauni talega kina me kua ni dua e guilecavi.

2). National Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy and complementary efforts to safeguard Data Protection.

Sa vakadonuya na Boseyaco, edua na ituvatuva me na dau raica ka taqomaka na keda itukutuku ka tutaka na kena dodonu e Viti se na ka e vakatokai vakaperitania na National Privacy and Personal Data Protection Policy E vakamatatataki ena ituvatuva talega qo, na gaunisala ni kena qarauni na veitukutuku eso ka votivoti na kena itautau se dusi ka vakacacani kina edua.

Ena dau qarauni me kua ni laki vakayagataki me vakalolovirataki kina se raii vakatani kina edua. Ena dau qarau ni talega na kedra itukutuku na gone me na dau maroro vinaka.

Oqo esa yavu talega ni kena cakacakataki na veika vakalawa me baleta na tikina oqo...ka sa dua na itekiteki-vu vinaka nei Viti nida curuma yani na vuravura ni vakau itukutuku ena mona livaliva ka sa vakayagataki tiko ena gauna oqo.

Kena ikuri oya na nona sa toso talega na matanitu me vakamuria na tiki ni lawa ena kena taqomaki na itukutuku yadudua ni lewenivanua mai na kena ka sa cakacakataki koya ga vakaikoya na itukutuku ni lewenivanua yadudua, me veisotari kei na ituvatuva levu sa vakayagataki tiko e vuravura.

3). Development of Legislative Framework for the Kava Industry

Sa vakadonuya na Boseyaco na kena qaravi edua na cakacaka ni vakasokumuni tukutuku ena kena gadrevi me

sa davo edua na tuvatuva mesa wanonova na bisinisi ni yaqona ni Viti.

E dina ga ni sa kau cake ki na valeniboselawa ena 2016, na lawa vakaturi ni yaqona se Kava Bill, ia, a sega sara ni mani laki toso na kena cakacakataki, ya na vuna e sega tiko kina ni dua na kena lawa ena gauna oqo me rawa ni tokona ka vukea na bisinisi ni yaqona ni Viti.

Na vakadidike qo, esa na qai yavutaki mai kina na lawa vakaturi ni yaqona se Kava Bill ni 2016, me sa na qai cakacakataki mai kina na veivanua eso e luluqa ka sega ni taucoko sara, ka me sa kena inaki levu me vakadavora edua na kena ituvatuva me rawa ni laveti cake kina ka vaqacotaki talega na maketetaki ni yaqona ni Viti ena noda vanua ka vaka kina ki vanuatani.

4).Review of the National Curriculum Framework 2013

Sa vakadonuya na Boseyaco na railesuvi ni ituvatuva me baleta na leseni e koronivuli, na Fiji National Curriculum Framework ni 2013.

- oya na kena qarauni na veika e vakarautaki ena vuli, me vakilai na kena yaga, na kena vakacurumi eso tale na ka e nanumi ni bibi me vulici, ka me veisotari na veika e vulici kei na gauna eda sa donumaka tiko qo.

- me sotavi kina na veika era rawa ni namaka na gonevuli mera na vulica

- me yacova na ivakatagedegede e

vuravura ena ika 21 ni senituri

- me vakayagataki ka me okati me ka tudei ki na nodra bula, na veika e vulici
- me wanonovi matua, dikevi kei na kena veisautaki tale ke gadrevi vaka kina

- na kena vakayagataki na minisi se technology ena vuli

Sa digitaki tiko edua na kena komiti me raica na kena qaravi na cakacaka oqo.

5. Reintroduction of Scaling of External Examinations Marks.

Esa vakadonuya na Boseyaco na kena vakalesui tale mai na kena dau cakacakataki na maka taucoko ni veitarogi lelevu ka sa na tekivu oqo ena yabaki vou 2026.

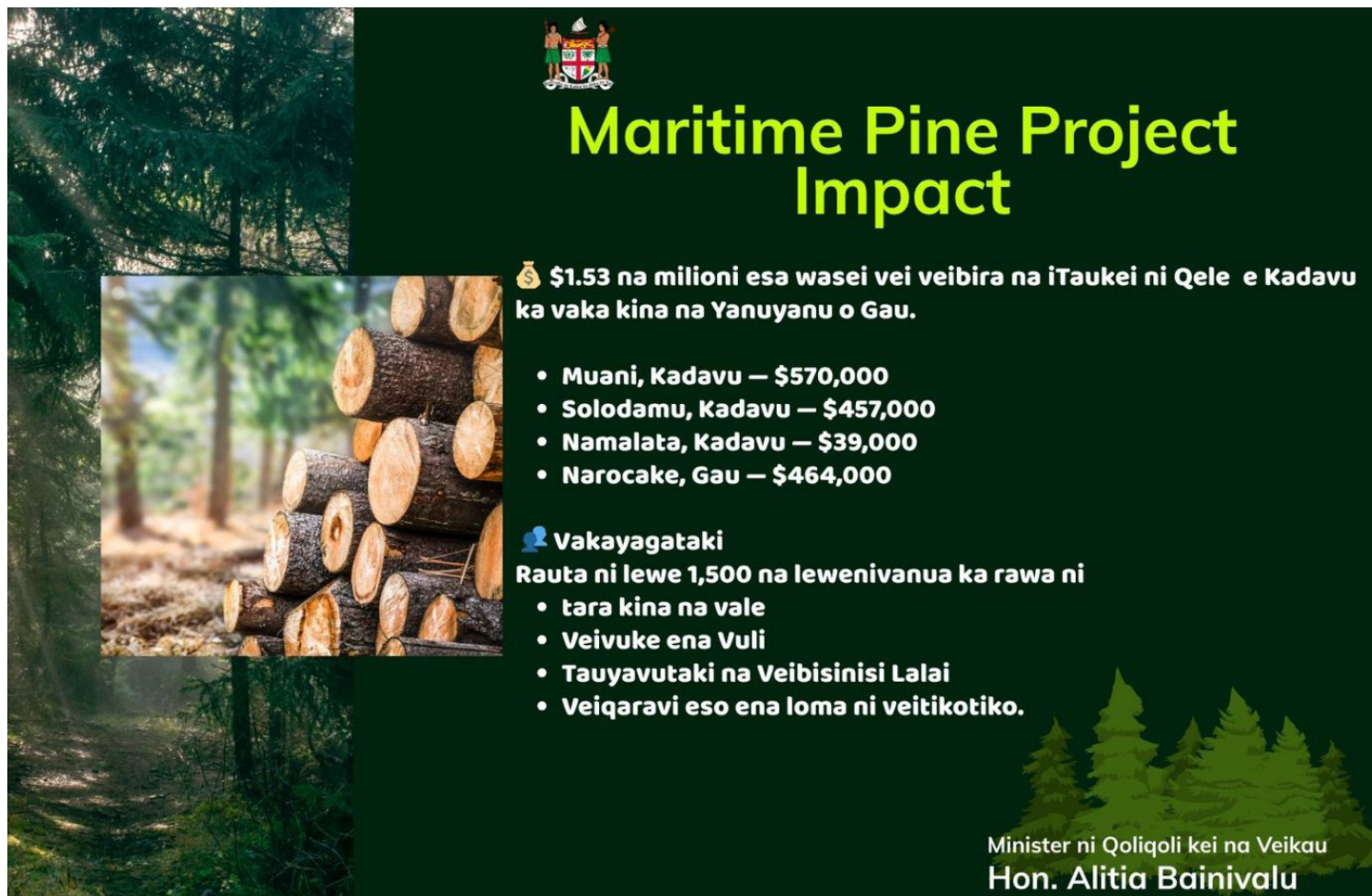
Na vakatulewa oqo e salavata kei na kena ituvatuva esa dau vakayacori tiko e vuravura, ka na tokoni kina na vakabibitaki ni vuli, kei na veika e ra rawata vakavuli na gonevuli.

Na cakacakataki talega ni maka esa na vakauqeti ira kina na gonevuli mera sasagataka na veilesoni tale eso me vaka na science, technology, idinia, fika, computer studies, kei na Bisinisi me vaka ni sega soti sara ni ra dau malele vakalevu kina na gonevuli.

Oqo esa na dua na veivuke levu ena nodra vakarautaki na gonevuli baleta ni sa na tu vei ira na kila ka vaka kina na kena ivola...ni bera ni ra qai curuma yani na katuba ni cakacaka.



Vakadonui na kena veisautaki eso na tikina ena Lawa Vakatatutaki ni Qoliqoli ni 2025





Maritime Pine Project Impact

💰 \$1.53 na milioni esa wasei vei veibira na iTaukei ni Qele e Kadavu ka vaka kina na Yanuyanu o Gau.

- Muani, Kadavu — \$570,000
- Solodamu, Kadavu — \$457,000
- Namalata, Kadavu — \$39,000
- Narocake, Gau — \$464,000

👤 Vakayagataki

Rauta ni lewe 1,500 na lewenivanua ka rawa ni

- tara kina na vale
- Veivuke ena Vuli
- Tauyavutaki na Veibisinisi Lalai
- Veiqaravi eso ena loma ni veitikotiko.

