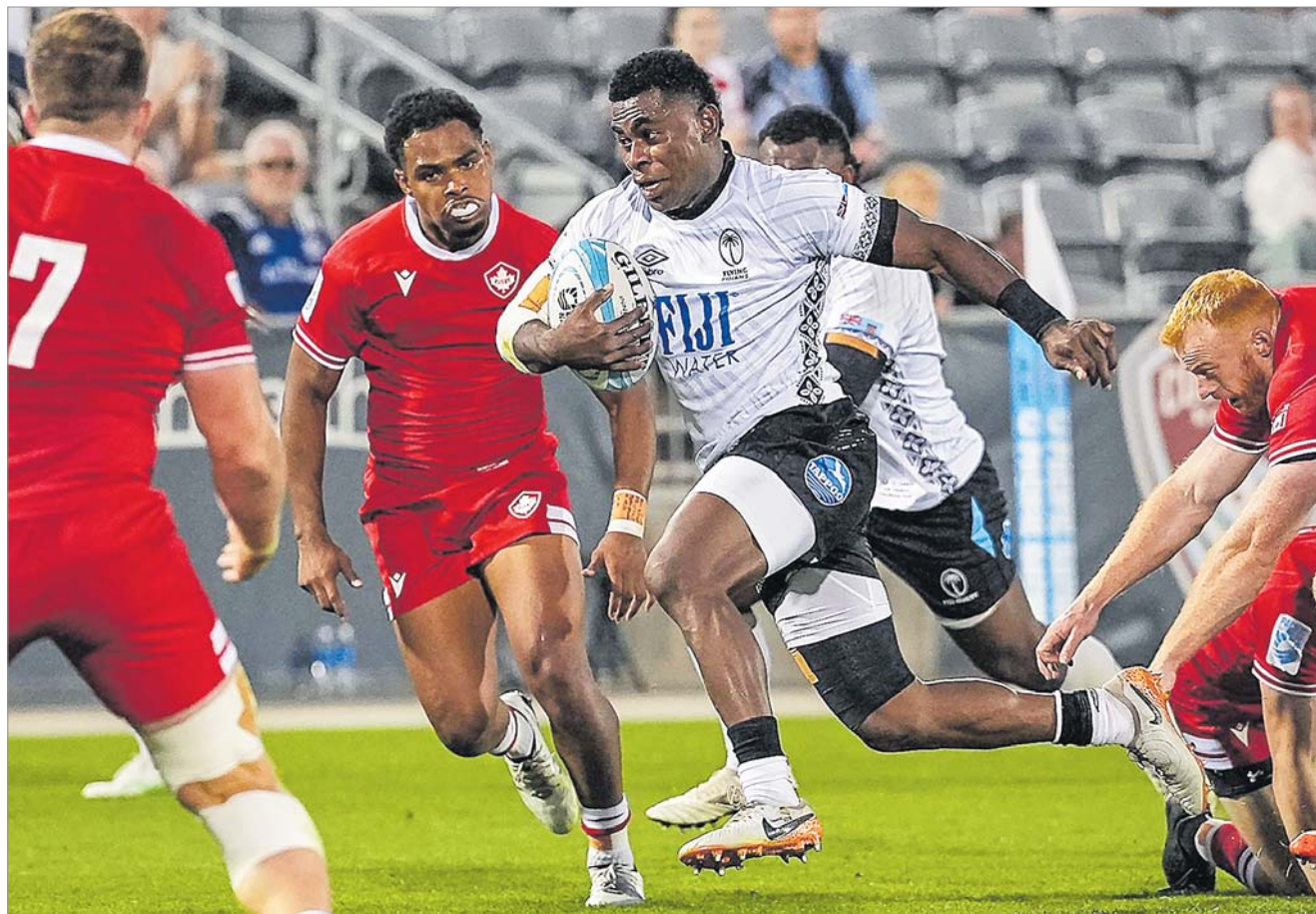


**Fiji Water Flying Fijians winger Taniela Rakuro breaks the Canadian defence during their Pacific Nations Cup semi-final clash in Denver, Colorado, USA yesterday. The Flying Fijians won 63-10.**

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Sen: Good time to be ambitious

**By TIMOCI VULA**

INTERNATIONAL economist Kishti Sen says this is a good time for Fiji to think about how it can be more ambitious and aim for 5-6 per cent annual economic growth consistently.

Mr Sen made the comment in response to official real GDP statistics from the Fiji Bureau of Statistics that reported a 3.5 per cent real GDP growth for 2024, nailing their analysis of Fiji's economic performance in March early this year with a 3.4 per cent growth forecast.

He said Fiji's growth had now eased to a more sustainable pace, which they had cautioned would happen once the tourism-led economic boom had run its course.

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## POLICE TO LAUNCH NATIONWIDE CRACKDOWN

THE Fiji Police Force will launch a nationwide crackdown on reckless drivers after five people were killed on Fiji's roads in just six days.

Director Traffic Acting Senior Superintendent of Police Mosese Waqalevu said the force, together with the Land Trans-

port Authority, would roll out a National Joint Operation in October targeting speeding, drink driving and reckless overtaking.

"The Fiji police is currently providing coverage on our roads and we will be working with our stakeholders to address the issue," ASP Waqalevu said.

"We also need the support of the community as drivers continue to disregard ad-

vice provided in terms of adhering to the traffic rules.”

He said police had the manpower to patrol highways, but road safety remained a shared responsibility.

"The biggest challenge encountered by the Fiji police is that despite the awareness, drivers continue to disregard the advice.

“They do not adhere to the traffic rules

and put other road users at risk.”

The new operation will include radar checks for speeding and random breath tests for drunk drivers and will continue into the festive season.

ASP Waqalevu stressed families also had a role to play.

"Relatives must tell their loved ones not to drive when drunk and to drive within the speed limit."

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