A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FIJI

BY RATU TEVITA MARA, 18 August 2011

People of Fiji, all races and religion, I congratulate you all.

You have held your head high in the face of five years of oppression and repression by the military junta led by Bainimarama and Khaiyum.

You have shown courage while your legal rights and freedoms have been taken away from you.

You have shown faith while all around you, your custom, your tradition and your religion are being suppressed.

You have shown strength while your relatives or friends or family are seized without legal process, and are beaten or tortured by military hooligans.

You have shown fortitude while the ruling elite are getting richer from your taxes and you are getting poorer.

You have shown patience when a job, a regular wage and a future are being denied you.

You have shown tolerance in wave of high prices and poverty staring you in the face.

You have also turned the other cheek to injustice and tyranny, but you can now show peaceful resistance.

I am proud of you.

I have taken up the challenge and made it my duty to free you and liberate you from the bondage of Bainimarama, Khaiyum and their mafia of violent and corrupt terrorists.

I am deeply involved in campaigning in Australia and New Zealand where Democracy Movements have been set up in each country to lobby their governments.

I have visited Samoa and Tonga and held discussions with their Prime Ministers.

I will visit other Pacific Island Countries on your behalf, to carry the fight for the return of Democracy, the Rule of Law and Economic development to Fiji.

I also plan to visit the United Kingdom and the United States and to meet with officials of the United Nations, the European Union and Amnesty International.

This is all part of my plan to bring pressure to bear on the brutal and corrupt military junta, from regional and foreign countries, organizations and Fiji democracy Groups worldwide.
My heart is with you in your dilemma. I gather strength to fight your cause from you and your stories of hardship and suffering. I am convinced that you and I will win and that the illegal, corrupt and repressive military junta will fall.

I am doing what it is required to make this happen. What a blessed and glorious day that will be.

You may recall that thousands of years ago, the children of Israel were held in bondage in Egypt. God heard their cries for freedom and God liberated them! I believe he will also liberate us from this evil military junta led by Bainimarama and Khaiyum.

Fellow citizens, let me repeat, the battle to remove the military junta is being fought. I am in the thick of it and it has made Bainimarama uneasy.

We are in the right because we are working to free our people, the oppressed people of Fiji. We will win. Be strong. Be of good courage. Be filled with hope. My fight is your fight. My campaign is your campaign. We are making good progress. The end of the brutal and evil military junta is at hand.

WE SHALL WIN. YES WE CAN. YES WE WILL.
SEREKI KEDA MAI NA TEVORO!
SWATANTRA! SWATANTRA! SWATANTRA!
FREEDOM! FREEDOM! FREEDOM!