Minister ni Qoliqoli kei na Veikau
Hon. Alitia Bainivalu

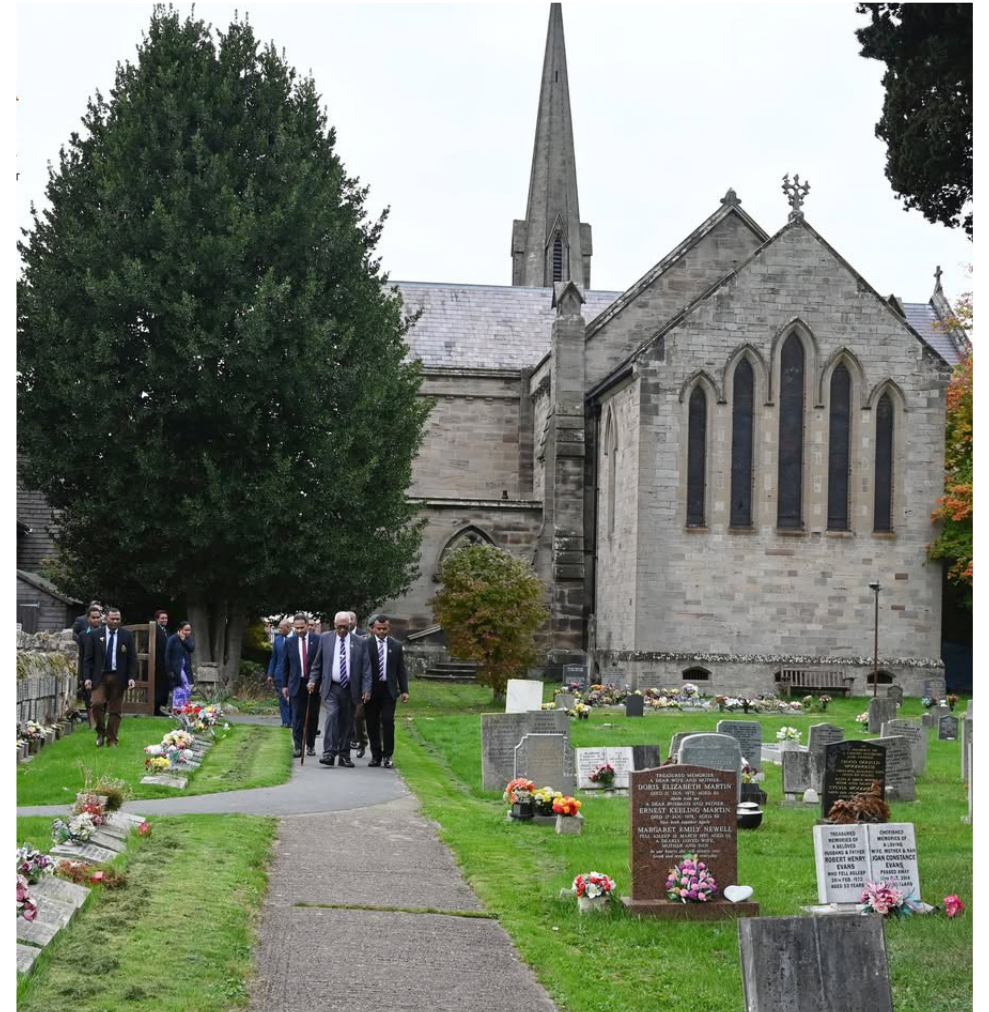
Na Matanitu o Viti e Nanumi Kemuni Tu

“Na tiki ni vanua cava ni tiko kina sena yasa ni vuravura cava nisa lai vakaitikotiko kina na vanua o Viti e nomuni vanua tudei, nisa mai tiko ena vanua ogo ni vakaraitaka sara nai vukivuki matau ka rakorako, ni muria na kena lawa ka ni vakayagataka sara vakavinaka na veika e vakarautaki kina”.

Qori na nodra mala ni vosa na Turaga na Peresitedi ni noda vanua Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu ena nodra vosa tiko vei ira na Itaukei era sa laki lewenivanua tudei ena mua ni vuravura ka dua. Era sikova sara e vuqa na vanua kara veitomanile tale tiko ga na marama ni vanua o Emily Lalabalavu ka vaka kina e vica nai vakalesilesi. Era laki sotava na Tui Bolatagane King Charles nai ka 3 salamura tale tiko ga na nodra butuka na vanua ka ra vakaitikotiko kina na Tui Tabu Pope Leo XIV.

Era laki sikova talega na kena ivakananumi o satini Talaiasi Labalaba edua na wekada ka bale mate ena ivalu mai mirbat, toman ena gauna ese lewena tu kina na mataivalu ni Bolatagane, laki donumaka tu na nona sa digitaki na ika 10 ni Peresitedi kei Ailadi, sikova na Marist Fathers General House mai Rome ka vaka kina na laki vosa vei ira na mata ni veivakamanitu qali ki na Commonwealth se Commonwealth Ambassadors.

E vica sara na vanua rogo era gole kina ena vuku tiko ga ni kena vakatetei na veiqaravi ni Matanitu Cokovata okati na veiwekani vinaka mai vei ira na veimatanitu ena noda vanua. **Taba: Nanise Neimila**



Mera Nanumi na Luvei Taillevu

Era dolava na Bose ni Yasana ko Taillevu na na Minisita ni Qele kei na Iyaubula o Honourable Filimoni Vosarogo ka vakayacori mai na koro o Buretu ena tikina o Nakelo ena loma ni Yasana o Taillevu. Era laki vakaraitaka e vica na tikina bibi ena vuku ni leqa esa valuta tiko na noda vanua ena gauna nikua.

“Ena yabaki qo, 2025, eratou kaya na kena dau ena noda Minisitiri ni Bula ni sa yacova e 3,000 na kisi vovou ni HIV ,ni bera ni da yacova na vula o Tiseba 2025. Ena matai ga ni 5 ma vula ena yabaki qo, e dikevi ni 800 na kisi vou ni HIV ena noda vanua”.

E rauta e 73% e lailai mai na 39 na nodra yabaki ni bula. E rauta e 10% e tiko na nodra yabaki ni bula ena 10 – 19. Ya e 590 na noda gone ka se dodonu me ra tiko ena noda veikoronivuli, sa tauvi ira tu na mate na HIV baleta na veiwasei ni cula ena gauna era vakayagataka kina na waigaga ni veivakamatenitaki.

“Kivei kemudou na turaga kei na marama lewe ni bouse, sa tekivu ravuti na veiyabaki vinaka kei Taillevu ena mate dewa qo na HIV. Sa dodonu me tiki

ni veitalanoa ena loma ni bouse na mate qo na HIV AID”. E dodonu meda kila ni o St Giles ea tauyavutaki me qarava na mate ni mona, sega ni vanua me lai walia na tauri vakasivia ni waigaga. It is a mental institution, NOT a rehabilitation centre. (It takes a village to raise a child; it also takes a village to repair that child).

Ena loma tiko ga ni vula o June 2025, 28% na tubu ni kisi ni kucu, veivakaqaseni, veivakasagai kei na so tale. E 102 na kisi taucoko nodra vakamavoataki na marama, wili kina e 21 na kisi ni kucu ena loma ga ni dua na vula. Sivia e 60% era vakamavoataki era yabaki 18 ka lako sobu.

“Matabose ni Vanua Vakaturaga o Taillevu, sa dodonu me da tarogi keda, eda sa vakacava tiko vaka uma tamata. Io eda vinakata na veivakatoroicaketaki, eda vinakata na gaunisala vovou, eda vinakata na veivuke ni matanitu me vina-ka cake kina na noda bula ena veisiga”

NA CAVA EDA SA TU VAKARAU ME DA VUETA ME BALETI KEDA KEI NA NODA VANUA. Sa oti mai qo e 20 sagavulu vakacaca na yabaki na noda



Na Minisita ni Qele kei na Iyaubula o Honourable Filimoni Vosarogo ka vakayacori mai na koro vakaturaga o Buretu ena tikina o Nakelo ena loma ni Yasana o Taillevu. **Taba: MLMR**

rawa ni kaya, sa qaravi keda tu mai kina na matanitu. Ena nona vosa na Peres-itedi ni matanitu levu o Amerika o John F Kennedy, sa rairai sa gauna vei Taillevu me kailavaka me veibolei vei Viti, “ask not what your country can do for you, ask, what you can do for your country”? “Vei keda leweni Yasana ko Taillevu, nida raica na veituvatuva eso sa varau-

taka tiko na Matanitu, eda na liaca ni sa lailai sara nai ulubale vei keda meda rawata kina na bula vuavuai se na bula torocake. Au sa veibolei kina vei keda, meda sa tucake, da cakacakataka yani edua na Taillevu vinaka me baleti ira na luveda ena veisiga ni mataka”.

Tomani tikoga na Veivuke na iTaukei Development Fund Facility



Na Minisita ni Itaukei Hon Ifereimi Vasu kei ira na ivakalesilesi ena kena soli tiko na veivuke ni iTaukei Development Fund Facility (TDFF), e dua na ituvatuva vou ka vakarautaka tiko na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi. **Taba: Tabacakacaka iTaukei.**

Era marautaka vakalevu na lewe ni Tokatoka Vunatawa mai na koro ko Naboutini, Sabeto na nodratou tractor vou ka veivuke kina na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi (TLTB). E mai ciqoma na misini ena vukudra na itokatoka o Jolame Qoro ka kaya ni qo ena veivuke sara vakalevu ena kena vakatorocaketaki na qele ni tokatoka. E vakatokai tiko na veivuke oqo na iTaukei Development Fund Facility (TDFF), e dua na ituvatuva vou ka vakarautaka tiko na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi.

E kena inaki me vukei keda na itaukei ni qele, meda rawa ni vakatorocaketa-ka na keda qele ena teitei, bisinisi, kei na so tale na sala ni veivakatorocaketaki. Ke o volai ena volanikawabula ena rawa ni o kerea na veivuke oqo me rawa ni vakavotukana kina na nomu tatadra.

E na veivuke vata tale ga qo e taura kina o Atunaisa Tauvoto mai Bukama, Yasawa e dua na Idini ni waqa kei Jone Wasawasa mai Natawa, Waya, e dua na nona waqa kei na kena idini.

