



Council of Rotuma

Sincerely,

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**ATTENTION: MR JACOB KARUTAKE
LIAISON OFFICER FOR ROTUMA AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

Dear Sir,

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF GAGAJ MARAF, DISTRICT CHIEF OF NOA'TAU
AS INTERIM CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCIL OF CHIEFS AND COUNCIL OF ROTUMA**

We the Chiefs of the seven districts of Rotuma Island, in our Council of Seven District Chief's meeting of 05/07/2017 have resolved and endorsed for appointment of **GAGAJ MARAF, DISTRICT CHIEF OF NOA'TAU** as the **INTERIM CHAIRMAN** for the Council of Chiefs and Council of Rotuma taking into consideration the :

1. Unforeseen resignation of our elected chairman Mr Tarterani Rigamoto
2. Recent passing away of the government elected interim chairman Mr Niumaia Masere who was also the District Officer for Rotuma

We the Chiefs further resolved and endorsed that with immediate effect:

1. The Interim Council of Rotuma will consist only of the 7 chiefs
2. The Interim Chairman to lead the Council of Chiefs; Council of Rotuma; Rotuma Island and people until proper elections are done
3. The Interim Chairman to resume the responsibilities of Chairman of the Council of Rotuma in all aspects of dialogue and dealings with the government of the day



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We thank the government of the day for all the assistance given to Rotuma and look forward to a relationship of respect and trust.

Yours faithfully,

1. Gagaj Maraf, District Chief, Noa'tau
2. Gagaj Raivai, Acting District Chief, Oinafa
3. Gagaj Markao, District Chief, Itu'ti'u
4. Gagaj Fakaruetoag, District Chief, Malha'a
5. Gagaj Tuiporot, District Chief, Juju
6. Gagaj Mou, District Chief, Pepjei
7. Gagaj Manav, District Chief, Itu'muta

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1. District Officer, 'Aha Government Station, Rotuma
 2. Dr John Fatiaki, Special Advisor, Council of Rotuma
 3. Rosie Lagi, Special Advisor, Council of Chiefs, Council of Rotuma
 4. Fuata Jione, Special Advisor, Council of Chiefs, Council of Rotuma
 5. Inoke Sosefo, Special Advisor, Council of Chiefs, Council of Rotuma
 6. Mr Pasirio Furivai, Chairman, Fiji Rotuma Association, Suva