



The Voice of the Oppressed People of Fiji
Restoring Democracy, Rule of Law & Human Rights in Fiji

RELEASE BY RATU TEVITA MARA, TO UNITE ALL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS TOWARDS RETURNING DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW TO FIJI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Dear citizens and friends of Fiji,

As you know, over the past weeks, I have been meeting and speaking with Fiji democracy groups, individuals, leaders, foreign embassies and institutions in Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa and Fiji.

It was evident from my meetings, and seeing the support and passion of the people, that a lot of us, including the oppressed peoples in Fiji who are not able to stand up to the Regime because of its oppressive decrees, are hurting from the events in Fiji, and that Fiji needs to return to Democracy and to the Rule of Law. The international community has also been very positive towards returning Fiji to democracy.

To maximise this opportunity and to build pressure on the illegal regime to step down, we need to put all our differences aside and work together to ensure all our efforts and activities are focused on first removing the illegal Regime and its leaders. This is the first step.

The second step is to uphold the 2009 Fiji Court of Appeal Ruling. That the Regime is illegal and the country is to go to elections within one year.

Those of us who were part of the 2006 coup will be accountable for our actions and we will all have to answer for our part in it. This will be done under an independent and free legal system and judiciary.

I have also offered the leaders of the illegal regime a way out of their predicament, but they are choosing what can only be described as "brinkmanship". The illegal AG and PM have taken bribes and committed serious offences against Fiji that they can see no other choice but to continue to pursue their agenda to remain in power. They will continue to do this until the maximum limits of human tolerance have been exceeded and Fiji faces a dangerous crisis.

In the meantime, the pressure is building on the illegal Regime and its leaders to step down. The truth is also reaching the rural areas, and no longer will the people be in the dark as to what the illegal regime is truly about. I will continue undeterred with my campaign.

I thank you for your understanding.

May God bless Fiji