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NFP ANNOUNCES THREE MORE CANDIDATES

The National Federation Party has today announced three more candidates to contest the 2014 General Elections under the Party's banner, bringing to 27 the official number of candidates announced so far.

The announcement was made during a Party meeting at Ba Sangam Primary School Hall today. The meeting was attended by 60 Branch and village committee delegates.

They are: -

1. Khalid Ali

Khalid Ali of Ba is a well known social worker in the district. He is also a cane farmer.

Mr Ali is a former Deputy Mayor of the Ba Town Council. He is the Deputy Chairman of Ba District Advisory Council and a member of the Rarawai/Penang Mills Cane Producers Association.

Mr Ali has served as an assistant secretary of the Fiji Muslim League and was also the League's Ba Branch Secretary.

His father, the late Ahmed Ali, was the general secretary of the National Federation Party in the early 1990's.

2 Davendra Naidu

Davendra Naidu is a successful businessman of Ba. He has a Diploma in Business Management. Mr Naidu contested the Magadro Open Constituency in the 2006 general elections.

He was the Treasurer of the NFP Youth Movement from 1994 to 2002. Mr Naidu also served as Chairman of Ba District Advisory Council continuously for 10 years from 2002 to 2012. He is also the Board Member of TISI Sangam Ba Branch and has been the NFP Branch President since 2006.

2. Pramod Rae

Pramod Rae is a veteran politician and trade unionist. Mr Rae is also a seasoned political administrator. He served under the leadership of the late Siddiq Koya, the former NFP and Opposition Leader in the early 1980's.

He was the NFP Youth Leader in the 1970's. Mr Rae was a Suva City Councillor from 1979 to 1985.

He is a former general secretary of the Fiji Teachers Union and the National Union of Municipal Workers. Mr Rae served as the general secretary of the Fiji Bank & Finance Sector Union for 10 years before resigning to contest the elections.

Mr Rae holds the distinction of being the NFP's longest serving general secretary for 11 years from 2002 to 2013.

The NFP will announce a further three candidates in Lautoka tomorrow (Sunday) at the Sangam Village in Lovu.

Another announcement will be made on Monday in Suva.