One Fiji, one vision: PM

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Prime Minister Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama says it is important for the people in Fiji to work together to build a new Fiji.

Commodore Bainimarama said Fiji should be a place where each and everyone would be proudly called a Fijian.

He said Fijians should be united in a vision for the future.

"A Fiji where we will respect, appreciate and celebrate the aspirations of all people in the country," Commodore Bainimarama said.

He said he wanted a Fiji, where people would live justly and peacefully with one another as common and equal citizens.

"This is the potential we have as a nation and therein lay the inherent strength of achieving a common national identity," Commodore Bainimarama said.

"But it will not happen simply by wishing it."

He reminded students of Natabua High School for their responsibility as Fijians to stand up and take ownership and be part of the electronic voter registration (EVR) and the constitutional consultations which are underway.

He said he had also called on the youths at the National Stadium Project commencement to make sure that their voices were heard.

He said students must demand that their values, their concerns and aspirations are not left out. "Cadet training builds a sense of patriotism and national pride in students and it promotes unity and social cohesion in our community," he said.

Speaking as chief guest at the Natabua High School passing our parade in Lautoka, he said Fijians should be united in a vision for the future.