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An expected sensation ?

Within the last two years there was no exchange Bougainville Copper like that: More 500 thousand shares in Sydney and nearly 100 thousand shares in Frankfurt. Is this the beginning of the expected new super-hype in BOC due to ADR emitting banks in the US who are desperately short in ordinary shares eleven days before the unsponsored ADR program will be suspended?

Eine erwartete Sensation ?

Zu keinem Zeitpunkt der vergangenen zwei Jahre wechselten an einem Tag so viele Bougainville Copper Aktien den Besitzer wie heute! 500 Tausend Stück in Sydney und knapp 100 Tausend Stück in Frankfurt. Ist das der Beginn der erwarteten neue Megahausse, verursacht durch verzweifelte Eindeckungskäufe der ADR emittierenden Banken in den USA - elf Tage vor Ende des ADR Programms?

ASX Sydney:

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07.01.2010

Radio New Dawn on Bougainville :

Tanis says continuity is important for government

Bougainville President James Tanis yesterday celebrated his first full year in office. Mr Tanis was sworn in at Arawa after a by-election caused by the sudden death of the first ABG President Joseph Canisius Kabu in June 2008.

The first anniversary passed quietly, unnoticed by members of the executive government and the public.

Immediately after his inauguration, the President went to Port Moresby to assure Prime Minister, Sir Michael Somare, of his commitment and loyalty to PNG.

Upon his return to Bougainville, he met with Panguna landowners who agreed to hold an election for a new executive to replace three different groups.

He also established dialogue with commanders of the various factions in the south and central regions of Bougainville.

The president is satisfied that his government has achieved what it aimed to do in a short period of time. He said that the government's vision for 2009 was to build and strengthen relationships and the government will now focus on establishing systems to deliver services to the people and to ensure that they work.

Mr Tanis said it is up to the people to decide who their next representatives in government will be when the coming ABG election is held. He stressed, however, the importance of continuity in government.

He said time was against him because he became president in a by-election and did not have the privilege of a full five years in office, adding that his government and leadership can be judged by how much has been delivered and accomplished during that short period of time.

Mr Tanis said the people of Bougainville will see more progress under his leadership if he is given the opportunity to lead the next ABG government after the election.

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ESBC searches for information on strange market activities on ASX. Please read our mail as PDF here!

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06.01.2010

Radio New Dawn Bougainville :

Momis will lead new Bougainville political party

BY TAPO TOVILU

The formation of the New Bougainville Party has been announced at a gathering at the Kuri Village Resort in Buka.

The President of the New Bougainville Party, Linus Sahoto, confirmed that the party has been revived in anticipation of the 2010 ABG general elections which will commence in March.

Mr Sahoto said the party has been reorganised after it suffered some confusion of leadership that led to political setbacks.

M. Sahoto confirmed that the New Bougainville Party will be led by PNG's ambassador to China, John Momis, who will be contesting the presidency of the ABG in the elections.

"Ambassador Momis will defiantly contest the presidency of the ABG with the party contesting all seats in Bougainville," Mr. Sahoto said.

He also confirmed the members of the council of the Party and said other representatives were still to be selected.

"The Party, under the leadership of John Momis, if elected to power will pursue the development of Bougainville bringing about changes to the current stagnation," Mr Sahoto said.

He stressed that the New Bougainville Party will pursue a government of unity to bring about permanent peace and development.

Mr Sahoto said Bougainville must move forward and be counted amongst the developed regions of the Pacific.

"We have no reason to remain divided and underdeveloped, for we have the capacity and resources to develop Bougainville the way we want at our own pace," he said.

Bougainville needs to reappraise: leader

BY TAPO TOVILU

A prominent Bougainvillean has called on the leaders of Bougainville to evaluate the growth of the autonomous province and to see how it is situated today.

Patrick Heromate says Bougainville's journey towards autonomy is unclear and that there are big questions for the people and the government to answer.

He says funds worth millions of kina pumped into Bougainville's economy have disappeared leaving many development projects incomplete.

"Millions have been lost and Bougainville must change in the way it is dealing with the spending of funds so that it better benefits our region," Mr. Heromate said.

He challenged the leaders, asking what they were doing to help solve the problem.

"We have just turned the page into another new year and if our leaders continue to spend money and resources like this, the people will suffer," he said.

Mr Eromate also said that law and order issues were on the rise and that law enforcement officers needed to step up their efforts in fighting crime.

He also called on leaders to address weapons disposal, saying that guns are still being used in some parts of Bougainville.

He said that the people and leaders must not turn a blind eye on the problems that face Bougainville and that Bougainville has a long way to go before it is ready for a referendum on independence.

Post-Courier :

Momis to lead party

By FABIAN HAKALITS

AFTER going through leadership and political setbacks caused by some of its members within the Autonomous Bougainville Government regime, the New Bougainville Party has appointed former Bougainville Governor John Momis as leader in a bid to revive it.

The party president Linus Sahoto confirmed that the party has been boosted by the appointment and it would help its preparations for the ABG election in March.

The party has been re-organised and says it is poised to play an important role in the development of Bougainville.

The party has Mr Sahoto as president, Junius Kidoro as deputy president, Chris Bengko as secretary and Jerry Tunjio as the treasurer.

Other members will represent youths, the churches, women and business houses who will be selected at the next party council meeting.

Mr Momis resigned as the Bougainville Governor to contest the 2005 ABG presidential seat but lost to the late Joseph Kabui.

The party under Mr Momis, if elected to power, will pursue major policy initiatives to develop and pursue a government of unity in Bougainville.

The party will also pursue other major policy initiatives like good governance to fight corruption, revisit the peace process with particular reference to guns disposal, involvement of youths, women, churches and business houses in the development of Bougainville and its people, give priority to the Council of Elders as the basis for peace building, law and order and development of the people, and re-assessment of the ABG administration.

PNG mines to benefit from high copper price

By ERIC TAPAKAU

PAPUA New Guinea's copper producing mines are in for a big time as the price of the precious metal rises to over K19,000 (\$US7500) per tonne mark.

With the country being one of the major exporters of copper, this will also have a positive impact on the national revenue.

While most mining companies in the country are gold focused, the world class Ok Tedi mine in the Western Province is the major producer of copper concentrate in the country.

With reports of prices of copper skyrocketing, the company will be in for another bonanza in 2010.

In 2008, OTML continued to be the foremost contributor to the economy of Papua New Guinea, paying \$US350 million in dividends to shareholders (K927 million), 82 per cent of which ultimately benefited the people of PNG through shareholders PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited (52 per cent) and the National Government (30 per cent).

