



PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER, HON P.J. KEATING, MP DEATH OF RATU SIR PENAIA GANILAU

I have sent the following message to the Prime Minister of the Sovereign Democratic Republic of Fiji, the Hon Major-General Sitiveni Rabuka:

"I was very saddened to hear the news of the death of President Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau. Fiji has lost a respected leader who will be remembered for his outstanding contribution to his country as a distinguished soldier, public servant, politician and statesman.

In addition to his achievements in high public office, and his high chiefly status, Ratu Sir Penaia was widely respected by members of all communities in Fiji.

Please accept and convey my sincere condolences, and those of the Australian Government and people, to President Ganilau's family and to the Fijian Government and people "

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