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Nauru 2016 elections wrap up

The Nauru General Elections on 9 July 2016 returned the majority of the sitting MPs with six new members joining the parliament and making their debut in the Twenty-Second Parliament.

Long serving member of parliament and former president and speaker Ludwig Scotty lost his seat in his Constituency of Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare as well as another former president Marcus Stephen in the neighbouring Constituency of Ewa/Anetan.

Mr Scotty was replaced by new comer Jaden Dogireiy who stood for elections a second time and Mr Stephen to first time candidate Sean Oppenheimer.

Suspended MPs Squire Jeremiah and former president Sprent Dabwido both from Menen and Mathew Batsiua of



Polling station in Baitisi district

Boe also lost their seats. Roland Kun did not contest these elections therefore the second seat for Buada was won by new comer Jason Bingham Agir. This was Mr Agir's second effort at running in the Elections for his constituency. Also first time candidate Asterio Appi replaced Mr Batsiua in Boe. The two Menen seats were won by another second time candidate and former secretary for justice Lionel Aingimea and new candidate Vodrick Detsiogo.

Members for Aiwo, Ubenide and Yaren remain unchanged.

The numbers alongside each candidate name in the following table indicate the points attained by each candidate. They do not represent the number of individual votes.

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President Waqa announces cabinet ministers

Seven of the eight constituencies cast their vote at the General Elections on 9 July except for Aiwo which had its polling postponed until Monday 11 July.

On Wednesday 13 July Chief Justice Joni Madraiwiwi presided over the swearing in of the 19 Members of Parliamentarians elected at the General Elections.

Following the oath ceremony was the election of members of the Parliamentary Privileges Committee then the election of president and speaker.

Only two nominations were put forward and Baron Waqa was re-elected president winning 16 votes to two against Riddell Akua.

Member for Ewa/Anetan Cyril Buraman was elected unopposed as speaker and new member Asterio Appi from the Boe Constituency was elected unopposed to deputy speaker.

The House was then adjourned.

On Friday 15 July, President Waqa announced his cabinet followed by the oath ceremony presided over the CJ Madraiwiwi in front of government office.



HE President Baron Waqa and cabinet ministers of the 22nd parliament

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Yaren

SCOTTY, Charmaine	340.033
KEKE Kieren	219.667
EOE Robbie	203.950
MACKAY, John	167.150
JULIUS Daigon	158.850
AMWANO Brian	144.783
Formal Votes	504 99%
Informal Votes	6 1%
Total	510 100%

Buada

BERNICKE, Shadlog	361.750
AGIR, Jason Bingham	306.083
HALSTEAD, Sean	271.417
DETABENE, Linkbelt	262.833
Formal Votes	577 99%
Informal Votes	3 1%
Total Votes Cast	580 100%

Boe

APPI, Asterio	248.633
WAQA, Baron	246.134
BATSIUA, Mathew	225.752
DAGIARO, Mike	203.688
AREMWA, Abraham	164.008
CECIL, Dale	144.567
HARRIS, Geoffrey	139.807
CAPELLE, Randwick	129.773
CLODUMAR, Kinza	109.217
Formal Votes	569 98%
Informal Votes	10 2%
Total Votes Cast	579 100%

Aiwo

DUBE, Milton	395.567
COOK, Aaron	391.350
TSITSI, Dantes	291.517
AGIR, Lance	238.067
THOMA, Preston	220.933
Formal Votes	673 98%
Informal Votes	12 2%
Total Votes Cast	685 100%

Anabar, Ijuw, Anibare

AKUA ,Riddell	263.531
DOGIREIY, Jaden	254.036
SCOTTY, Ludwig	247.786
DEIYE, Pyon	224.664
BOP, Jeb	212.038
AGEGE, Dawson	173.076
MENKE, Corey	167.274
Formal Votes	595 99%
Informal Votes	8 1%
Total	603 100%

Meneñ

KAM, Tawaki	519.022
AINGIMEA Lionel	436.223
DETSIOGO, Vodrick	337.260
DABWIDO, Sprent	324.603
JEREMIAH, Squire	304.608
TIMOTHY, Robert	282.412
BRECHTEFELD, Elvin	246.853
TEMAKI, Dec	238.338
SOLOMON, Rykers	219.452
TEMAKI, Bweresalias Bruce	213.008
KEPAE, Doneke	205.579
Formal Votes	1102 97%
Informal Votes	31 3%
Total	1133 100%

