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SUVA, Fiji Islands (August 26, 1999 Fiji Village News)---The Fiji Intelligence Service is now officially a thing of the past after Parliament passed a bill today that redeploys the 60 FIS officers to the police force and the army.

The Prime Minister, Mahendra Chaudhry, said this will cut down on wastage and help the coordination of security operations in the country.

"Its better to abolish the FIS and concentrate on strengthening the ability of the police special branch," he said. "They're more widely spread on the ground and, therefore, more effective than the FIS.

"Concentrating Fiji's intelligence on the Police special branch will also mean better use of resources and minimum wastage."

Meanwhile, the Assistant Information Minister Lekh Ram Vayeshnoi was at it again today.

This time his target was the Native Land Trust Board General Manager, Maika Qarikau, for recent comments against the government.

Lekh Ram Vayeshnoi said comments by Qarikau regarding ALTA (Agricultural Landlord and Tenant Act), which were printed in the two dailies as an advertisement, undermined the authority of the Government and their mandate to rule for the people.

He also claimed the letter was edited by the Fiji Times for publication.

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