Na iyaya kece oqori a laki solia na Turaga Minisita ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei ka Liuliu tale ga ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi o Hon. Ifereimi Vasu.

Tractor - Tokatoka Vunatawa mai Sabeto Village

Idini - Atunaisa Tauvoto mai Bukama, Yasawa

Fibreglass kei na kena iDini - Jone Wasawasa mai Natawa, Waya

Na veivuke oqo e sa vakaraitaka tiko ga na sasaga ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi na kena gadrevi meda vukei na kawa iTaukei ena veivakatoroicaketaki.

NABA SEGA NI SAUMI

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KEVAKA OIKO E DUA SE DUA O KILA NI LAKO CURUMA NA VEIVAKACACANI ENA MONA LIVALIVA. E SEGA NIO TU DUADUA KEO GADREVA NA VEIVUKE. QIRI KINA NABA NI TALEVONI SEGA NI SAUMI NA 1548

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Dola na Valenivuli e Delainavesi

Esa mai vakanadakui e 20 na yabaki esa qai mai dolavi tale dua na valenivuli vou ena koronovuli ni veituberi vei ira na goneyalewa e Delainavesi na Ballantine Memorial School ka tiko na kena isau vakailavo ena \$660,463.27 ka veiqaravi kina na kabani na Urban Building Solution Limited.

Era laki vulagi dokai ena kena dola na Minisita ni Vuli Hon Aseri Radrodoro. Na valenivuli oqo e tara tu mai vaka vo ena loma ni 20 na yabaki sa sivi, ka ratou biuta vata mi edua nai vola na I vakalesilesi ni Tabana ni Koronivuli kina Tabana ni Vuli ena kena gadrevi mena vakacavari na sasaga oqo.

“Au vakavinavinaka taki kemuni na qasenivuli, nai dauniveiqaravi e koronivuli, ena nodra vukei ka ra tuberi tiko na noda goneyalewa ena bula vakayalo, bula vakaivakarau, ka vaka kina na bibi ni kena cuqeni na vuli, vei kemuni nai tubutubu kei na dauniveisusu esa dodonu moni yadrava tiko na nomuni tavi me

baleti ira na luveda”.

E vakavinavinakataka talega o Hon Radrodoro na dodoliga mai na Valenivolavola ni Paraiminisita ena noda vanua ena vuku ni kena soli yani na veivuke e rauta ni 200 na desi kei na idabedabe ki na Ballantine Memorial School. Na veivuke oqo ena laveta cake tale na nodra kila ka na gone ka vaka nodra vanua ni vuli.

“Nai tuvatuva levu ni Matanitu Cokovata sa I koya na kena laveti cake na kena tokoni na vuli me vaka ni dua nai votavota levu ni lavo e votai kina Tabacakacaka ni Vuli ena tuvatuva vakailavo ena yabaki oqo me yacova na 2026”.

E vakavinavinakataka talega na veitokoni kei na veivuke ni porokaramu na WASH ena kena vukei yani e 10,000 na lita na taqe ni wai, ka vaka kina na Tabacakacaka ni Bula. Na sasaga oqo kena ena vukea na kena vakayagataki na wai koronivuli.



Na Minisita ni Vuli Hon Aseri Radrodoro ena kena laki dolavi na valenivuli vei ira na goneyalewa e Delainavesi na Ballantine Memorial School. **Taba: Min of Education**

Marau na vanua o Vuniyavu



Oira na marama ni Nabouciwa ena kena laki dolavi na Evacuation Center ena loma ni tikina o Buretu. **Taba: Katarina Naqarase**

Ena kena sa mai dolavi rawa na veivuke ena koro ko Nabouciwa esa dua na cavu I kalawa levu vei ira na leweni koro me vaka ni toka na nodra koro ena yasa ni uciwai, vuqa na gauna sara dau vakila na tubu ni yalayala ni wai kei na veiveisau ni draki.

Na veivakacokotaki, sai koya na kena vakarautaki na veika kece ena loma ni drodro me baleta na nodra taqomaki na lewe ni koro era vakarurugi kina. E dodonu me tiko na vanua ni vakacegu, na vanua ni vakarau kakanaka kei na vanua lati me baleti ira na marama (Safe Space).

E vakaraitaka na Mata ni Tikina o Buretu o Samuela Vosabeci ni vakavinavinakataka vakalevu na veiqaravi esa vakayacora tiko mai na Matanitu Cokovata ka sa mai vakavotukana kina na sasaga oqo. Na tikina o Buretu e oka kina na koro ko Buretu 37 na vale, Nabouciwa 34 na vale Matainoco 23 na vale ka vaka kina o Naivakacau 50 na vale.

“Na vakavinavinaka cecehia kina matanitu ni rawa ni ciqomi na neimami masu kei na neimami tagi me

tekivu mai vei ira na tukai keimami ena dua na gauna balavu, keimami dau nuiqawaqawa ni gauna me dau cabe mai kina na cagilaba keimami dau lomaleqataka na vanua me keimai dro kina ka keimami vakavinavinaka ena yabaki oqo nisa dodo mai na veivuke ni matanitu”.

“Au sa yabaki 60 ira na neimami qase era dau vakavalelailai tuga ena uciwai, era sega vakadua ni vakabauta me yaco mai e dua na veisau ni gauna me vaka oqo, ia nisa yaco mai na veivakatoroicaketaki keimami vakila ni ra sa vakacegu na luvei keimami”.

E vakaraitaka talega edua na lewe ni soqosoqo vakamarama e Nabouciwa o Lusua Mateni ni vakavinavinakataka na veivuke esa mai vakavotukanataaki na tatadra, na vale vakoro oqo e se caka sara ena 1972 ka vakacacani talega kina, ia e mai vakavinakataka tale ni oti e 1 na gauna balavu.

Vakavinavinakataka na veitokoni mai na vanua, na kena mai veitauriligataki ni itavi ka qaravi rawa kina na cakacka levu ni kena sa mai vakavinakataka ka vakacokotaki rawa na valevakoro e Nabouciwa.

Cokonaki o Nabouciwa



Na Minisita ni Minisita ni Veivakatoroicaketaki ena Tuadaku ni Koro Lelevu Hon Sakiasi Ditoka ena kena laki dolavi na idrodro ka vaka kina na vale ni vakacegu ena koro o Nabouciwa. **Taba: Katarina Naqarase**

Era marautaka sara na lewenikoro ko Nabouciwa na kena sa mai dolavi nai drodro (Evacuation Center) ka vaka kina na vale ni vakacegu ka tiko na kena isau vakailavo ena \$101,652.88. Era laki vulagi dokai ena kena dolavi ka vaka kina na kena vakamatanitutaki na Minisita ni Veivakatoroicaketaki ena Tuadaku ni Koro Lelevu Hon Sakiasi Ditoka.

E usutu ni veiqaravi ni Matanitu sai koya na nodra maroroi ka vakacokotaki na lewe ni vanua, me rawati kina na bula sautu kei na tiko bulabula. Qo e dua nai naki ka itavi ni neitou Minisitiri me vakaleleca yani na veivuke e so mai na Matanitu me rawa kina na bula torocake kei tu vakarau ni bera ni yaco mai na leqa tubu koso. “Na veivakatoroicaketaki oqo e ituvaluva ni matanitu ena nodra vakaramataki a lewenivanua ena vuku ni porokaramu e rawa nira vukei kinam mena veisotavi kei na gagadre ni lewenivanua ka vaka kina na draki eso edau sotavi”.

Na yadrayadravaki ni komiti ni veivakatoroicaketaki ena kena yadravi ka qaravi na i tuvatuva ni veivakatoroicaketaki e koto ena Integrated Village Development Plan (IVDP) kei na veivakatoroicaketaki tale eso e gadrevi me qaravi.

“Eda sa vakarau yacova yani na gauna ni cagilaba kau via veivakananumi ena noda tu vakavakarau ena vuku ni cagilaba kei na waluvu. Tubu tale tikoga na kisi ni kama ni tikotiko. Me da kila ka veiwaseitaka yani na veika e dodonu me da vakavakarau kina kei na ka me caka ena gauna e yaco mai kina na veileqa vakaoqo”.

Na veivuke ka vakagolei mai na matanitu ena porokaramu ni Idrodro (Evacuation Centre), kei na vale ni vakacegu (High Risk Sanitation). Na veivuke qo e vukei kina o ira na veikoro era gadreva na veivuke ni vakavakarau kina leqa tubu koso. Ka samai veivuke ena kena vakavinakataka na nomuni vale ni soqo kei na vale ni vakacegu, me vaka eda sa mai vakadinadinataka ena siga nikua.

Noda VITI





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Tuvatuva ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi



Na iliuli ni noda matanitu, Hon Sitiveni Rabuka, na lewe ni Bose Yaco kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi ka liutaka na kena Vunilewa Solomone Nata ena kena laki vakasavui na ituvatuva ni Tabana ni Qele Maroroi. **Taba Wanshika Kumar**

Era liutaka na Vunilewa ni Tabana ni Qele Maroroi ena noda vanua o Solomone Nata ka vaka kina na kena ivakalesilesi ena vuku ni kena laki vakasavui vua na iliuli ni noda matanitu Turaga na Paraiminisita Sitiveni Rabuka ka voci kina vakavudi na ituvatuva ni Tabana ni Qele Maroroi..

“Au vakavinavinavinka taka na Tabana ni Qele Maroroi, na kena ivakalesilesi ena vuku ni veiqaravi esa vakayacori tiko mai ena kena gadrevi mera qaravi

vakavinaka na kawa Itaukei”.

