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## MALIMALI'S CASE



Chief Justice Salesi Temo and members of the JSC.  
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JSC secretary Tomasi Bainivalu.



JSC member Vani Catanasiga.



Legal practitioner Shoma Devan.



PS Justice Selina Kuruleca.

Cabinet,  
party  
back  
Rabuka

By CHEERIEANN WILSON

CABINET and The People's Alliance have thrown their full weight behind Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka, rejecting calls for his resignation after the High Court ruled his advice to the President to revoke former FICAC commissioner Barbara Malimali's contract "unlawful".

Minister for Information Lynda Tabuya said Cabinet was united in its position that it would not accept the Prime Minister's resignation and remained confident in his leadership.

The People's Alliance general secretary Sila Balawa said the party fully supported Rabuka, noting he acted on legal advice and that now was not the time for leadership change.

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## BUSINESS

Company  
goes solar

By DIONISIA TABUREGUCI

RUP Investments Pte Ltd, operating under the retail brand Rups Big Bear, is going big into commercial solar energy adoption in Fiji, installing solar power systems in all its businesses across Fiji with plans to expand its current solar capacity to a total of 1.5 MW.

This month alone, Rups had completed solar installations at Rups Big Bear in Sigatoka, Tavua and two outlets in Ba, continuing work that had started in 2024.

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# JSC sets deadline

By CHEERIEANN WILSON and ANDREW NAIDU

THE Judicial Services Commission has set a March 31 deadline for the resolution of matters relating to Barbara Malimali's appointment as FICAC commissioner.

JSC secretary and Chief Registrar Tomasi Bainivalu said in a statement that it met yesterday to discuss the High Court ruling that declared Ms Malimali's removal by the President, on the advice of the Prime Minister, unlawful.

In a judgment that has sent shockwaves through Government,

High Court judge Justice Dane Tuiqeregere laid bare the extraordinary chain of events that led to the appointment and abrupt removal of Ms Malimali.

In meticulous detail, the court traced how an unresolved complaint against Ms Malimali lay dormant inside FICAC for months, only to be suddenly

revived when she emerged as the successful candidate for the top job. What followed was an unprecedented series of actions — raids, arrests and political intervention culminating in the revocation of her appointment less than nine months later.

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