Net revenue from the sale of concentrates accounted for more than 20 per cent of PNG's export earnings and 17 per cent of gross domestic product.

In 2008, total taxes and dividends of K950 million was received by the National Government with a further K350 million distributed to the Western Province Government, communities and employees.

Goods and services procured in PNG amounted to more than K850 million. According to news agency AAP, copper soared past \$US7500 per tonne on Monday, hitting its highest level for 17 months on the back of industrial action in key producer, Chile.

In trading on the London Metal Exchange, copper for delivery in three months time soared to \$US7 536 a tonne, reaching the highest point since August 2008. At the close of trade last week, copper for delivery in three months had jumped to \$US7408 a tonne from \$US7070 the previous week.

Workers at two mines owned by Chile's Codelco company, the world's biggest copper mining company, went on strike on Monday demanding higher pay and better benefits.

Miners at the Chuquicamata and Mina Sur mines, which together account for 4 per cent of the world's copper production, are calling for a 7.5 per cent pay rise as copper prices soar.

Both mines belong to the state-owned Chilean group Codelco, which produces around 1.6 million tonnes of copper per year and employs 5600 workers.

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UppgrowingTensions.

End of July last year the ADR emitting companies announced to stop the unsponsored ADR program in Bougainville Copper shares. Consequently the trade in these ADRs was halted. Investors were given six months to change their ADRs to ordinary shares. In 18 days on January 22nd this period will be over. As the ESBC was informed, J.P. Morgan, one of the companies that emitted Bougainville Copper ADRs, sold for example round about the double of ADRs compared to those they were really holding. That means they are 50 percent (still) short (estimated about 5 to 10 million shares). So, if they are obliged to convert all their emitted ADRs to ordinary shares they need to buy Bougainville Copper shares on the market or to pay out the ADR holders in cash. But, as there are only 25 percent of Bougainville Copper shares in free float (estimated about 100 m shares) strong buying might cause extreme soaring share prices as seen in Volkswagen about one year ago. Within a few hours VW shares rose some 500 percent due to strong demand. Such bull market in Bougainville Copper is not expected to happen on one day only. It may last one week or more. All depends on how many ADR holders want to get their ADRs changed to ordinary shares. The bigger the amount of shares to change, the bigger the chance to see an unprecedented super hype!

Die Spannung steigt.

Ende Juli vergangenen Jahres kündigten die ADR emittierenden Banken in den USA an, das ungesponsorte ADR Programm einzustellen. Daraufhin wurde der Börsenhandel eingestellt. Nach weiteren 6 Monaten, in den ADR Besitzer ihre Papiere gegen Original Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) Aktien eintauschen konnten, soll das Programm jetzt komplett liquidiert werden. In 18 Tagen ist es so weit. Zumindest eine dieser Banken, J.P. Morgan, hatte nach ESBC Informationen indes doppelt so viele ADRs ausgegeben wie sie in ihren Tresoren hatte. Die ESBC gehen davon aus, dass allein J.P.M. mindestens fünf bis zehn Millionen Aktien „short“ sein müsste. Das heißt: Bis zum 22.1.2010 muss J.P.M. entweder die verbleibenden ADR Halter in bar auszahlen oder aber eine entsprechende Menge an Aktien eindecken. Bis dato zeigt der Markt dennoch keine Anzeichen hektischer Eindeckungskäufe. Die nächsten Tage werden zeigen, ob es dazu kommt. Sollte das der Fall sein, kann die Bougainville Copper Aktie mit Leichtigkeit ein Kursfeuerwerk wie bei Volkswagen vor etwas mehr als einem Jahr erleben und sich binnen weniger Stunden vervielfachen. Bei VW waren es damals annähernd 500 Prozent. Diese Rekordhausse könnte von Bougainville Copper übertroffen werden, da der Markt extrem eng ist, da nur etwa ein Viertel der Aktien (ca. 100 Millionen) im Freefloat sind und sich auch erst langsam rumsprechen dürfte, wenn die BCL Kurse massiv steigen. Demzufolge dürfte eine solche Rally auch keine Eintagsfliege wie im Falle VW sein, sondern sich über eine Wochen oder mehr hinziehen. Alles hängt jedoch davon ab, wie viele Aktionäre letztlich ihr Recht wahrnehmen und ihre ADRs in Originalpapiere eintauschen lassen. Je größer die Anzahl der getauschten ADRs, je höher die Chance auf einen beispiellosen Superhype!

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25.02.2010

ESBC Vice President resigns.

Mr. Marcel Däschen, co-founder and vice president of the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) resigned on February 25th, 2010. Mr. Däschen left the ESBC as well. The president of the ESBC, Mr. Axel G. Sturm, thanked Mr. Däschen for his work in the past. A new vice president will be announced shortly.

ESBC Vizepräsident tritt zurück.

Mit Wirkung vom 25. Februar 2010 ist der Mitbegründer und Vizepräsident der European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC), Herr Marcel Däschen, von seinen Aufgaben zurückgetreten. Herr Däschen erklärte zugleich seinen Austritt aus den ESBC. Der Präsident der ESBC, Axel G. Sturm, dankte Herrn Däschen für seine Arbeit in der Vergangenheit. Die Ernennung eines neuen Vizepräsidenten wird in Kürze bekannt gegeben.

25.02.2010

Post-Courier:

ABG in final meet

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President James Tanis and his delegation are in Port Moresby for the final Joint Supervisory Board meeting which will be held this week. The delegation which comprises ABG ministers and administration officials left for Port Moresby yesterday. Their trip to the final JSB meeting shows the ABG's commitment to pursue outstanding issues on autonomy implementation to the drawdown of powers and functions on priority subject matters. The Bougainville Executive Council on Tuesday approved the implementation of stage three of the revised indicative steps on the transfer of functions and powers relating to mining, oil and gas with regard to the review of the **Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA)**. President Tanis said the ABG would put a request to the National Government to start the process of the review adding that the **ABG was ready to start negotiation of the BCA**. "What is now required to be done on the ground is to attend to the landowners' reconciliation, election of the landowners executives, social, environmental, land and other outstanding issues be fast-tracked in preparation for the landowners participation in the review," said Mr Tanis

The National:

ABG all set for JSB meeting in Port Moresby

By KEITH PUARIA

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) is preparing to attend the final meeting of the joint supervisory body (JSB) in Port Moresby this week.

