



The Splendid Isolation of the PIDS

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The Second Pacific Engagement of Pacific Islands Developing States (PIDS), not all included, was held at the Inter-Continental in Nadi last week in surroundings that may be best described as “splendid isolation.”

It was sponsored by the illegal, corrupt and repressive Fiji Military Junta deliberately and solely for the purpose of exercising due political influence over PIDS Representatives to achieve its insidious and evil objectives.

Recognizing that the Pacific Island Forum meeting will be held in New Zealand from September 6-9, and no doubt having conspiratorially obtained a Classified Copy of the Agenda, the Junta set about its con-artist policy to misinform the representatives at the meeting about their evil deeds and to win support for the junta's illegal and pernicious acts.

To win over the Representatives to their evil cause and to convince them that all is bright and beautiful in Fiji, the PIDS meeting was held at the Inter-Continental, far away from the capital, in a sparsely populated area. The PIDS delegates were told that the RFMF soldiers and Fiji Police surrounding the hotel were there for security. The reality was that the junta wanted to ensure no opposition elements and/or disaffected people could speak to the delegates. This also meant sealing the delegates in the hotel.

The only words, explanations and plans Delegates heard were from the illegal junta. Without recognizing it, Delegates were really in splendid isolation. Even the advertising, puff and propaganda video shown to Representatives were shown to Delegates only and the Fiji journalists were excluded. The Junta achieved its first aim...splendidly isolating the delegates and making them willing or unwilling partners to the junta's evil and illegal plans.

The Junta, via their infamous coupster, con-man and fraudster, Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, who is also Fiji's illegal Foreign Minister, then proceeded on with the next objective. It was to convince Delegates that Australia and New Zealand are imperialists, and were out to colonize Pacific Island Countries. This is totally incorrect, however, it was used in an attempt to unite the Pacific Islands against Australia and New Zealand. Ratu Inoke went on to advise the delegates that the one way to do it was to support the Junta, oppose Australia and New Zealand and take control of the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat. The acme of the aim was to seek the removal of the current Secretary-General Neroni Slade from Samoa, and replace him with a Fiji citizen but, as I mentioned in an earlier statement, it was a classic case of the blind leading the blind. More appropriately, it is the evil crooks trying to scam the righteous.

What the coupster cleverly and deliberately failed to inform the PIDS meeting, or maybe tricked them into believing otherwise, was that Australia and New Zealand contribute some 70% of the Budget of the Secretariat and both make significant foreign aid contributions for



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national development to PIDS. In other words, the con-man Ratu Inoke sought to convince the Delegates to kill the goose that laid the golden eggs. I know better sense will prevail in the Governments of PIDS.

The PIDS Meeting and its splendid isolation was also another perfidious tactic to pursue the Junta's regional policy concocted by the fraudster Ratu Inoke and that is to divide and rule... separate first the MSG countries, which it has done, then unite them with Polynesia, rule them and then use them to form a political bulwark against Australia and New Zealand.

Recognizing also that the junta cannot attend or participate in the Pacific Island Forum Summit in Auckland, the splendid isolation PIDS Meeting was a means to influence individual Representatives, and particularly MSG countries, to speak on behalf of Fiji at the Summit and to oppose Australia and New Zealand. What was said and agreed to at the Inter-Continental will not reach fruition at the Summit. However, the infamous coupster Ratu Inoke has achieved one regional policy, he has split the region's unity and solidarity and placed in jeopardy, its regional trade and economic arrangements. PIDS should examine the level of its exports to Australia and New Zealand and the countries of origin of its tourists. Their national political and economic interests are bound up with Australia and New Zealand and not the Military Junta. By its support of Fiji, PIDS are failing to realize that they are hurting themselves, which is another policy of the Junta...if we cannot receive benefits from Australia and New Zealand, then let us all be in the same boat.

Actually, the Fiji situation should have been nipped in the bud. When the murderer Bainimarama promised to hold elections in 2009, Australia and New Zealand should have insisted on it being held. By adopting a laissez-faire policy towards Fiji, the Junta was given time and space to create anarchy in the country and split regional relations. It is time that Australia and New Zealand and all like-thinking States unite in a common effort and devise a common plan to move Fiji to elections, within one year, and restore freedom, democracy, the rule of law, human rights and Parliamentary Government. Know the whole truth and the truth will help you set Fiji free.

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