

Bio-data for H.E. Filipo Tarakinikini



H.E. Mr. Filipo Tarakinikini, a native of Delailasakau in Fiji's Naitasiri province, boasts a rich background in both military and international affairs. With four children and two grandchildren, family remains at the core of his endeavors.

Mr. Tarakinikini's career path led him to prominent roles within the United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS). Notably, he served as Chief of the Middle East and North Africa Section starting in 2018, spearheading crucial assessment missions across conflict zones like Iraq and Syria. His contributions extended to the establishment of monitoring missions in Yemen, Iraq, and Libya, alongside leading field assistance endeavors. In 2022, his expertise was pivotal in the strategic assessment team for the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).

His UNDSS journey commenced in 2003 as Chief Security Advisor in Jerusalem, later expanding to Kathmandu, Nepal, from 2006 to 2008. Throughout 2008 to 2018, he engaged in diverse UN integrated assessment missions, restructuring initiatives, and technical assessment ventures.

Before his UN tenure, Mr. Tarakinikini dedicated over two decades to the Fiji Military Forces, with eight years committed to UN peacekeeping missions. His roles ranged from Aide de camp to Fiji's battalion commander in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Notably, during Fiji's national crisis in 2002, he adeptly navigated as the chief military spokesperson and lead negotiator.

Mr. Tarakinikini's extensive training includes stints at the senior military Command and Staff College in Camberley (1992) and the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst (1980) in the United Kingdom, further enhancing his capabilities in global leadership and security management.