ABG President James Tanis said any decision not to proceed with the scheduled JSB meeting, which was originally scheduled for Kavieng on Feb 26, was rejected by the Bougainville Executive Council (BEC) because it defeated the previous resolution on the date and venue for the consultation between both governments.

"I was mandated by the BEC in its special meeting last Friday to immediately inform the National Government that the JSB meeting will proceed as planned, and will be convened in Port Moresby instead of New Ireland province," Mr. Tanis said.

The ABG has requested Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare to attend since it will be the final meeting between the current ABG and the National Government in light of the ABG 2010 general election.

The BEC also endorsed representatives of foreign missions in Port Moresby to attend the meeting.

Mr Tanis said the BEC had also mandated the ABG representatives to the JSB meeting to include on the agenda a status report on the implementation of all JSB resolutions.

This report will be tabled in the first meeting of the JSB after the ABG election.

The JSB is made up of the National Government and Autonomous Bougainville Government to concentrate on the implementation of the Bougainville Peace Agreement.

Second tanker hits Bougainville reef

By KEITH PUARIA

A SECOND oil tanker hit the reefs of Pokpok Island last Thursday night about a kilometer from the Kieta port in Central Bougainville and was rescued last night.

MV Queen, believed to be an Asian vessel, was sailing into Central Bougainville in an attempt to hose out oil from an old tank at the once Bougainville Copper Limited, Lolo Power Station.

The tanker was saved by a tug boat last night and is sailing back home.

The first tanker sailed into Lolo about a month ago, hosed out oil and created a leak between the tank of oil and Lolo wharf, splattering oil all over the Lolo coast line and nearby villages.

The tanker's missions were business deals organized by known Bougainvilleans of Central Bougainville between overseas companies, likewise with scrap metal, which are now affecting the people and surrounding environments.

The people of Pompom Island, Suzerain and nearby coastlines are now demanding K1 million as a result of damages to their marine resources and sea water.

A petition has been delivered to the Central Bougainville Commissioner and the North Nisei council of elders (COE), demanding for the compensation to be paid immediately and for the tanker to be compounded by authorities concerned before MV Queen leaves Papua New Guinea waters.

Chairman of North Nisei COE John Donna supported the petition, adding that the ABG was not taking into consideration the seriousness of the problems.

Mr. Donna, who witnessed the tanker lying along the reefs of Pompom Island, said he was not sure whether the authorities knew about the organized vessels sailing into Central Bougainville in search of wealth.

"I am also concerned whether regulations concerning such deals are complied with.

"With the oil tanker MV Queen now returning, the people are now angered by this situation demanding for the tanker to be located and impounded," he said.

Mr. Donna said such deals had been ongoing and the people were frustrated.

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Post-Courier:

Law and order improves in Arawa

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

THE law and order situation in Arawa town and other parts of Kieta district in Central Bougainville is improving. This follows the formation of the Peace and Good Order committee in Arawa town last November.

According to the chairman of the Peace and Good Order committee, Sergeant Herman Birengka, since the formation of the committee last year they had been working tirelessly around the clock to address the law and order situation in the area, resulting in fewer problems being experienced there.

"The law and order situation in Arawa town is now improving.

"This follows the establishment of the peace and good order committee in November last year," he said.

Sgt Birengka said they are now meeting with the council of elders' chairmen in the district so they would help formulate the plan of this peace and good order committee in their areas.

Meanwhile, Sgt Birengka has called on all the districts in the region to set up their own peace and good order committees.

He said it was important to set up these committees because once all the reconciliation ceremonies in their districts were completed the Peace and Good Order committees would help maintain law and order in their districts.

Bougainville not prepared

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

THE Autonomous Region of Bougainville is not prepared to deal with a cholera disease outbreak that may strike the region.

"Bougainville is not prepared for any disease outbreak like dysentery and cholera.

"If we are not ready we can lose 100-300 Bougainvilleans in three days," said acting chairman of the Red Cross Society branch in the region, Robert Semoso.

"That is why it is very important that we need to come up with preventive measures to address these outbreaks before they claim the lives of the people," he said.

Red Cross volunteer in the region, Francis Botsia shared the same sentiments and said that Bougainville was sitting on a time bomb.

"Bougainville is vulnerable to these sicknesses. Bougainville is sitting on a time bomb. If nothing is done to address these sicknesses many people can be killed," Mr Botsia said.

Both Mr Semoso and Mr Botsia had voiced their concerns regarding the cholera disease outbreak during the recently completed Nationwide Public Health and Orientation Training which took place in Buka last week.

16.02.2010

Post-Courier:

BCL declares jump in profits for 2009

By ERIC TAPAKAU

OWNERS of the once world class Panguna copper/gold mine, Bougainville Copper Limited has announced a jump in the company's profit for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The company reported a net profit of K8.7 million (\$A4.3 million) compared with a loss of K4.8 million (\$A2.3 million) the previous year.

In addition there was an unrealised K63.6 million capital gain which together with the net profit equates to a 24.6 per cent increase in shareholder funds.

Operating expenses in this reporting period were in line with those of last year.

Company secretary Paul Coleman said that the higher net profit this year was attributable to realised gains on the sale of investments and exchange gains.

He also said that the tax dispute legal fees continued to be a drain on revenue.

Mr Coleman reported that the directors of the company did not declare any dividend in respect of the 2009 net profit.

The annual general meeting of the company will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port Moresby at 10 am on Thursday April 29, 2010 and annual report and notice of meeting will be mailed to shareholders by March 26.

Operations at the Panguna mine stopped in 1989 due to secessionist uprisings and an impairment loss of K350

million was made for deterioration, damage or pilferage of company assets on Bougainville. According to Mr Coleman's report, the accuracy of that provision could not be proved because the lack of access to Bougainville prevented a detailed assessment of the nature or extent of those losses. No depreciation charge or increase to the impairment loss has been made since 1991. The directors consider that any review of the impairment loss would be completely arbitrary because of the continuing lack of access to the mine.

12.02.2010

Post-Courier:

Election preparations on track in Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE election officials have started removing "ghost" names from the common roll that they have started working on two months ago.

Bougainville election commissioner Reitama Taravaru yesterday said in his update that with great help from all council of elders in all 13 districts that make up Bougainville, they had started taking out ghost names. Before the issue of writs on next month, Bougainville will have a completely new common roll.

Mr Taravaru said the preliminary roll for these 13 districts is complete and will be put out for public scrutiny by next week and for the next two weeks after that, there will be an objection period.