Ewa/Anetan

OPPENHEIMER, Sean	354.067
BURAMAN, Cyril	326.399
STEPHEN, Marcus	298.767
ATUEN, Antonius	288.586
THOMA, Geoffrey	222.892
IKA, Fabian	207.881
DEIRERAGEA, Landon	178.796
HARRIS, Joseph	171.780
TOM, Darryl	159.882
Formal Votes	781 98%
Informal Votes	19 2%
Total	800 100%

Ubenide (Denig/Nibok/Uaboe/Baitsi)

ADEANG, David Ranibok	542.361
AKUA, Ranin	497.212
KUN, Russ	467.146
DOWIYOGO, Valdon	423.676
ALIKLIK, Reagan	358.646
ADEANG, Vyko	349.662
HARTMAN, Gabrissa	346.869
DETAGEOUWA, David Pierre	297.106
PITCHER, Fredrick	275.993
AMWANO, Aloysius	248.713

RIBAUW, Fabian	247.238
TEIMITSI, Albert	224.315
DOWIYOGO, David Cory	214.539
ALIKLIK, Kay	212.834
AGEGE, Renos	199.75
DONGOBIR, Darnard	180.759
Formal Votes	1505 95%
Informal Votes	74 5%
Total	1579 100%

President announces assistant ministers and their portfolios

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The same ministers under President Baron Waqa were reappointed to their portfolios.

However, a new chapter begins in Nauru's executive structure as parliament passes the Assistant Minister's bill on 19 July enabling the creation of assistant minister positions to ensure the work of the government is done efficiently and effectively.



His Excellency President Baron Waqa and assistant ministers.

The oath ceremony was presided over by Registrar of the Nauru Supreme Court Mr Filimone Jitoko.

Another bill to amend the Constitution for an additional minister was also tabled on Tuesday 19 July.

The Constitutional Amendment Bill 2016 will sit for 90 days before debate on the bill resumes. The bill will require two-thirds majority of the members in order to pass. If passed the addition of a minister will bring the total number of cabinet ministers to seven.

Cabinet ministers and their portfolios are as follows:

President Baron Waqa: Chairman of the Cabinet, Minister for Public Service, Foreign Affairs & Trade, Nauru Police Force, National Emergency Services, Commerce, Industry and Environment, Climate Change.

Hon David Adeang: Minister Assisting the President, Finance and Sustainable Development, Justice, Multicultural Affairs, Eigigu Holdings Corporation, Nauru Air Corporation.

Hon Valdon Dowiyogo: Minister for Health, Transport, Sports,

Nauru Port Authority, Fisheries.

Hon Aaron Cook: Minister for Ronphos, Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation, Nauru Utilities Corporation.

Hon Charmaine Scotty: Minister for Education, Home Affairs, Land Management.

Hon Shadlog Bernicke: Minister for Telecommunications & Media, Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust.

The new assistant ministers will assist with the following

portfolios:

Hon Lionel Aingimea: Public Service, Justice & Border Control, and Multicultural Affairs.

Hon Russ Kun: Finance & Sustainable Development, Commerce, Industry & Environment, and Climate Change.

Hon Ranin Akua: Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust, Nauru Port Authority, and Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority.

Hon Tawaki Kam: Health & Medical Services, RONPhos, and Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation.

Hon Vodrick Detsiogo: Education, Transport, and Nauru Air Corporation.

Hon Jaden Dogireiy: Home Affairs, National Emergency Services, and Nauru Utilities Corporation.

Hon Jason Bingham Agir: Telecommunication & Media, Sports, and Eigigu Holdings Corporation•

Congratulatory messages to HE President Baron Waqa

Excellency,

On the occasion of your re-election as president of the Republic of Nauru, it gives me great pleasure to send Your Excellency my warmest congratulations, together with my best wishes for continued success in your lofty mission to fulfil the aspirations of your people for further progress and prosperity.

I should like to take this opportunity to say how much I value the relations based on friendship, mutual esteem and fruitful cooperation between our two countries. I keenly look forward to continuing to work with you to strengthen and expand these ties in order to serve our peoples' mutual interests and boost communication and cooperation between the countries of the South.

Yours sincerely,

Mohammed VI

King of Morocco

Dear President Waqa,

Fakalofa Lahi Atu!

It is with great pleasure on behalf of the Government of Niue and our people to congratulate you on your re-election and re-appointment as President of Nauru.

I am confident that you will continue to do great things for the Republic of Nauru and its people. Your re-election and increased majority victory displays a confidence from the people of Nauru of your ability to lead your country as well as parliament members for a second term. You had worked hard for this and they appreciated it.

