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PREMIER OF NIUE MEETS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF TONGA

Premier of Niue Hon. Dalton Tagelagi meets Prime Minister of Tonga, Hon. Siaosi Sovaleni

Suva, Fiji – 12 July 2022 – The Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi last night met with the Prime Minister of Tonga, Hon. Siaosi Sovaleni. Both leaders are in Suva, Fiji to attend the 51st Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting.



Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi thanked the Prime Minister of Tonga, Hon. Siaosi Sovaleni for the Government of Tonga's assistance in the provision of the patrol boat VOA Ngahau Siliva of His Majesty's Armed Forces (HMAF) to assist with the Taiwanese fishing vessel that ran aground at Niue's Beveridge Reef on 31 May 2022. In addition, the Premier reaffirmed the continued support of Niue to the Kingdom of Tonga.

Premier Tagelagi also discussed Niue and Tonga's maritime boundary as it is critical for marine conservation, natural resource management, governance, peace and security.

Niue's Premier also discussed with Prime Minister Sovaleni the establishment of formal diplomatic relations between Niue and the Kingdom of Tonga with the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and strengthening the friendship and cooperation between the two countries;

Hon. Dalton Tagelagi also took the opportunity to convey Niue's thoughts and prayers for the people of Tonga and the recovery response following the eruption of the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano on 15 January 2022. In addition, the Premier announced the support from the People and the Government of Niue to the Kingdom of Tonga to help rebuild the nation to the value of Tongan pa'anga (TOP) 100,000 and additional support will be sent directly to families in Tonga of Tongan nationals residing in Niue of TOP 60,000.00.

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