"I, as the commissioner, have been very impressed with all COEs (council of elders) in all 13 districts because they have been very helpful in assisting us with the Common Roll," Mr Taravaru said.

"This is a very big positive achievement and I commend them for that. The rolls are now on track, the process is progressing very well. There are people from several areas where we have never been to in the past, now asking if we can get to them and update their names and inviting us to enrol them."

Mr Taravaru said all programs were ready and that help would come from headquarters and the Australian Electoral Commission.

"Before the issue of writs on March 26, we should be able to complete the whole new common roll and be able to use it come the polling period," he said. "All materials are already being organised, training is still continuing.

"Otherwise, I am on target. We have some financial problems but that's okay, we are getting ourselves organised before the polling period because this is going to be a tough one for me especially when my mentor, or former commissioner Mathias Pihei, is no longer in office with us. "But as we always say, we will do our best," he said.

10.02.2010

Good Results.

The directors of Bougainville Copper Limited announced the following audited results of the company for the year ended 31 December 2009 together with comparable results for twelve months to 31 December 2008.

Results

For the year ended 31 December 2009 the net profit was K8.7 million (AUD\$4.3 million) compared with a loss of K4.8 million (AUD\$2.3 million) the previous year. In addition there was an unrealised K63.6 million capital gain which together with the net profit equates to a 24.6 per cent increase in shareholder funds. Operating expenses in this reporting period were in line with those of last year.

The higher net profit this year is attributable realised gains on the sale of investments and exchange gains. The tax dispute legal fees continue to be a drain on revenue.

[> see original BCL document here !](#)

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Source : Post-Courier

Nominations slow in ABG elections

By Winterford Toreas

THE second ABG presidential election in the Buin district of south Bougainville is moving at a snail's pace. Since the issue of writs last Friday, only seven candidates have nominated to contest the various constituency and regional seats of Buin district. Out of these seven candidates, one has nominated to contest the south Bougainville regional woman's seat, three for the Makis constituency seat while the other three candidates will be contesting the Konnou constituency seat. In the Makis constituency seat, sitting member and former Communications Minister in the then Kabui/Tabinaman government Jeffery Nabuai nominated on Monday to defend his seat while John Pisiai and Joe Bailou nominated yesterday to try to unseat Mr Nabuai. Leo Paupau, Willie Masiu and another candidate have already nominated for the Konnou constituency seat, while Rose Pihei is the only candidate that has already nominated to contest the south Bougainville regional women's seat currently held by Minister for Women Affairs Laura Ampa. However, according to the assistant returning officer for the Buin district, Mathew Mau, many candidates have already indicated that they will be coming in to nominate today and tomorrow.

Mr Mau added that he is expecting many more candidates to nominate before the close of nominations this Friday.

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Source : Post-Courier

Bougainville man nominates in Lae

By PORENI UMAU

THE second general election of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) has attracted yet another contestant, but this time living outside of Bougainville.

On Monday, Martin Bonai, a passionate Bougainvillean and longtime Lae resident, put pen to paper at the electoral office in Lae, under the watchful eyes of assistant returning officer of Bougainville outside Bougainville (BOB) Simon Sinai to nominate in contesting the Bolave seat in Bana district, South Bougainville.

Accompanied by wife Hildegard, a fellow Bougainvillean and witness James Narokai and another young supporter Jonathan Mameri, the 61-year-old Panam villager in the Nagovisi area, handed over a cheque of K500 paid into the Bank South Pacific as nomination fees.

In a low-key ceremony, Mr Bonai said that he was confident in the race for the Bolave seat. Determined to bring better changes for his people, this giant hearted man, with a wealth of experience and education under his belt from working in various high positions in the government, now heads the Sir Paul Lapun Foundation for Community Development, a charity non-government organisation as the chief executive officer.

He is campaigning for the need for ABG to legislate by an act of Parliament "Zero Gun Tolerance Bougainville" making possession of, access to and availability of guns anywhere within the territorial boundaries and jurisdictions of the region, illegal.

He would also fight for the need to design and develop sustainable gender equity model political, social, economical and cultural development structures, for ABG parliament.

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Source : Post-Courier

Fate of five Aussies hangs

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE fate of five Australians including Home and Away star Putu Winchester could hang on a court examination of their yacht in the waters of Bougainville today.

The court, under Magistrate Peter Toliken, will move to the nearby anchoring point in the Buka Passage, about two minutes by outboard powered boat from Buka town. The court yesterday heard evidence from five police witnesses about finding two containers allegedly containing marijuana on the yacht.

Police produced in court two separate samples containing marijuana allegedly found in the yacht on March 18. The court heard the evidence over six hours. A honey jar containing almost two grams was allegedly found in the captain's drawer by police constable Pascal Seima and a green bag containing 470 grams of the drug was allegedly found by Senior Constable Michael Kukubak at the front of the yacht. Sen Const Kukubak told the court yesterday that police impounded the boat between Inus and Yom, on north Bougainville waters. Sen Const Kukubak served the search warrant on the captain, Michael Northcote. The captain understood the search warrant and allowed for the operation. He was present when police conducted the search.

"I saw a bottle of hot stuff and jokingly said: 'that is nice stuff'. The captain replied that the hot stuff belonged to the yacht. I continued with the search and found the bag and the captain told me he didn't know anything about the bag. The captain said: "Take this and leave the bag." (He offered me the hot stuff). I replied: 'Sorry, I am not interested in that. He asked me the second time and said: "please take this and leave that bag because I don't want to be in trouble." I opened the bag and there I could see marijuana or cannabis."

The first witness was the person who allegedly found the honey jar of marijuana in the captain's drawer. The second, Hilary Rigamu was the person who confirmed that it was marijuana in the container. The third, First Constable Reuben Baloloi was the investigator who kept the items as exhibits, Sen Const Kukubak was the fourth witness and the last was First Constable Sheena Cook who was the officer who also asked the Australians about the drugs. All denied having any knowledge of the seized goods. She carried the impounded containers to the Post Office in Buka to weigh them.

At 9am today the court under the leadership of Magistrate Toliken and police and the lawyers representing the Australians will view the yacht before convening the case to take in submissions from the Australians

31.03.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Election update: 74 candidates nominate so far

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

A total of 74 candidates have nominated for the Bougainville general elections since writs were issued last Friday.

Five candidates have nominated for the Presidential seat and more are expected before nominations close this Friday.