The government of Niue looks forward to our continued friendship and support within the region and we wish you a successful and fruitful term.

All my best wishes to you and from here on Niue.

Honourable Toke Tufukia Talagi

Premier of Niue

Excellency

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you on your re-election as President of the Republic of Nauru. You have been a strong partner of the United Nations on issues such as development, climate change, the protection of the oceans and advancing the interests of the small island developing states.

In your acceptance speech, you called for the greater unity and pledged to work in close consultation with Members of Parliament to achieve greater prosperity for all the people of Nauru. This also bodes well for the implementation of the transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. I am confident that, under your leadership, Nauru will translate the Sustainable Development Goals into reality. Please rest assured of the continued support of the United Nations in achieving these ambitious goals.

You have been staunch ally in mobilizing support for the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. I am very pleased that, both in the Group of Pacific Small Island Developing States and the Alliance of Small Island States, Nauru continues to assume a leadership role on what I have called the defining challenge of our time. Your advocacy in highlighting the linkages between climate change and emerging security threats is commendable and I look forward to working with you in this regard.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ban Ki-moon

UN Secretary -General

Excellency,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your recent re-election as President of the Republic of Nauru. This bodes well for the implementation of the transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, of which you have been a strong supporter. You have also been a staunch ally in mobilizing the support for the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and we look forward to supporting Nauru in advancing the implementation agenda.

As UN Resident Coordinator, I am committed to work in close consultation with your Government and your colleague members of parliament and civil society to achieve greater prosperity for all the people of Nauru. I am confident that under your leadership, Nauru will be able to translate the Sustainable Development Goals into reality and you can be assured of the United Nations continued support in achieving these goals.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Osnat Lubrani
United Nations Resident Coordinator

Excellency,

Please accept my warmest congratulations to your re-election as President of the Republic of Nauru.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has enjoyed a trusted partnership with the Republic of Nauru over the past years in the areas of environment and ecosystem management for sustainable development, as well as on parliamentary support for strengthening effective governance. Your personal and invaluable support for this partnership, including Nauru's contributions at the UNDP 50th anniversary event in New York earlier this year is highly appreciated.

As we embark on the preparation of the new UN Pacific Strategy (UNPS) 2018 -2022, we look forward to working closely with you and your Government to ensure that it reflects Nauru's national development priorities.

Please be assured of the continuing commitment of UNDP and its agencies to work closely with you and your government in support of Nauru national development goals, its contribution to the global development agenda, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Helen Clark
UNDP Administrator

Dear President Waqa,

Please allow me to extend my congratulations on Nauru's successful general elections, as well as your reelection as President. I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to stand ready to assist Nauru in achieving its development objectives. On behalf of the IMF, I wish you every success in your important endeavors.

Christine Lagarde
IMF Managing Director

Excellency,

Heartiest congratulations on your election as President of Nauru. I wish you historic term and success in all your programmes. May you bring prosperity to Nauru.

Best regards,
K S Bhalla
Honorary Consul General of Nauru in India

Excellency,

May I have the honour to congratulate you on a phenomenal result. The people have truly spoken.

Under your leadership I can feel a tremendous sense of optimism in the people of Nauru. And, if I may be allowed to, may I share a lovely hymn much loved by Mahatma Gandhi, the father of our nation, which inspired him carry on, ... "We shall overcome" sung by Joan Baez (a great artiste).

Yours sincerely,

Charan Bhalla

Jeremiah appointed as Taiwan ambassador

Nauru's Ambassador to the Republic of China (Taiwan) Mrs Chitra Jeremiah presented her letter of Credence to Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen this week (27 Jul) at the Office of the President in Taipei.

Mrs Jeremiah previously served as the consul-general for Nauru to Australia immediately prior to her appointment to Taipei. She succeeds Dr Ludwig Keke who has served since 2007.

The Taiwan press reports that during Mrs Jeremiah's tenure, Nauru and Taiwan will continue to deepen cooperative partnership ties based on the foundation of their current good relations.

Mrs Jeremiah has previously met President Tsai at the president's inauguration ceremony on 20 May.

Taiwan has supported Nauru in various areas of assistance including agriculture, medical assistance, poultry farming, and clean energy with the supply of solar energy products, university scholarships and vocational training•



Nauru's Ambassador to Taiwan Mrs Chitra Jeremiah presented her credentials to Taiwan President Tsai this week.

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