E dua nai tuvatuva levu e tiko sai koya na kena sagai mena raici lesu na lawa eso me baleta na iTaukei Land Trust Act mena veisemati vata kei na veiqaravi ena siga nikua.E vuqa sara na tiki-na bibi e veiwaseitaki sai koya na kena raici na veiporokaramu eso esa qaravi tiko mai, eso na bolebole esa sotava tiko na Matabose, na kena laveti cake na porokaramu ni kena dau soli na Misini ka me veivuke vei ira na iTaukei ni Qele, na kena vakavinakataki na veiqaravi ena mona livaliva ena vuku ni veivakararamataki.

ravi ena mona livaliva ena vuku ni veivakararamataki.

E tiki tale tiko ga ni tuvatuva oqo sa koya na kena davo na komiti ni Vakayagataki Qele(CBUL), na gagadre e tiko ena Tabana ni Qele Maroroi me baleta na kau oqo na Mahogany, na kena muri nai walewale ni kena vakaygataki, na kena vakavinakataki na gaunisala ena vuku ni kena vakayagataki na Qele, na kena raici na vakabulabulataki ni qele ena veiqele e lisitaki. E laurai talega na iyalayala ni kena dogo kina noda vei-

baravi.

Sa vakanuinui vinaka tu na iliuli ni noda matanitu ni na tomani tiko ga na veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Qele Maroroi sai koya na kena taqomaki na noda Qele na kawa iTaukei, ra vakararamatajki na lewenivanua ena vuku ni veivakatoroicaketaki eso, ka vaka kina na veigaunisala eso mera na muria ena vuku ni kena rawati na veivuke eso.



फ़ीजी दर्पण

फ़ीजी सरकार का रेडियो कार्यक्रम

नवराष्ट्र

फ़ीकुवन्सी

6.30PM

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105.4FM राकीराकी




प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका, फ़ीजियन होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड के एफ़ टावर का उद्घाटन करते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

एफ़ हर्डिच एल टावर एक विश्वास के रूप में खड़ा है

रोनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका ने हाल में सूवा स्थित फ़ीजियन होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड के मल्टी मिलियन डोलर लागत टावर का उद्घाटन किया। यह एक ऐसी पूँजी है जो फ़ीजी और इ-तउकेई समाज को मजबूत बनाने, दूरदर्शिता और प्रगति को प्रदर्शित करती है।

सूवा के मध्य में स्थित यह अट्ठारह 18-मंजिला टावर, फ़ीजी की पहली ऐसी इमारत है जो तकनीकी और वातावरण रूप से टिकाऊ विशेषताओं के साथ डिज़ाइन किया गया है। अपने भाषण में प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने कोविड महामारी जैसी चुनौतियों के बावजूद कई मिलियन डोलर की इस योजना को पूरा करने में एफ़.हर्डिच.एल ग्रुप की दूरदर्शिता और दृढ़ता की सराहना की। 'एफ़.हर्डिच.एल आज एक मजबूत ग्रुप के रूप में खड़ा है, तथा मैं उन लोगों को धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूँ जिन्होंने

एफ़.हर्डिच.एल की मजबूत नींव रखने के लिए अपना जीवन समर्पित कर दिया। ये केवल लोहा और कांच से बनी इमारत नहीं है, बल्कि एक स्पष्ट दृष्टि, साहस और दृढ़ संकल्प के माध्यम से क्या हासिल किया जा सकता है, इसका प्रतिबिंब है। मुझे बताया गया कि इस योजना को पूरी होने में सात साल लगे, जहाँ निर्माणकार्य के दौरान कई चुनौतियाँ सामने आईं जैसे कि कोविड महामारी, इमारत बनाने के सामान तथा मजदूरों की कमी, बढ़ती कीमत और साईट पर काम करने में असमर्थता।

एफ़ हर्डिच एल के टावर के लिए इ-तउकेई प्रांतों ने तीस मिलियन डोलर से ज़्यादा बटोरा। फ़ीजियन होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड में सक्त रूप से इ-तउकेई समाज के लोग ही हिस्सेदार बन सकते हैं जो वोला-नि-कावा-बूला में रेजिस्टर्ड हैं।

फ़ीजियन होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड, इ-तउकेई समाज के लिए संस्थागत पूँजी लगाती है तथा प्रमुख कम्पनियों के मालिक है

जिनमें साउथ सीस कूज़स लिमिटेड, मेचन्ट फायनेन्स, आर.बी.पटेल ग्रुप, बेसिक इंडस्ट्रीस तथा पेंसिफिक सीमेन्ट शामिल है। एफ़.हर्डिच.एल प्रोपर्टीस लिमिटेड कुछ सम्पत्तियों के मालिक भी है जिनमें रा मरामा इमारत, रातू सुकुना हाउस, वनुआ हाउस तथा एफ़.हर्डिच.एल टावर जिसका उद्घाटन पिछले महीने हुआ। एफ़.हर्डिच.एल ने जो नई पूँजी लगाई है उनसे कई लोगों के लिए नौकरियाँ पैदा हुई हैं, स्थानीय व्यवसायों का समर्थन किया है और यह दर्शाया है कि फ़ीजिवासी ऐसी संपत्तियाँ खड़ी कर सकते हैं जो हमारे क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ में से एक हों।

एफ़.हर्डिच.एल ग्रुप लगभग दो हजार कर्मचारियों को नौकरी प्रदान करता है और सरकार को सीधे तथा अन्य तरीकों से बीस मिलियन डोलर लागत कर का भुगतान भी करता है।

एफ़.हर्डिच.एल ने मंदी, महामारी और बदलती बाज़ार स्थितियों के बीच भी

काम किया है, और यह साबित करते हुए अपनी जगह पर टिके रहे कि इमानदारी, अनुशासन और उद्देश्य के साथ स्थानीय अगुवाई, विश्व स्तरीय परिणाम दे सकता है। यह फ़ीजी के व्यावसायिक क्षेत्र में इ-तउकेई समाज के लिए आशा की किरण बन गया है। इस साल जून तक, एफ़.हर्डिच.एल ग्रुप की कुल संपत्ति बढ़कर नौ सौ सत्ताह (917) मिलियन डोलर हो गई और इस आर्थिक साल में एक बिलियन डोलर से ज़्यादा बढ़ने की राह पर है। डिविडन्ड के माध्यम से फ़ीजियन होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड ने अपने हिस्सेदारों को प्रारंभिक पूँजी का पाँच गुना ज़्यादा बाँटा है और पूँजी के मूल्य को दस गुना से ज़्यादा बढ़ाया है। सरल शब्दों में अगर कोई एफ़.हर्डिच.एल का हिस्सेदार है तो उनको अब तक प्राप्त डिविडन्ड तथा पूँजी का पंद्रह गुना लाभ होता है। यह इ-तउकेई समाज के लिए एक मजबूत और विश्वसनीय ब्रॉंड है।

प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने चीनी समाज की सराहना की

रोनल देव

फीजी में चीनी लोगों की कहानी साहस, दृढ़ता और साझेदारी की कहानी है। अभी हाल में फीजी में चीनी समाज की बस्ती के एक सौ सत्तर (170) साल पूरे होने और सूवा में चीन-फीजी राजनयिक संबंधों की पचासवीं वर्षगांठ के उपलक्ष्य में सूवा में आयोजित एक समारोह के दौरान अपना भाषण देते हुए प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका ने ऐसा कहा। यह उत्सव फीजी में चीनी समाज की समृद्धि, साथ ही एक समान गौरव और एकता को दर्शाता है जो उन्हें अपनी स्थायी विरासत और हमारे राष्ट्र के प्रति योगदान का जश्न मनाने के लिए एकजुट करता है, माननीय रम्बूका ने कहा।

"पिछले कुछ वर्षों में, चीनी लोगों की नई पीढ़ियाँ आई हैं - विभिन्न व्यवसायों और क्षेत्रों से पुरुष और महिलाएं - सभी हमारे राष्ट्र और महिलाएं - सभी हमारे राष्ट्र के जीवन और प्रगति में योगदान दे रहे हैं।" फीजी में बसने वाले प्रथम चीनी लोगों का

साहस, जिन्होंने फीजी में एक नया जीवन शुरू करने के लिए अपनी पुरानी जिन्दगी छोड़ दी, बेहद सराहनीय है। वे अपने साथ स्थायी मूल्य लेकर आए: कड़ी मेहनत, आत्मनिर्भरता, ईमानदारी, वफादारी, सद्भाव, और परिवार के प्रति सम्मान। 'सात पीढ़ियों बाद भी, वही मूल्य फीजी के चीनी समाज में चमकते रहे हैं। शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, व्यवसाय, पेशेवर क्षेत्रों, राजनीति, संस्कृति और बुनियादी ढाँचे में आपके योगदान ने उस फीजी को आकार देने में मदद की है जिसे हम आज जानते हैं।

'आपने हमारे लोगों के बीच मैत्री के बंधन को मजबूत किया है और हमारे प्रिय राष्ट्र के सामाजिक और आर्थिक ताने-बाने को समृद्ध किया है।'

राजनीतिक संबंधों पर विचार करते हुए प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने कहा कि चीनी सरकार के साथ फीजी की साझेदारी ने कृषि, मछली पालन, वन से लेकर बुनियादी ढाँचे, सामान तैयार करने के लिए फेक्ट्रियाँ, खान, चिकित्सा तथा जन स्वास्थ्य तक कई क्षेत्रों में ठोस लाभ



प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका चीनी समाज के उत्सव में भाग लेते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