The presidential candidates are current President, James Tanis, the first woman candidate Magdalen Toroansi, Reuben Siara, John Momis and Martin Miriori.

In the constituency seats, three candidates have nominated for the Terra seat in Wakunai. They are the sitting member Leo Reivasi as well as Justin Kungkam and former kiap Jacob Rerevate.

In the Southern Region, three nominations have been received for the Kopii seat in Siwai, one for the Ramu seat and five for the Motuna Huyono seat also in the Siwai district.

Only one nomination has been received for the Bolave seat in Bana district from a candidate who nominated at the Electoral Commission Office in Lae.

Five women have so far nominated to run in the election, although more are expected in coming days.

The five are Magdalen Toroansi, Elizabeth Sukina in the Kopii seat in the Siwai district currently held by Michael Komoiki, and three in the Northern Region women's seat - Hona Holand, Cecily Kiots Kekun and Anastasia Lapointe.

In the Northern Region 56 nominations have been received including three for the women's seat and two for the Ex-Combatants' Seat.

The two candidates that have nominated for the Ex-Combatants are Franco Hoppin and sitting member Marcellin G Laris.

Five candidates have nominated for Suir, five for Selau, three for the Atolls, five for Peit, ten for Haku, four for Halia, two for Tonsu, three for Tsitalato, five for Hagogohe, three for Taunita/Tinputz and two for Taunita/Teop.

By close of nominations we will know and be able to provide the names of all candidates.



Presidential candidate Martin Miriori and former Bougainville Premier Dr Alexis Sarei, candidate for Peit, parade through the streets of in Buka on their way to nominate.

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Source : Post-Courier

Landowners stand firm

By FABIAN GATANA

PANGUNA landowners stand firm with their decision for the mine to remain closed until their demands of compensation and a review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) are met.

Landowner and chairman of the Me'ekamui Government of Unity Philip Miriori spoke on behalf of his people and

said that speculation surrounding the re-opening of the mine and future talks to be held between landowners and BCL, were not true and not forthcoming. Mr Miriori said the Mining Department of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville had been fuelling the speculation with its awareness on mining but failed to talk with landowners and BCL to review the agreement.

"The landowners and my government are not about to allow BCL to return and re-open the Panguna mine," he said.

Mr Miriori said landowners were not prepared to enter into talks to review the agreement until their compensation demands of K10 billion were paid.

"My government and people want to reaffirm that my brother Francis Ona's original demand of K10 billion for compensation will be maintained with new vigour."

He said the agreement was a "bad law" enacted in 1969.

"We were never included in this bad agreement.

"They paid us an insulting 0.025 per cent," he said.

Mr Miriori said the closure of the Panguna mine was a result of failed attempts by the landowners and the North Solomons Provincial Government to seek a review of the BCA with BCL and the PNG Government.

10 billion Kina represent approximately 58 times the 2010 ABG budget for Bougainville !

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Source : Post-Courier

AGB vice stands for Peit

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government vice president Ezekiel Massat was one of the 29 candidates who nominated in their constituencies yesterday.

Mr Massat is also the Information and Culture Minister and nominated in a low-key ceremony, accompanied by his guards and officers in the Peit Constituency seat.

Bougainville's radio guru, Peter Sohia, also nominated for the Hagogohe constituency. Woman representative for North Bougainville seat Anastasia Lapointe was among these candidates that nominated in Buka yesterday.

Town mayor and businessman Leo Kehali also nominated yesterday for the Hagogohe Constituency seat including the current sitting MP Marceline Getsi under the ex-combatants seat for north Bougainville.

Returning officers for north Bougainville yesterday released that about 29 candidates nominated yesterday from 16 recorded since the issue of Writs last Friday.

The total number of candidates that have nominated in Buka under the constituency, ex-combatants and women's representative seats stands at 45.

Yesterday was day three of the nomination period. Nominations will close on April 2.

In central Bougainville, more than 15 candidates were recorded in Arawa and reports are sketchy on the members.

For South Bougainville as of close of business yesterday more than 10 candidates had nominated in constituency seats including women and ex-combatant seats.

More candidates were expected today and until the close of nominations in north, central and south Bougainville.

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Source : Post-Courier

Supporters witness Momis's nomination

By GORETHY KENNETH

HUNDREDS of people from all over Bougainville gathered before Kenny's Hall in Buka yesterday to witness the nomination of one of the region's oldest leaders, John Momis.

The former Ambassador to China and longtime leader of Bougainville nominated at 11:22am before presidential returning officer George Tarala accompanied by his wife Elizabeth and hundreds of supporters from all over Bougainville.

Mr Momis was carried by his supporters from the start of the traditional ritual accorded him by cultural groups from Nissan Island, who dressed him traditionally, the Upe boys from Kunua, those from Hagogohe, Tinputz, Wakunai, Siwai, Buin, Kieta and all over Buka. They danced with him right through to the electoral office to nominate.

Former South Bougainville national MP Michael Laimo was also present to witness Mr Momis nominate in Buka yesterday including former FM 100 managing director Peter Tareasi.

On his platforms distributed yesterday, Mr Momis stands for:

- * Strong, honest and transparent leadership,
- * Good governance
- * Respect the rule of law and maintain law and order
- * Good investment climate for businesses and encourage foreign investors
- * Promote joint venture business entities and
- * Work hard and be ready for referendum and independence, to name a few.

They officially launched his New Bougainville Party at the Isa beach front yesterday. In the afternoon another presidential candidate Martin Miriori, younger brother to the region's first ABG president the late Joseph Kabui, also nominated. He also had hundreds of supporters trailing him to witness his nomination.

The two join the other three candidates that nominated since the issue of writs on Friday afternoon. They include current ABG President James Tanis, lawyer and Me'ekamui candidate Reuben Siara, and woman leader Magdalene Toroansi.

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Source : Post-Courier

Home and Away actor in marijuana drama

By GORETHY KENNETH



Putu Winchester

A FORMER Australian TV star is among the Australians facing trial in Buka today on drug possession charges. Putu Winchester, 33, was an actor in the long running TV series Home and Away, also the Heartbreak High show and police series Water Rats. He once played a surfer called Pongo on Home and Away and now, before facing charges in Buka since March 19, he has been with his friends Thomas Olsen (44), Clayton McDonald (33), and Michael O'Neill (42) and captain Michael Northcote (46) sailing parts of the Pacific for the last six months and surfing.

The ship's captain Michael Northcote (46) has distanced himself from the four – he's taken a different legal representative, appealing the seizure of his boat last Friday by the PNG Customs officials.

