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Scott warns of justice system crisis

with SALOTE QALUBAU

A STAGGERING 20,000-case court registry backlog is leaving thousands of citizens trapped in legal limbo and breaching fundamental human rights, a legal expert warns.

In this week's In-Depth report, we highlight former judge Michael Scott's presentation at the Fiji Law Society Convention where he called the gridlock a "shameful national scandal".

He warned that systemic fractures including glaring statutory contradictions, political manipulation of public inquiries, and compromised judicial independence are actively crippling the nation's justice system and undermining constitutional accountability across the country.

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Michael Scott. Picture: BALJEET SINGH



PM stands firm

RABUKA VOWS TO PRESS ON WITH BILL 32 DESPITE COALITION SPLIT

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Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka. Picture: SOPHIE RALULU

By JULIA VADEI

PRIME Minister Sitiveni Rabuka has declared that the Government will "face the wall" over the proposed Constitution Amendment Bill 32, refusing to make "face-saving moves" despite an obvious Coalition split.

The National Federation Party's exit from the review process leaves the administration facing a high-stakes political showdown ahead of this week's decisive third reading of the draft legislation. Mr Rabuka confirmed that the remaining members of the Special Parliamentary Committee will use all available time to continue refining the Bill in Fiji's best interest before presenting it in Parliament later this week.

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