पहुँचाए है। पचास साल पहले, फीजी और चीन ने आपसी सम्मान, समानता और अहस्तक्षेप पर आधारित राजनीतिक संबंध स्थापित किए थे, जिससे हमारी साझेदारी में एक नया अध्याय शुरू हुआ। फीजी और चीन, अपने लोगों के बीच आपसी वीज़ा छूट, सिस्टर-सिटी साझेदारी, सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान, चिकित्सा

सहायता और छात्रवृत्तियों के माध्यम से लगातार फलते-फूलते रहे हैं, जो फीजी के छात्रों को चीन में पढ़ाई करने में सक्षम बनाते हैं। दोनों देश वैश्विक संकटों के दौरान कंधे से कंधा मिलाकर खड़े रहे हैं तथा सच्ची एकजुटता और स्थायी मित्रता का प्रदर्शन किया है।

मनोदा सेटलमन्ट रास्ते में सुधार



रोज़गार मंत्री माननीय अग्नी देव सिंह मोनदा सेटलमन्ट रास्ते का उद्घाटन करते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

रोनल देव

तीस सालों से ज़्यादा समय से माँग करने के बाद मनोदा अनौपचारिक सेटलमन्ट के लोग खुशियाँ मना रहे हैं जबकि लम्बे इंतज़ार के बाद वहाँ रास्ते पर सुधारकार्य हुआ है। इस विकास से सेटलमन्ट के लोगों का जीवन सुखद हो गया है, जहाँ परिवारों के आने-जाने, संपर्क बनाने तथा जीवन में सुधार हुआ है।

औपचारिक उद्घाटन में रोज़गार मंत्री माननीय अग्नी देव सिंह के अलावा सहायक मल्टी एथनिक अफेयर्स मंत्री माननीय श्लेन कुमार के अलावा समाज के प्रतिनिधि, एडवाएज़री काउन्सला तथा निवासी शामिल हुए थे।

मंत्री सिंह ने कहा कि यह सुधारकार्य, दो महीने पहले उनके दौर के बाद हुआ जहाँ निवासियों ने उनसे चिन्ता जताई थी कि तीस सालों से ज़्यादा समय से रास्ते की हालत बहुत खराब थी। उनके अनुसार फीजी रोड्स अथॉरिटी तथा सरकार ने तेज़ी से प्रतिक्रिया दी और उनके सहयोग से इस योजना को पूरा किया गया।

"आपकी सरकार इसी तरह काम करती

है- लोगों की सुनती है, समाज के साथ मिलकर काम करती है, सही नतिजा लाने के लिए लोगों को ज़रूरी अधिकारियों से संपर्क बनाती है," मंत्री सिंह ने कहा। सहायक मंत्री कुमार ने निवासियों को उनकी एकता और धीरज के लिए बधाई दी, तथा सुधरे हुए सड़क को दृढ़ता, एकता और विकास के लिए सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता का प्रतीक बताया।

उन्होंने निवासियों से नई सड़क को अच्छी हालत में रखने की माँग की और उन्हें प्रोत्साहित किया कि वे स्ट्रीट लाइट और पानी के मीटर जैसी भविष्य की पहलों में सहयोग के लिए मिलकर काम करते रहे। मनोदा के निवासियों ने सरकार तथा रोड्स अथॉरिटी को उनकी लम्बे समय से चली आ रही मदद की पुकार को सुनने तथा उसे अमल में लाने के लिए हार्दिक धन्यवाद दिया।

दोनों मंत्रियों ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि यह योजना दर्शाती है कि जब समाज और सरकार मिलकर काम करते हैं तो क्या हासिल किया जा सकता है जिससे जीवन में सुधार लाने वाले ठोस परिणाम सामने आते हैं।

नए फायनेन्स मंत्री को शपथ दिलाई गई



नए फायनेन्स, कोमेस तथा बिज़नेस डिवेलोपमन्ट मंत्री माननीय एसरोम इमेनूअल शपथ लेते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

रोनल देव

फीजी के स्थानापन राष्ट्रपति, आधिपत्य चीफ जस्टिस सालेसी तेमो ने सरकारी भवन पर नए फायनेन्स, कोमेस तथा बिज़नेस डिवेलोपमन्ट मंत्री माननीय एसरोम इमेनूअल को शपथ दिलाई। माननीय इमेनूअल जो 2022 से फायनेन्स, नेशनल डिवेलोपमन्ट, स्ट्रेटेजिक प्लेनिंग तथा स्टेटिस्टिक्स के सहायक मंत्री का पद सम्भाल रहे थे, अपने साथ, बेकिंग, पूँजी लगाने तथा कोर्पोरेट नेतृत्व क्षेत्र में तीस सालों से ज़्यादा का अनुभव लेकर आ रहे हैं। नए मंत्री, युनिवर्सिटी ऑफ दी साउथ पैसिफिक के एक ग्रेडुएट हैं जिन्होंने एकोनोमिक्स, एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन तथा अकाउंटिंग में बेचला ऑफ आर्ट्स तथा सिक्युरिटीज़ इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ ओस्ट्रेलिया से अपलाईड फायनेन्स तथा इन्वेस्टमन्ट में पोस्टग्रेडुएट डिप्लोमा हासिल किया। उन्होंने फीजी के आर्थिक क्षेत्र में बड़ी पदवियों पर काम किया - जहाँ अपने

शुरूआती दिनों में उन्होंने फीजी डिवेलोपमन्ट बैंक में लौन्स अफ़सर की हैसियत से काम किया, फिर कोलोनिअल फीजी लाईफ, कोलोनिअल नेशनल बैंक तथा यसाना होल्डिंग्स में सिनिया एक्ज़ेक्टिव पद सम्भाला तथा फीजी स्टोक ब्रोकर्स लिमिटेड के जेनरल मैनेजर बने। मंत्री एसरोम ने यसाना होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड, फीजी टेलिविज़न लिमिटेड, आर.बी.पटेल लिमिटेड, नईतासिरी डिवेलोपमन्ट बैंक, इंटरनेशनल स्कूल ऑफ फीजी तथा नईतासिरी इन्वेस्टमन्ट होल्डिंग्स कम्पनी के भुतपूर्व बोर्ड डायरेक्टर का पद भी सम्भाल चुके हैं।

इस शपथ समारोह में प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका, फायनेन्स मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी श्री गाउन्डर, हेड ऑफ बजट एन्ड इंटरनेशनल कोर्पोरेशन नेमिया दवाइ और माननीय मंत्री इमेनूअल के परिवार वाले उपस्थित थे जो राष्ट्र के प्रति समर्पण सेवा का गौरवशाली का क्षण बिता रहे थे।



संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने विकासशील साझेदारी के रूप में अस्सी वर्ष पूरे होने का जश्न मनाया

शिलता सिंह

सुवा स्थित संयुक्त राष्ट्र (यूएन) कार्यालय ने शांति, मानवाधिकार, सामाजिक प्रगति और विकास को बढ़ावा देने में अपनी अस्सी वर्षगांठ के उपलक्ष्य में एक विशेष स्वागत समारोह का आयोजन किया। इस अवसर पर प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका, फीजी में संयुक्त राष्ट्र के स्थायी प्रतिनिधि और इज़राइल में राजदूत, महामहिम फिलिपो ताराकिनिकिनि, ग्रेट कार्टर्सल ओफ चीफ्स के अध्यक्ष रातु विलियामे सेरूवाकुला, राजनितिक दल के सदस्यों और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संगठनों एवं नागरिक समाज के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ उपस्थित थे। इस कार्यक्रम में, क्षेत्रीय सहयोग में फीजी की भूमिका और विकास के प्रति उसकी प्रतिबद्धता पर प्रकाश डाला गया। इक्यावन संस्थापक राष्ट्र में अब 193 सदस्य शामिल है, यह परिवर्तन मुख्य रूप से ऐतिहासिक प्रयासों से प्रेरित है। इस प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से, फीजी जैसे प्रशांत राष्ट्रों ने समुदाय में अपना उचित स्थान प्राप्त किया। प्रशांत क्षेत्र में, फीजी के भुतपूर्व प्रधानमंत्री, स्वर्गीय रातू सर कामिसेसे मारा

सहित दूरदर्शी नेताओं ने क्षेत्रवाद की नींव रखी, सीआरओपी एजेंसियों से लेकर प्रशांत द्वीप समूह मंच तक जिससे हमें वैश्व मंच पर एकता और मज़बूती के साथ बोलने का अवसर मिला। फीजी का सहयोग ब्लू प्रशांत द्वीप के लिए 2050 की रणनीति और शांति महासागर घोषणा के माध्यम से जारी है, जिसका समर्थन माननीय प्रधानमंत्री सितिवेनी रम्बूका ने किया है। यह संयुक्त राष्ट्र अध्याय VIII के तहत शांति में फीजी के योगदान को दर्शाता है और संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति स्थापना की है। संयुक्त राष्ट्र प्रशांत क्षेत्र के छोटे द्वीपीय विकासशील देशों के लिए एक अनिवार्य विकास भागीदारी बना हुआ है। बहुपक्षवाद के प्रति फीजी की प्रतिबद्धता अटूट है। संयुक्त राष्ट्र के रेज़िडेंट कोर्डिनेटर, डिक वैगनर ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र के आठ दशक पूरे होने के उपलक्ष्य में, उन लोगों को याद किया जिन्होंने अपने प्राणों की आहुति दी है और उन लोगों को भी जिन्होंने घर से दूर रहकर सेवा की है और अभी भी कर रहे हैं, यह फीजी की वैश्व शांति के प्रति स्थायी प्रतिबद्धता के समान है। उन्होंने कहा, “फीजी के लिए, संयुक्त राष्ट्र, फीजी की यात्रा का एक हिस्सा है, ऐसा राष्ट्र जो