PNG Customs office manager in Buka John Kiu confirmed yesterday they issued a seizure notice to Mr Northcote on Friday advising the yacht was now forfeited to the State.

But Mr Northcote is appealing the seizure and his case goes before the Buka District Court today.

The four appear for a full district court trial before Buka Magistrate Peter Toliken today for a possible decision.

But lawyers for these four, from Blake Dawson who flew in from Port Moresby over the weekend to represent them are confident the case will be successful.

The five Australians pleaded not guilty to the charges of drug possession yesterday and are appealing their case, while the captain is appealing the seizure of the yacht in court in Buka. Captain Northcote is living with friends in Buka town while the four Australians are still residing at the Kuri Village Resort. Police are carrying out investigations while the case goes before full trial today.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

John Momis nominates for Bougainville presidency

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Former Bougainville Regional member and PNG Ambassador to China, John Momis, has become the fourth candidate to nominate for the presidential seat in the second ABG general election.

He was accompanied by a huge crowd of supporters including the sacred Upe group from Wakunai.

Mr Momis will lead the New Bougainville Party in the election.

The other three presidential candidates are current president, James Tanis, Ruben Siara and a woman candidate, Magdalen Toroansi.

President Tanis became the first presidential candidate when he nominated after the issuing of writs last Friday. He started his campaigning at Gogohe at the weekend and is now in Arawa, Central Bougainville.



Wearing traditional clothing and a precious golden Swiss ROLEX watch : 69 years old former catholic priest, Bougainville Regional member and PNG Ambassador to China John Momis signing his nomination for presidency.



John Momis in casual wear.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Blood machine arrives at Buka hospital

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

ABG President James Tanis has delivered a much needed blood machine to Buka General Hospital. The machine which was bought at a cost of K55,000 came through a donation from the Bougainville Copper Foundation after a request was made by the President when a BCL representative visited Bougainville last year. Dr Matanu thanked the President and said the machine can help save many lives by carrying out tests previously was done in other PNG hospitals. He said that the hospital still needs a heart machine to check the many people with heart problems on Bougainville.

29.03.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Nominations open . . .

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE race for the second presidential elections kicked off on Friday afternoon, when writs were officially issued by Autonomous Bougainville Government Speaker Andrew Miriki and regional Electoral Commissioner Reitama Taravaru. The nominations had now opened in what could be the last election for Bougainville before a referendum on

Independence.

Last Friday at 4pm, writs were officially issued and signed at the Kubu House of Representatives.

More than 128,000 of the 200,000 Bougainvilleans will be able to vote at the second general election when polling begins on May 7

Speaker Miriki announced current Sitting MPs would remain as leaders under their constituencies and seats and that they would cease to be MPs come June 9, when writs get officially returned.

Mr Taravaru said a completely new common roll had been prepared for this election and that he was pleased there were no security issues faced and no threats from factions so far.

He said the issue of the writs was for the election of a president for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, an election in each of the single member constituencies represented in the house of representatives, an election in each of the three regional constituencies of a woman member and an election in each of the three regional constituencies of a former combatant member.

“A new electoral roll has been prepared for this election. I took a decision to undertake a zero-based approach to preparing the electoral roll. Electoral officials have visited all parts of Bougainville to gather data from which a completely new electoral roll has been compiled,” Mr Taravaru said.

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Source : Post-Courier

Election on for Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

CURRENT sitting President James Tanis could not wait for another day to nominate. As soon as the writs were issued and officially signed by Autonomous Bougainville Government Speaker Andrew Miriki and Electoral Commissioner Reitama Taravaru, Mr Tanis sped to the Electoral Commission office in Buka town to nominate for the presidential seat. He was the first to nominate.

Little did he know a big group of supporters from the Hagogohe constituency awaited his arrival and to his surprise a traditional singing group, organised by the MP for Hagogohe constituency and Peace Minister Robert Hamal Sawa traditionally escorted him to the electoral commission to nominate. President Tanis was in tears after the nomination because he echoed that none of his relatives, nor his mother and other supporters from Central Bougainville were present to see him nominate, but his wife and son Junior were present to witness the occasion. His lone party executive Ishmael Toroama was also by his side to witness his nomination. The issue of writs on Friday ended at five o'clock and at 5:45 pm he signed off on his application to nominate and he endorsed by Mr Sawa.

Mr Tanis in a press briefing that Friday night, outside the electoral office, told the crowd he hoped to retain his position with a referendum being a major issue. He appealed to be given the next five years to complete what he had started and to take the region and its people to referendum.

“I will never hide. I will never sit in my office when my people suffer. I was the first to walk and cross the rivers of Kieta, one that no leaders have walked and swam. I was the first to successfully negotiate for an agreement between the Me'ekamui leaders and resolved to come together for peace in the region. I have walked the corridors of PNG and Australia and I have talked to the British government for the sake of building international relations with these countries and for the sake of my people,” Mr Tanis said.

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Source : Post-Courier

Women in mining conference begins

The “Women In Mining” (WIM) conference being held in the Divine Word University in Madang kicked off on a high note on Wednesday last week with more than 200 women participants attending from all resource provinces nationwide.

The objective of the conference is to bring together women from mining and petroleum communities, the Government and other stakeholders to share their experiences and views about the impact of mining and petroleum on women. This conference is a follow up of two similar conferences held in 2003 and 2005 and aims

specifically to review the outcomes of the two conferences.

Representatives of women associations and interest groups from as far as the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and the Western Province travelled to Madang for the conference. Others include Porgera Women's Authority, Petzorme Women's Association of Lihir and Moran Women Association.

Madang Governor Sir Arnold Amet when officially opening the conference pointed out that there was no mining or petroleum policy specifically to address women and children's socio-economic issues resulting from resource projects. He challenged the government agencies responsible and stakeholders to develop such policies so that women and children's issues can be properly addressed.

However, the WIM Steering Committee comprising government agencies such as the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA), National Planning and Monitoring Department and the Department of Mineral Policy and Geohazards Management (DMPGM), said that the WIM project and the WIM National Action Plan which the NEC recently approved, would now effectively address women's issues and concerns.

The committee said that a lot of work involving women in project areas had already been implemented by most stakeholders and that the WIM Action Plan would better enhance the efficiency of program delivery to mine impacted areas.

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Source : Post-Courier (Reader's letter/Leserbrief)

Bougainville needs financial independence

FROM media reports over the last two decades regarding Bougainville's self determination I have been cautious in making comments about issues on the island, especially Independence for Bougainville.

