STATEMENT BY JOSAIA VOREQE BAINIMARAMA AT THE ANNOUNCMENT OF THE NAME OF HIS POLITICAL PARTY

Ni sa Bula Vinaka na noda Turaga kei na Marama Bale, kemuni na i takele ni vei mata lotu e na noda vanua, kemuni na Lewei Viti raraba.

Au marautaka vakalevu na noda mai veisotari e na "My Suva Picnic Park" e na sigalevu edai. Oqo e dua na gauna ni cavui sausau ki na vanua o Viti ka’u sa na mai kacivaka kina na noqu vakavakarau yani ki na veidigidigi levu ni yabaki oqo ka na vakacori tiko e na i ka 17 ni Seviteba.

E na i matai ni noda veidigidigi *"tu galala dina"* eda na vakatulewa kina na lewe i Viti e na noda gadreva meda kalawa yani ki liu, se da veituitui lesu tale ki muri.

Edai au sa mai vakatututaka kina na yaca ni noqu i soqosoqo vaka politiki me na yadrava na kena kau yani ki liu na noda vanua e na kena laurai me liu tikoga na noda gagadre cokovata na lewe i Viti.

E sa ka dokai kina vei au edai me’u vakatutu taka na yaca na *"Fiji First"* me sa na yaca ni noqu i soqosoqo ka kena i kau talega na vosa oqo na *"Fiji First".*

Na yaca au sa vakatututaka e na siga nikua e sa i vakaraitaki ni noqu vakabauta kau dau cakacakataka, ni da tautauvata taucoko e na mata ni Kalou, se mata lotu cava o lewena, mata i soqosoqo vakapolitiki cava, dravudavua se vutuniyau, turaga se marama, ka dodonu meda wasei kece vakatautauvata e na kena sotavi na noda dui gagadre yadua me na qai laki kune sautu kina na noda vanua.

Au sa tu vakarau me’u vakacaberi keda yani e na dua na tavata ni vakatasuasua meda na matanataka vata na kena toso ki liu na noda vanua. Au sega ni vakua e dua. Kevaka o turaga se tawa vanua, itaukei ni qele se dau teitei, se cakacaka tiko se o sa vakacegu, vakaitikotiko e na loma ni koro ni cakacaka se taudaku ni veikoro lelevu kei na veiyanuyanu, au sa sureti keda vakatautauvata meda mai duavata e nai lakolako vou kau sa na kauti keda kina. Au na gadreva meda mai sokotaka vata na waqa kei Viti ki na Wasa Pasivika ka vukaca vata yani na kena maliwa lala ki na veiyasa i vuravura.

Au na gadreva kina na nomuni veitokoni na lewe i Viti. Au na gadreva na nomuni veitokoni e na veivakabauti vei au. Na veivakabauti ni veika au tutaka mai e na loma ni 7 na yabaki sa sivi me vaka na noda duavata na lewe i Viti, na noda dina na lewe i viti kina noda vanua kei na kena tamata, na noda raica me kau laivi na cakacaka butobuto ka vakailawaki, na nodra laurai na sega so ni rawa ka vinaka me ra qaravi ka maroroi, na nodra veikauwaitaki mai na vutuniyau vei ira na sega so ni vakaiyau, ka me cakacaka na Matanitu e na veikauwaitaki dina vakatautauvata ka sega kina na veivakaduiduitaki vaka mata kawa tamata.

E noqu gagadre me da tara vata e dua na Viti vou ka sega ni dua e vakuwai kina mai na wai, na livaliva, na veivakavaletaki, na tiko bulabula ka vakakina na vuli vinaka kei na veiwekani vinaka ka na tubu ka kilai kina na vanua o Viti.

E a tekivuna mai na noqu Matanitu na i lakolako vou oqo. Nai lakolako e laurai ka qaravi kina na nomuni gagadre na lewe i Viti. E bulataki kina na vosa oqo na *"Fiji First".* E kabasi ni veiqaravi na nomuni gagadre ka veidusimaki e na tatadra ni Matanitu na dredre kei na drakidrakita ni bula ni lewe i Viti.

Sa mai vakacagau na nomuni vukei e na i curucuru ni vuli vei ira na luveda, sa ra vakavinakataki tiko na noda veigaunisala ka ta yani na gaunisala vei ira era sega tu ni tarai e na veiqaravi oqo, e sa tubu sara vakalevu na lewe ni vanua era sa vakalivalivataki ka sa drodro yani vei ira na wai ni gunu. Sa tubu na i wiliwili ni noda cauravou kei na goneyalewa era vuli e na vei univesiti ka vakakina o ira na gole yani ki valagi. Sa ra mai peniseni na noda lewe ni vanua ka ra sa sivia yani na yabaki 70. E sa mai 3 na noda univesiti e Viti ka ratou vakailavotaki mai na noda Matanitu. Sa veiveisau mai na noda lawa ka tavoci yani eso na lawa vou me vaka na lawa ka sa mai maroroi kina o ira na marama e na noda vanua, e sa vakaukauwataki na lawa ka qarava na nodra dodonu na sega so ni tu vinaka na nodra i tuvaki ni bula ka sa mai maroroi na noda dodonu na iTaukei e na vuku ni qele kovu. Sa na sega tale ni rawa ni dua e vukica na qele vakaitaukei me qele voli vakadua(Freehold), sa mai lutu na vakaicavacava ni vakaduri bisinisi me rawa ni vakavure cakacaka vei keda na lewenivanua.

We have introduced new laws that protects and empowers our women and children; we are now giving more recognition and rights to Fijians with disabilities; my Government has ensured that iTaukei land now has actual and real protection for the first time so the iTaukei will always keep ownership of their land; we have reduced corporate tax to encourage businesses to create and sustain jobs; we have modernized numerous laws to bring Fiji into the 21st century and clean up the mistakes of the past; we have created new opportunities and economic growth by putting in place fiscal policies that generate confidence and encourage investment; we have reduced personal income tax and increased income tax thresholds so that those who earn less take more money home; we have brought about equality for all iTaukei ensuring that lease monies and access to education are not just for the elite iTaukei but for commoners also; we now have free text books and subsidized bus fares for our school children who come from poor families; …these are just some of the things that we have achieved in such a short time.

My Government is delivering on our vision of a Fiji that recognizes, very simply, we are all Fijians. We will at the same time celebrate and protect the rich and diverse mixture of traditions and indigenous culture that builds a strong united Fijian community.

But we have much more to do. The work that we started must continue. If the work is completed under the proposed FijiFirst, we will become more prosperous, Fiji will be more peaceful and Fiji will become a stronger nation. You and your families will have a better future. But the work my fellow Fijians cannot be completed without you coming along with me on this journey…we all need to put Fiji first…the proposed FijiFirst needs you. No longer do the interests of a select few come before what is good for all Fijians. We must put Fiji first.

Next week I will take leave from work and begin my journey on this bus to meet everyday Fijians like you…I need your signatures to register the proposed FijiFirst…I need your thoughts, your ideas and well wishes and your support. I invite you to come and talk with me as I travel the country. Some of you haven’t chosen a party yet, others may have already registered for another party. Regardless, let’s get together and talk anyway. We must face the challenges of the future together…..you and I must put Fiji first.

My fellow Fijians it’s a great day today …..and I believe it’s going to be better as we head off home now to see our victorious Fijian 7’s team continue to do well……as we try to win back to back tournaments….it’s symbolic that the proposed FijiFirst is launched on a day when all Fijians come together as a nation.

Thank you and Vinaka Vakalevu and have a good day.

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