प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका, संयुक्त राष्ट्र के जश्न में हिस्सा लेते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

दुनिया की चुनौतियों से कभी पीछे नहीं हटा, एक ऐसा राष्ट्र जो हमेशा साहस और विश्वास के साथ अगे बढ़ा है।” “माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी, महासचिव की ओर से, मैं आपको और सभी फीजी शांति सैनिकों को आपकी प्रतिबद्धता और आपके नेतृत्व के लिए धन्यवाद देता हूँ, उन्होंने कहा।

एस्को फाउन्डेशन ने स्कूलों को लैपटोप्स दान किया



शिक्षा मंत्री माननीय असेरी रेंडोइरो, एस्को फाउन्डेशन से लैप टोप स्वीकार करते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

रोनल देव

स्कूलों को तकनीकी शिक्षा में सहायता देने के लिए एस्को फाउन्डेशन ने पचास लैप टोप प्रदान किया। लैपटोप स्वीकार करते हुए शिक्षा मंत्री माननीय असेरी रेंडोइरो ने सरकार, टीचरों तथा छात्रों की ओर से एस्को फाउन्डेशन को इस उदार योगदान के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि इस दान से तकनीकी फ़ासले को कम करने में मदद मिलेगी, विशेष रूप से दूरदराज और समुद्री क्षेत्रों स्थित स्कूलों में जहाँ तकनीकी पहुँच सीमित है। यह दान, उचित सोच से सही समय पर आया है, जहाँ हमारे स्कूलों में उच्च से उच्च शिक्षा तक पहुँच में सुधार लाने और डिजिटल शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने में एक लम्बा रास्ता तय करेगा। माननीय रेंडोइरो ने स्वर्गीय स्टीव जोब्स की

सोच दोहराई कि प्रोग्रामिंग और कम्प्यूटर का उपयोग करके सीखने से युवाओं को रचनात्मक और आलोचनात्मक ढंग से सोचने में मदद मिलती है। शिक्षा मंत्री ने छात्रों को समस्या-समाधान, टीमवर्क और संचार जैसे ज़रूरी कौशल विकसित करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया - ये गुण उन्हें भविष्य के लिए तैयार करेंगे। उन्होंने अद्यापकों और छात्रों से सीखने तथा खोज के नए द्वार खोलने के लिए लैपटोप का बुद्धिमान और रचनात्मक उपयोग करने की माँग की। उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि रोज़मर्रा की पढ़ाई में डिजिटल उपकरणों को शामिल करने से कक्षाओं को आधुनिक बनाया जाएगा, प्रेरणा बढ़ेगी और प्रदर्शन बेहतर होगा - जिससे एक अधिक जुड़ी हुई और नवीन शिक्षा प्रणाली का मार्ग स्पष्ट होगा।

नांदी अस्पताल में ट्यूबरकुलोसिस और डर्मटोलोजी केंद्र खुला



स्वास्थ्य मंत्री माननीय एंटोनियो लालाबलावू नान्दी में स्वास्थ्य केंद्र खोलते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

शिलता सिंह

आपकी सरकार स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं और बुनियादी ढाँचे में सुधार के लिए लगातार पुँजी लगा रही है ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि सभी फीजीवासियों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण, विश्वसनीय और अच्छी चिकित्सा सेवा उपलब्ध हो। नांदी अस्पताल ने नए ट्यूबरकुलोसिस और डर्मटोलोजी केंद्र के उद्घाटन और एक व्यापक मातृ एवं शिशु स्वास्थ्य नीति के शुभारंभ के साथ एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि का जश्न मनाया। विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की क्षेत्रीय डायरेक्टर, डाक्टर सईया पियुकाला, इस अवसर को मनाने के लिए विदेश से लौटीं और उन्होंने इस नई सुविधा को केवल एक इमारत से कहीं अधिक बताया, यह सभी के लिए स्वास्थ्य, सम्मान और देखभाल के प्रति

नई प्रतिबद्धता का प्रतीक है। उन्होंने इस बात पर प्रकाश डाला कि कैसे यह केंद्र आवश्यक सेवाओं को एक ही छत के नीचे लाएगा, जिससे पश्चिमी विभाग के रोगियों के लिए तेज़ और अधिक कुशल देखभाल सुनिश्चित होगी। डाक्टर पियुकाला ने स्वास्थ्य एवं चिकित्सा सेवा मंत्रालय, नांदी अस्पताल के बोर्ड और विकास भागीदारों के सहयोगात्मक प्रयासों की भी सराहना की और उनकी साझेदारी को फीजी की स्वास्थ्य सेवा प्रणाली को मज़बूत करने वाला “स्वर्णि म सूत्र” बताया। स्वास्थ्य एवं चिकित्सा सेवा मंत्री माननीय एंटोनियो लालाबलावू ने फीजी के स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र को आगे बढ़ाने में निरंतर सहयोग के लिए विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूहेजओ) और जापान अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग एजेंसी (जाई का) के प्रति आभार व्यक्त किया।

प्रधान मंत्री ने दिपावली शुभकामनाएँ दी



संघीय स्थानिक और श्रम मंत्री माननीय चरण जित सिंह मंत्रालय के कर्मचारियों के साथ दिवाली की खुशियाँ मनाते हुए



सूचना मंत्री माननीय लिन्डा तम्बूया दिया जलाती हुई



प्रधानमंत्री का बयान

मैं अपने हिन्दू भाइयों और बहनों को, और सभी फीजीवासीयों को हार्दिक दिवाली की शुभकामनाएँ देता हूँ जो प्रकाश, प्रेम और एकजुटता के इस पवित्र अवसर को अपनाता है।

दिवाली भगवान राम के अयोध्या लौटने का प्रतीक है, धर्म, धैर्य और अंधकार पर प्रकाश की विजय की याता है। अयोध्या के लोगों ने उनके घर वापसी पर स्वागत के लिए दीपों को जलाया, यह प्रतीक है छल पर सत्य की विजय का, निराशा पर आशा की विजय का, विभाजन पर एकता का।

कुछ दिन पहले ही फीजी दिवस मनाते हुए, हमने अपने एक समान उद्देश्य की पुष्टि की थी, एक अखंड, शांतिपूर्ण और समृद्ध राष्ट्र का निर्माण करना। अब दिवाली हमें अपने भीतर के प्रकाश सत्य, करूना और न्याय के प्रकाश को पोषित करके उस याता को जारी रखने का इंसफ करती है। हमारा देश, कई अन्य देशों की तरह, ऐसी चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहा है जो हमारे संकल्प की परीक्षा लेती है: नशीली दवाओं के संकट में वृद्धि, हेच.आईवी को कम करने का प्रयास और लंबे समय से चले आ रहे विभाजन जो कभी-कभी हमारे समाज के लोगों को अलग कर देती हैं। यह सिर्फ रोशनी का त्यौहार नहीं है, बल्कि दुख दर्द भुला कर एक साथ मिल कर रहने का त्यौहार है।



फीजी दिवस 2025- सभी के लिए शांति, एकता और प्रगति लाए



सुवा के एल्बर्ट पार्क में नीले रंग का सागर छाया हुआ था, जहाँ सभी लोग एक साथ मिल कर शांति, एकता और प्रगति के तहत फीजी की आज़ादी का 55 वर्ष पूरे होने का जश्न मनाने के लिए एकत्रित हुए थे। समुद्र के रंगों से पार्क भर चुका था, लोग नीले रंग के कपड़े पहने और नोबल बैनर ब्लू यानि राष्ट्र के झण्डे को हवा में उँचा लहरा रहे थे, जो प्रेम, गौरव और एकता का सच्चा प्रतीक है।

समारोह का मुख्य आकर्षण फीजी मिलिटरी फोर्स ने 21 तोपों की सलामी थी, जिसकी गूँज सुवा में भीड़ जयकारों के साथ सुनाई दी। यह गर्व का क्षण था जिसने सभी के दिलों को छू लिया।

स्थानापन राष्ट्रपति और चीफ जस्टिस सालेसी तेमो ने परेड का निरीक्षण किया और राष्ट्रपति की सलामी ली। उन्होंने उन सभी लोगों की सराहना की जिन्होंने एकता के माध्यम से फीजी को एकत्रित किया है और करते रहेंगे।

“55 साल की आज़ादी फीजी के लिए एक बड़ी उपलब्धि है। हम अपने पूर्व और वर्तमान नेताओं को फीजी में लोकतंत्र को आकार देने में उचित सम्मान देते हैं, भले ही हमें राह में कई चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ा हो। हमें अपने बच्चों का ध्यान रखना होगा ताकि फीजी का भावध्य हम सभी के लिए उज्ज्वल हो।” इस समारोह में प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बुका और श्रीमती सुलुपती रम्बुका के साथ मंत्रीमण्डल के सदस्य और राजनितिक दल के सदस्य भी उपस्थित थे। चारों ओर उत्सव का माहौल था, संगीत गूँज रहा था, किलकारियाँ गूँज रही थीं और फीजी के लोग एक साथ मिलकर खुशी मना रहे थे।

जब देश का झण्डा, सुवा के आकाश में गर्व से लहरा रहा था, तो एक बात स्पष्ट थी, जब शांति, एकता और प्रगति में एक साथ खड़े होते हैं तो फीजी का दिल अधिक मजबूती से धड़कता है।