As a Bougainvillean living and working outside the island I want to make a few comments on the issue of political independent and financial independents. I think in order for Bougainville to prosper as an independent island nation, it must realise its financial independency before political independence. Bougainville should gain financial independence before a political independence, because;

* Once Bougainville becomes independent the free PNG grant to Bougainville will stop and it will rely on its own internal matters similar to 1975 for PNG where Australia stoped free money to PNG. PNG will provide aid to Bougainville at a price similar to what other countries are doing to PNG.

* Bougainville is a small economy and will not sustain future development. It will still depend on donor funding.

John Takuna
Port Moresby

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Source : The National

ABG now accepting election candidates

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

WRITS for the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) second general election were issued last Friday by the House of Representatives Speaker Andrew Miriki upon the advice of the Bougainville Electoral Commissioner Reitama Taravaru.

This means nominations for the elections are now open and will close on April 2.

ABG President James Tanis was the first nominated candidate for the presidential seat.

Two candidates for the Atolls seat, one candidate for the Mahari seat and candidates for the Haku seats were also named.

Last Saturday, Hagogohe incumbent MP and Minister for Peace and Reconciliation Robert Hamal Sawa was nominated.

The Tsitalato seat saw the nomination of businessman Cosmas Sohia Ceetow.

Former Bougainville governor John Momis is expected to be nominated today along with with several other hopefuls.

Most candidates for the seats in central and south Bougainville will also receive nominations in their respective districts.

A total of 40 seats are up for grabs in this general election.

There are 33 single constituency seats, three seats for women representatives for north, central and south Bougainville.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Writs issued for Bougainville general election

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Writs for the second ABG general election were issued on Friday by House of Representative Speaker Andrew Miriki upon the advice of Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru.

This means nominations for the elections are now open and will close on Friday 2 April.

The ABG President, James Tanis, became the first presidential candidate to nominate and began campaigning after nominating.

Two other candidates nominated for the Atolls seat while one candidate nominated for the Mahari and Haku seat.

On Saturday, sitting member for Hagogohe and Minister for Peace and reconciliation, Robert Hamal Sawa, nominated as a candidate for the Tsalato seat as did businessman, Cosmas Sohia Ceetow.

Former Bougainville Governor, Ambassador John Momis, is expected to nominate today with several other intending candidates.

In addition, most candidates for the seats in Central and South Bougainville will nominate in their respective districts.

A total of 40 seats are up for grabs in the election: 33 single constituency seats; three seats for women; three seats for former combatants and one extra seat for the President who is voted for directly by the people.



ABG Parliament worker. Kanaheta [left] with Speaker Andrew Miriki signing the writs at ABG House whilst Electoral Commissioner Reitama Taravaru watches.

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Source : Post-Courier

PNG mining industry set to blossom

By ERIC TAPAKAU

PAPUA New Guinea's mining industry is set to blossom as the world's leading miners set their sights on entering the country's lucrative mineral exploration and mining sector.

World's leading miners Rio Tinto and Brazilian Vale Inco have expressed interest to come to Papua New Guinea during the recently ended Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada conference.

Rio Tinto is the major shareholder of Bougainville Copper Limited, the owner and once operator of the abandoned Panguna copper and gold mine in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. The announcement by Rio Tinto comes at a time when preparations are underway to start the Bougainville Copper Agreement review and the Panguna landowners are also preparing to hold elections for office bearers for the Panguna Landowners' Association. Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) and PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum jointly arranged the

conference activities for PDAC 2010; under the banner, Papua New Guinea. The PDAC 2010 attracted about 24,000 global participants, and participants were registered as miners, explorers, investors (financiers, investors, and bankers), scientists, academics, social scientists, environmentalists, service providers in mining and exploration activities, students and general public.

Papua New Guinea has been showcasing its geological and mineral information plus other information that is, Government's mining fiscal regimes, tenements information, relating to the mining industry in the country at the PDAC since 2002. The PNG booth hosts both the Government and the industry, with exploration companies displaying the mineral resources and prospectivity of areas under their exploration licenses.

The PDAC 2010 was special in that this is the first time PNG had also organised a presentation session. At this session, new generation exploration companies presented updates of their projects. Companies represented were; Marengo Ltd, Papuan Precious Metals Ltd, Woodlark Mining Ltd, Titan Mines and Titan Mineral Ltd, Nautilus Ltd, Allied Gold Ltd, Gold Anomaly Ltd, New Guinea Gold.

Executive director of the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum Greg Anderson said Papua New Guinea was the only country that had both the Government and the industry together at one conference to assist investors interested in developing the country's mineral resources.

He reiterated that most of the current miners and investors of the current projects in the country were found at this conference, the PDAC.

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Source : Australian Broadcasting (ABC)

Nominations open for Bougainville election

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Nominations have opened in what could be the last elections on the Papua New Guinea island of Bougainville before a referendum on independence.

Writs have been issued for the autonomous Bougainville government's second elections since a peace agreement ended a decade-long civil war in 2001.

The agreement allowed for a referendum on independence from PNG to be held sometime in the next five years. The current ABG president James Tanis is hoping to retain his position and says the referendum will be a major issue.

"The way the vote goes will give an early indication of how the referendum might shape up," he said.

The future of the derelict Panguna copper mine, which was at the heart of the civil conflict, is also expected to be an important issue during the campaign.

Voting is due to start on May 7.

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Port Moresby (POM) to Become an Asian-Pacific Hub in Future ?

Wird Port Moresby (POM) in Zukunft ein asiatisch-pazifischer Hub ?

The National :

Flying high in Asia-Pacific

PORT Moresby's Jackson International Airport will be expanded and upgraded into an international-class aviation facility in the Asia-Pacific region.

The development is estimated to cost K1.4 billion.

