

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama assured the Front de Liberation Nationale Kanak et Socialiste that the Melanesian Spearhead Group will continue to engage with them.

He made this assurance at the meeting with the FLNKS spokesman Victor Tutugoro and in his capacity as the chair of the MSG.

This meeting follows the cancellation of the Prime Minister's visit to New Caledonia as the next MSG meeting was to be held there next year.

"We had to postpone our meeting last week as there were some concerns that came out of the French Embassy," Prime Minister said.

"But there is no doubt that we will continue to talking to FLNKS and we will definitely like to oversee what is developing in Noumea," he said.

The Prime Minister said it was good that Mr Tutugoro was in Fiji so that he can hear first hand what's happening.

The delegation including Fiji's Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ratu Inoke Kubuabola and Vanuatu's Minister for Foreign Affairs Alfred Carlot spoke in a closed-door meeting on the direction the MSG engagement with FLNKS will take.

"It is good that you are here with Fiji's Minister for Foreign Affairs so that we can discuss and make a decision on what we can do," the head of Government said.

Mr Tutugoro said he was asked by the political bureau of FLNKS to make this visit in person.

"We would like to thank the Prime Minister for making the time to meet with us," Mr Tutugoro said through his translator.