प्रधान मंत्री ने बा के लोगों से मुलाकात की

महिमा खान

प्रधान मंत्री सितिवेनी रम्बुका ने पिछले महीने क्षत्रिए होल में बा के लोगों से मुलाकात की। यह बैठक “मीट द प्रेस” कार्यक्रम के दौरान हुई, जिसे फिजियन मिडिया असोसिएशन (एफएमएड) ने आयोजित किया था। प्रधान मंत्री के साथ पब्लिक वर्क्स, ट्रांसपोर्ट, मौसम विभाग मंत्री माननीय रो फिलिपे तुइसावाउ, और मल्टी-एथनिक अफेयर्स तथा चीनी मंत्री माननीय चरन जीत सिंह भी थे। उनके साथ सहायक मंत्री, पर्मानेंट सेक्रेटरीस और उच्च सरकारी अधिकारी भी मौजूद थे। इस कार्यक्रम ने लोगों को खास मौका दिया कि वे सीधे प्रधान मंत्री और सरकारी अधिकारियों से अपनी बात कह सकें। एफएमएड ने कहा कि इस बैठक का उद्देश्य खुलकर बात करनी थी - ताकि लोग सवाल पूछ सकें, अपनी चिंताएँ जता सकें और उन बातों पर चर्चा कर सकें जिनपर सरकार को गौर करना चाहिए। बैठक में कई ज़रूरी बातें हुई जैसे बा में सड़कों की मरम्मत, ज़मीन से जुड़ी समस्याएँ, चीनी व्यवसाय की मुश्किलें, बस सेवाओं में कमी, अस्पतालों की सुविधाओं में सुधार तथा नालियों की सफाई।



प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका बा में निवासियों से मुलाकात करते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

प्रधान मंत्री रम्बुका ने बा के लोगों से कहा कि वे अपनी समस्याएँ बताने में आगे रहें और किसी बैठक का इंतज़ार न करें। उन्होंने कहा कि लोगों को बा के सरकारी कर्मचारियों से मिलते रहना चाहिए, ताकि उनकी ज़रूरतें जल्दी पूरी हों। माननीय तुइसावाउ ने लोगों को भरोसा दिलाया कि सरकार पब्लिक वर्क्स अथोरिटी के साथ मिलकर बा के उन इलाकों पर काम कर रही है जिन्हें तुरंत मदद की ज़रूरत है। प्रधान मंत्री ने फिर से कहा कि सरकार बा में सड़कों और सेवाओं को बेहतर बनाने के लिए काम कर रही है। उन्होंने उन सरकारी अधिकारियों की भी तारीफ की जो बैठक में आए और लोगों के सवालों का जवाब दिया।

प्रधानमंत्री ने नावुआ में नए सर्विस स्टेशन के लिए नींव रखा



प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका नावुआ में नए सर्विस स्टेशन के लिए नींव डालते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

महिमा खान

टोटल एनेर्जी लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी में बी प्रसाद एंड संस प्राइवेट लिमिटेड द्वारा एक और योजना का भूमि पुजन होने से नावुआ में विकास को और बढ़ावा मिलने की उम्मीद है। माननीय प्रधानमंत्री सितिवेनी रम्बुका ने नए सर्विस स्टेशन, ल्यूबे बेए और कार वश योजना के भूमि पुजन समारोह में हिस्सा लिया, जो निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा संचालित विकास और क्षेत्रीय विकास में एक और मील का पत्थर है। प्रधानमंत्री ने अपने भाषण में कहा, “आज, हम न केवल एक नई व्यावसायिक सुविधा का भूमि पुजन कर रहे हैं, बल्कि नावुआ और आसपास के समुदायों के लोगों के लिए सेवा, सुविधा, अवसर और आर्थिक विकास का नींव भी रख रहे हैं। “यह हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था, नावुआ के लोगों और फीजी में निजी क्षेत्र के भविष्य में विश्वास का प्रतीक है।” प्रधानमंत्री ने बी प्रसाद एंड संस की अभी तक की यात्रा पर भी प्रकाश डाला, जो तीन दशक से भी ज़्यादा समय से टूरेक में एक छोटी सी फनीचर की दुकान से शुरू हुई थी और अब फीजी के अग्रणी निर्माताओं में से एक हैं।

“मैं बी प्रसाद एंड संस जैसे स्थानीय व्यवसायों को हमारे शहरी केंद्रों से बाहर के समुदायों में पूँजी लगाते देखकर बेहत उत्साहित हूँ। गठबंधन सरकार ठीक इसी तरह की साझेदारी को बढ़ावा दे रही है जो निजी क्षेत्र राष्ट्रीय विकास में एक एहम भूमिका निभाता है, और जहाँ सभी फीजीवासी, चाहे सुवा में हो या नावुआ में, विकास के लाभों में भागीदार होते हैं।” “जब स्थानीय व्यवसाय बढ़ते हैं, तो वे रोज़गार पैदा करते हैं, समुदायों को मज़बूत करते हैं और हमारी साझा समृद्धि में सीधे योगदान करते हैं,” प्रधानमंत्री ने कहा। गठबंधन सरकार के मुखिया ने जोर देकर कहा कि यह निवेश सरकार की राष्ट्रीय विकास योजना 2025-2030 और विज़न 2050 की कई प्रमुख प्राथमिकताओं के अनुरूप है। अंत में, प्रधानमंत्री ने बी प्रसाद एंड संस प्राइवेट लिमिटेड और टोटल एनीर्जी लिमिटेड को उनकी प्रतिबद्धता और साझेदारी के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। “आपकी साझेदारी हमारे राष्ट्र की पहचान, लचीलेपन और नवाचार की भावना को दर्शाती है। मैं आपको न केवल एक व्यवसाय के रूप में, बल्कि विकास में एक भागीदार के रूप में आगे आने के लिए बधाई देता हूँ,” उन्होंने कहा।

फीजी ने क्षेत्रीय टूरिज़्म और हवाई संपर्क के प्रति अपनी प्रतिबद्धता दोहराई



उप प्रधानमंत्री और टूरिज़्म मंत्री माननीय विलियम गवोका अधिकारियों के साथ चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

महिमा खान

फीजी पूरे पैसिफ़िक इलाके में टूरिज़्म और हवाई यात्रा को और मज़बूत बनाएगा। यह बात उप प्रधानमंत्री और टूरिज़्म मंत्री माननीय विलियम गवोका ने कही। वे ववाउ तोन्गा में हुई “टूरिज़्म और एविएशन को जोड़ने” वाली बैठक में बोल रहे थे। यह बैठक पैसिफ़िक टूरिज़्म ओर्गनाइज़ेशन ने आयोजित की थी। इसमें मंत्री, सरकारी अधिकारी हवाई यात्रा से जुड़े नेता शामिल हुए। सबने मिलकर यह सोचा कि कैसे टूरिज़्म और हवाई सेवा को एक साथ बेहतर बनाया जा सकता है। उप प्रधानमंत्री गवोका ने कहा कि विभिन्न संस्थाओं को साथ मिलकर

मज़बूती से काम करना चाहिए। तभी पूरे क्षेत्र का विकास हो पाएगा। उन्होंने बताया कि फीजी में टूरिज़्म और हवाई विभाग एक ही मंत्रालय के अंदर काम करते हैं। इससे हवाई यात्रा और टूरिज़्म दोनों साथ-साथ बढ़ते हैं और देश का विकास भी लंबे समय तक चलने वाला होता है। माननीय गवोका ने एसपीटीओ की टूरिज़्म और एविएशन 2026-2030” का स्वागत किया। उन्होंने कहा कि दूसरे देश और संगठन इस योजना में मदद करें- जैसे डाटा सिस्टम, ट्रेनिंग और हवाई ढाँचे में पूँजी लगा करके। उन्होंने कहा, “हमारा सपना है कि पूरा पैसिफ़िक एक साथ जुड़े, एक साथ आगे बढ़े, और कोई भी पीछे न रह जाए।”

सरकार ने देश भर में राहत केंद्रों के विकास में तेज़ी लाई

ग्रामीण तथा समुद्री विकास मंत्रालय ने पूरे देश में राहत केंद्रों के निर्माण का काम तेज़ कर दिया है।

राहत केंद्रों की सूची 2024-2025 के लिए



देश भर में तीस योजनाएं



केंद्रीय विभाग में 11
उत्तरी विभाग में 7
पूर्वी में 6
पश्चिमी में 6



2024-2025 में राहत केंद्र योजना के लिए एक मिलियन डॉलर अलग किया गया था।



फीजी के बढ़ते जलवायु जोखिम का मुकाबला करने के लिए यह योजनाएँ बनाई गई हैं।



कुल 26 योजनाएँ
केंद्रीय विभाग में 5
पश्चिमी में 8
उत्तरी विभाग में 7
पूर्वी में 6

प्रधानमंत्री ने गन्ने के किसानों पुरस्कार समारोह का विमोचन किया



- युवा किसान
- महिला किसान
- नवाचारी किसान
- अनुभवी किसान सम्मान
- ग्रीन चैंपियन पुरस्कार

पुरस्कार कार्यक्रम के साथ जागरूकता और प्रशिक्षण पहल भी होगी, जो मई 2026 में होने वाले पहले पुरस्कार समारोह की तैयारी की गति प्रदान करेंगी।

अपने भाषण के समापन पर, प्रधानमंत्री ने किसानों और उनके परिवारों को श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की जिन्होंने फीजी और चीनी क्षेत्र की प्रगति में अपना योगदान दिया था।

“हमारे किसान, यह पुरस्कार आपके लिए है, उन पीढ़ियों के लिए जिन्होंने खेती में कड़ी मेहनत की है, उन परिवारों के लिए जो तड़के सुबह उठते हैं तथा उन युवाओं के लिए जो नए विचारों के साथ अपनी ज़मीन पर लौटते हैं, आप इस देश का दिल हैं,” उन्होंने कहा।

शीलता सिंह

गन्ने के किसानों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका ने लौतोका में हालही में प्रधानमंत्री गन्ना किसान पुरस्कारों का आधिकारिक रूप से विमोचन किया।

