

Samoa PM supports continuous dialogue with Fiji

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Fiji's leader Commodore Frank Bainimarama

Samoa Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sa'ilele has issued a statement showing his government's support for the Solomon Islands Prime Minister's stance to continue dialogue with Fiji.

Solomon Islands Foreign Affairs Minister Peter Shanel called on the international community to embrace Fiji and assist towards Fiji's election plans for 2014.

Radio New Zealand reported that Tuila'epa endorsed a call from Fiji's Prime Minister Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama for strong and progressive leadership in the region.

He said efforts to that end have been made by Pacific Islands Forum leaders all these years.

However, Tuila'epa said these ideals of strong and progressive leadership are canvassed on the basis of a democratically elected and representative government.

Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Leaders Summit agreed to raise the need for continued engagement with Fiji at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders and the Commonwealth Heads of Government meetings.

Engagement should be in line with Fiji's Strategic Framework for Change and the Roadmap to return Fiji to genuinely democratic elections in September 2014.

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