

RELEASE BY RATU TEVITA MARA, CONCERNING ATTEMPTS TO EXTRADITE HIM MADE BY THE
ILLEGAL FIJI REGIME

Dear citizens and friends of Fiji,

As you know, I have in the past issued a number of statements concerning the present desperate situation in Fiji, since escaping from the tyrant currently controlling my unfortunate homeland.

I propose now to issue a series of releases in more detail than before, dealing in sequence with issues of vital concern.

This first release concerns the efforts by the illegal regime to extradite me back to Fiji to face torture and prosecution at the hands of the regime, and a "trial" by courts who can in no way be called independent.

The alleged Attorney General of Fiji, in his supreme arrogance, has assumed that he has a mandate to call for the extradition from overseas of a dissenter such as myself. What he has omitted duly to consider is that, his regime being absolutely illegal, there is no prospect whatever of his succeeding in that malicious venture.

The alleged Attorney General has no lawful authority for anything that he has done or caused to be done in Fiji. He is Attorney General in name only, by force of arms and by defiance of the Supreme Law of Fiji. It is not therefore surprising that he has no mandate outside Fiji either, and that democratic institutions overseas will not acquiesce in his manoeuvres.

I have enjoyed a warm welcome in the countries which I have visited since my escape from the dictator. I am very well aware, and the alleged Attorney General must by now also be aware, that his pleas for my extradition will not avail. Right will triumph.

The alleged Attorney General has boasted that he will file an extradition application for me to any country that I visit. I warmly invite and welcome him to attempt to carry out this malicious exercise. It will only result in his embarrassment and humiliation.

I will continue undeterred with my campaign. In fact, it is further fuelled by the pathetic antics of the alleged Attorney General.

God bless Fiji