यह एक राष्ट्रीय पहल है जिसका उद्देश्य देश के गन्ने के किसानों के बीच उत्कृष्टता, नवाचार और स्थिरता को मान्यता प्रदान करना है।

अपने मुख्य भाषण में, प्रधानमंत्री ने फीजी के उन किसानों और मज़दूरों की पीढ़ियों का सम्मान किया गया जिनके काम ने एक सदी से भी अधिक समय से देश को आर्थिक और सामाजिक रूप से आकार दिया है।

“फीजी में चीनी की कहानी लचीलेपन की कहानी है। सौ से भी ज़्यादा वर्षों से, यह हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था और राष्ट्रीय गौरव का प्रतीक रहा है। यह सरकार चीनी क्षेत्र को एक आधुनिक, टिकाऊ क्षेत्र में बदलने के लिए पूरी तरह प्रतिबद्ध है जो किसानों, मिल मालिकों और चीनी क्षेत्र के भविष्य को सुरक्षित करे।”

यह पुरस्कार कार्यक्रम, शुगरकैन गोवस फंड की एक पहल है, जो 1980 और 1990 के दशक में मनाई जाने वाली एक गौरवशाली परंपरा को पुनर्जीवित करता है,

जब चीनी क्षेत्र पुरस्कार फीजी के कृषि कैलेंडर का एक मुख्य आकर्षण हुआ करता था।

प्रधानमंत्री ने इस योजना को फिर से शुरू करने के लिए मल्टी एथनिक अफेयर्स और चीनी मंत्रालय, फंड बोर्ड और इसके प्रबंधन की सराहना की, और कहा कि यह फीजी के सबसे महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में से एक सम्मान और जवाबदेही प्रदान करता है। चीनी क्षेत्र के सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों को स्वीकार करते हुए, प्रधानमंत्री ने फीजी शुगर कोर्पोरेशन (एफएससी) की सरकारी गारंटी को बीस मिलियन डॉलर से बढ़ाकर तीस मिलियन डॉलर करने के सरकार के निर्णायक कदम की घोषणा की, और हाल में रावाई मिल में लगी आग के बाद पुनर्निर्माण प्रयासों को समर्थन मिलेगा।

प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने भारत सरकार और प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के निरंतर सहयोग के लिए फीजी की ओर से आभार व्यक्त किया। उन्होंने मज़बूत द्विपक्षीय संबंधों के परिणामस्वरूप कई प्रमुख पहलों पर प्रकाश डाला, जिनमें शामिल हैं:

- सटीक खेती के लिए 12 कृषि ड्रोन
- कुशल भूमि प्रबंधन के लिए दो मोबाइल मिट्टी परीक्षण प्रयोगशाला
- एफएससी में एक आपटेक विशेषज्ञ की तैनाती; और
- फीजी के चीनी किसानों के लिए भारत

में शिक्षा कार्यक्रम।

नए शुरू किए गए पुरस्कार छह श्रेणियों में दी जाएंगे:

- सर्वश्रेष्ठ गन्ने का किसान



युवा और खेलकूद मंत्रालय

छोटे पयमाने पर युवा ग्रान्ट: 2025-2026

छोटे पयमाने पर युवा ग्रान्ट सहायता के लिए अर्ज़ी की मांग

युवा और खेलकूद मंत्रालय, दिलचस्पी रखने वाले व्यक्तियों तथा रेजिस्टर्ड युवा क्लबों से छोटे पयमाने पर युवा ग्रान्ट के लिए अर्ज़ी लगाने की मांग कर रहा है। ये युवा तथा खेलकूद मंत्रालय के नीचे रेजिस्टर्ड युवा क्लबों के विकासकार्य और पहल को सहायता देता है।

सरकार इस साझेदारी को मान्यता देती है तथा युवा और खेल विकास को बढ़ावा देने के सभी प्रयासों का समर्थन करता है। इस साल और अगले साल के लिए सहायता युवा व्यापार विकास तथा आजीविका अवसरों पर केंद्रित होगी।

दिलचस्पी रखने वाले व्यक्ति तथा रेजिस्टर्ड युवा क्लब, एक हजार से लेकर पाँच हजार डॉलर तक ग्रान्ट अवसर के लिए अर्ज़ी लगा सकते हैं।

उन लोगों को प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी जिन्हें मंत्रालय की ओर से सहायता नहीं मिली है।

अर्ज़ी वाले फॉर्म के लिए कृपया हमारे वेबसाइट www.youth.gov.fj पर जाए या आप हमारे युवा और खेलकूद मंत्रालय के नज़दीकी दफ्तर जा सकते हैं।

दिलचस्पी रखने वाले व्यक्ति तथा रेजिस्टर्ड युवा क्लबों को अपनी अर्ज़ी पहली डिसम्बर 2025 की शाम चार बजे से पहले नीचे दिए गए पते पर भेजने के लिए आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है:

केंद्र/पुर्वी विभाग सूवा दफ्तर	पश्चिमी विभाग लौतोका दफ्तर	उत्तरी विभाग लम्बासा दफ्तर
डिविज़नल मैनेजर सेन्ट्रल या पुर्वी 3 गोडन स्ट्रीट, नासोंगो हाउस, सूवा फोन: 3315960	डिविज़नल मैनेजर वेस्ट, तावागिया हाउस, तावेवा एवन्यू, लौतोका फोन: 6667811	डिविज़नल मैनेजर नोर्थ लम्बासा तिकिना हाउस लम्बासा फोन: 8813255
नउसोरी दफ्तर: पेक एन्ड सैव कोम्प्लेक्स, नउसोरी शहर	वा दफ्तर: लोट 1, कोरेनूम्बू स्ट्रीट, वा शहर सिंगातोका दफ्तर: सिंगातोका शहर	सावूसावू दफ्तर: सावूसावू शहर
नसीनू दफ्तर: युवा और खेलकूद मंत्रालय युवा ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर, वालेलेवू नसीनू पी.ए. सेरूआ/नमोसी दफ्तर, नावुआ शहर पी.ए. लोमाईविनी दफ्तर: लेवूका	नान्दी दफ्तर: नमाका, नान्दी पी.ए. रा दफ्तर, राकीराकी शहर	

बिल्डिंग परमिट अर्ज़ियाँ प्राप्त हुई

जनवरी-नवंबर 2024 के बीच 2186 अर्ज़ियाँ प्राप्त हुई।

कुल मुल्य: 1.16 बिलियन डॉलर

“इन योजनाओं में घरों से लेकर होटल और कारखाने तक शामिल हैं; ये सभी नौकरियाँ और विकास में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देते हैं।

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फ़ीजी दर्पण

फीजी सरकार का रेडियो कार्यक्रम

नवराष्ट्र

फीकुवन्सी

6.30PM

मंगलवार गुरुवार शुक्रवार रविवार

105.0FM सूवा, नान्दी, लौतोका, तावुआ, लम्बासा

104.8FM सिंगातोका, वा

105.4FM राकीराकी




हाउजिंग और लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्री माननीय मादिउ नालुमिसा हालही संसद में हाउजिंग सहायता पर बोलते हुए

परिवारों के लिए हाउजिंग सहायता

रेनल देव

सरकार, पहली बार घर बनाने या खरीदने वाली पहल से उन परिवारों को सहायता प्रदान करने की तैयारी कर रही है जिन्हें अनौपचारिक बस्तियों से निकाला गया है।

हाउजिंग और लौकल गवमन्ट मंत्री माननीय मादिउ नालुमिसा ने संसद को बताया कि 2014 में इस सुविधा की शुरुआत होने के बाद से कई हजार फीजीवासियों को अपना पहला घर बनाने या खरीदने में सहायता दी गई है - को अपने सबसे

कमजोर लोगों की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए विकसित किया जाएगा। इस नई सुविधा के नीचे अनौपचारिक बस्तियों से निकाले गए कम आमदनी वाले लोगों के लिए पहला घर बनाने या खरीदने के गान्ट सहायता का प्रस्ताव रखा गया है। शुरुआत में इस प्रस्तावित नई सुविधा को आँकने के लिए इसका प्रयोग सबसे पहले वेईदोन्गो, नम्बुआ मुस्लिम लीग तथा किलीकाली सेटलमन्ट में सालाना तीस हजार डोलर तक कमाने वाले परिवार पर किया जाएगा।

योग्य परिवारों को:

* अपना पहला घर बनाने के लिए पचास हजार डोलर या

* पहला घर खरीदने के लिए तीस हजार डोलर मिलेगा

हाउजिंग मंत्रालय तथा हाउजिंग अथोरिटी मिलकर इस कार्यक्रम का संचालन करेंगे ताकि ध्यान में रखा जाए कि अर्जियों पर गौर करने का हाउजिंग लोड्स प्रदान करने की प्रक्रिया पारदर्शी होने के अलावा पक्षपाती न हो। लोड्स के बेचने पर दस सालों का प्रतिबन्ध लागू होगा ताकि इसे जल्द बेचा न जाए और आम जनता के धन की सुरक्षा हो सके।

सरकार ने इस प्रस्तावित योजना के लिए पाँच लाख डोलर अलग किया है जो 2025-2026 राष्ट्रीय बजट में पहला घर खरीदने या बनाने वाली पहल के लिए निकाले गए 3.5 मिलियन डोलर का हिस्सा है। मंत्रीमण्डल की स्वीकृति मिलने के बाद इस प्रस्तावित योजना को कुछ शरणों में कार्यरूप दिया जाएगा। गठबंधन सरकार चाहती है कि सभी के पास उचित, न्यायसंगत और टिकाऊ घर हो।