The airport expansion follows pressures from the liquefied natural gas (LNG) project, which will increase

passenger and aircraft traffic volume into and out of Port Moresby tremendously. National Airport Corporation (NAC) managing director Joseph Kintau yesterday accepted the Port Moresby International Airport (PMIA) master plan from Jacobs Consultancy. Mr Kintau said the current demand for aviation services had put a strain on the existing facilities. “The LNG project, expansions by airlines and booming economic activities are factors that forced us to come up with the plan to raise the airport’s standards to meet the expectations of the air industry,” Mr Kintau said. “The airport is also strategically located in the region where LNG project developers and consumers from the United States, Europe and Asia can have a convenient transit and exit from Port Moresby to other destinations.” He said the current airport, constructed in 1989, was designed to serve an annual capacity of 300,000 passengers. “After 20 years, we are now serving 1.4 million passengers a year. “That’s a significant strain on the airport’s facilities and infrastructure.” Highlighting one of the key objectives of the organisation’s reforms, Mr Kintau said the 2010 project was to ensure infrastructure development was based on a comprehensive master plan which PMIA was giving priority. The plan covers the development of infrastructure and facilities over the next 20 years – from 2010 to 2030. “It is based on passenger and aircraft movements’ forecast and growth in the aviation industry,” he added. Mr Kintau said the new airport would feature dual domestic and international terminals, extension of runways, redevelopment of apron and taxiways and also the commercial development of the aerodrome land. Asked how it would be implemented, he said: “The most probable implementation method NAC will be pursuing is a possible public-private partnership arrangement. “We are looking at a possible concession agreement to implement the capital programme to deliver the infrastructures, management capacity building and improved financial viability for regional airports through PMIA.” He said the plan also covered the scope of work and, after deliberation by the NAC board, it would be submitted to NEC for approval.



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Source : The National /AAP

China, China, China

By Ilya Gridneff, Papua New Guinea Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, March 23 AAP - The tiny Pacific island of Bougainville is preparing for presidential elections that could make its dream of independence a reality.

Papua New Guinea's Autonomous Region of Bougainville will issue election writs on Friday and next month goes into campaign mode. Polling for 44 seats kicks off between May 7 and 21 with a president expected to be announced in early June.

This presidential race is touted as a make or break for Bougainville's secessionist movement as the winner's job will be to ready Bougainville for a 2015 referendum vote to fully cede from PNG.

Despite a list of hopefuls the election will be an inter-generational race between current president James Tanis and the older John Momis, who has recently returned from China where he was PNG's ambassador.

Mr Tanis, 43, a lawyer and former rebel, fighting PNG's defence force, replaced rebel leader-cum-president the late Joseph Kabui, who died of a heart attack in 2008.

Mr Momis, 71, is a popular former Catholic priest, former Bougainville governor and former PNG MP who polled well against Kabui in the region's first presidential race in 2005.

Both men would have the huge task of exorcising ghosts still haunting Bougainville despite the end of a decade-long pyrrhic war over the Australian-owned Bougainville Copper Limited's (BCL) Panguna mine in 1997.

Panguna once had the world's largest gold and copper mines, making Bougainville PNG's most prosperous province, providing a quarter of the country's GDP.

Now the once impressive infrastructure is decayed and dilapidated and some believe Bougainville will not be ready to go it alone.

But while the Panguna mine sparked the struggle, it is now seen as a key to unlocking Bougainville's independent future. Especially since BCL reported to the Australian Stock Exchange last year that more than a billion tonnes of gold and copper ore remains in the Panguna site.

Mr Tanis has signalled reopening Panguna but landowners remain divided and the post-conflict politics would be quite complex for any president.

Mr Momis, with closer connections to PNG and China, is seen to be more cautious of the push for independence.

His status as an elder may help resolve the raft of disputes that continue to block prosperity in Bougainville.

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Source : Post-Courier

Buka business face debt worries

By GORETHY KENNETH

SEVERAL business houses in Bougainville owe other major businesses in Papua New Guinea millions of kina, debts dating back more than five years ago.

Four major business house debt collectors from East New Britain, Lae and Port Moresby are in Buka trying to negotiate with these major clients to immediately sort out their messy debts incurred five to six years ago. One of the debt collectors told the Post-Courier yesterday that he was in Buka to negotiate with one of the major wholesalers to find a way to settle their bill of about K600,000 incurred four years ago. The other had been ordered by his executives in Lae to travel to Buka and negotiate with the company that owed them close to K1 million. Some business houses in Buka (named) have had arrangements with outside businesses to purchase cargo from their shop, wholesales, warehouse and or other entities to sell in Buka or Bougainville.

These businesses are being operated in Buka and scattered throughout the region while several others are just operating in the region's temporary capital, Buka.

"I have been here many times because we can't seem to get the money owed to us by these major businesses," one of the debt collectors sent in from Lae told the Post-Courier yesterday.

"These two companies that have had an arrangement with us to purchase goods on a credit basis have breached their contractual agreement with us because it is now hard for them to pay back these monies owing to us," he said.

Another executive who flew in from Kokopo, East New Britain said this week he was chasing several business houses in Buka, Arawa, Siwai and Buin who had been purchasing goods to the value of more than K500,000, some K100,000 and above while others had a small amount of debt that they cannot pay.

"We tried coming up with an arrangement for them to pay each month or on installments but this has also failed.

Not all business houses in Bougainville owe us money, it's only a minority and they are major entities in the region."

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Source : Post-Courier

Stamp features sinking Carterets

By BOLA NOHO

AWARENESS on climate change in Papua New Guinea has gone a step ahead in creating awareness on a wider scope.

Climate change has affected many lives globally and will affect more if the world's governments fail to do something about it.

PNG is taking a bold initiative in addressing the problem with Post PNG in partnership with the Department of Environment and Conservation launching a stamp issue featuring the sinking Carteret Islands in Bougainville as a result of climate change.

The stamps were launched yesterday and will create awareness in PNG and overseas.

The chief executive officer of Post PNG, Peter Maiden said the effect of climate change was visible and its impact was widely experienced.

"The climate change is a global issue. Post PNG realising the significance of the issue, included climate change as its third stamp issue this year," said Mr Maiden.

He said the stamps featured the rising sea levels and its effects on the Carteret Atolls located 86 kilometres northeast of Bougainville.

Mr Maiden said after 150 countries met in Canada to discuss how to combat the global warming and rising sea levels, the Carteret people were the first ones in the world to be evacuated and relocated as sea levels rise and their atolls were in danger.

He said as per the resettlement plan, 10 families would be moved at a time to mainland Bougainville.

"PPNG's partnership with DEC and various non government organisations over the years have resulted in us producing and issuing stamps on various endangered animals and plants species including our rich flora and fauna," he said.

Mr Maiden said PPNG believed these stamps issue would assist relevant stakeholders to maximize awareness on climate change.

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Source : Post-Courier

Criminal causing fear in village

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

PEOPLE of Dusei village in the Siwai district of South Bougainville are living in fear after they have been repeatedly terrorised by a notorious criminal from the area.

According to some villagers from the area, this criminal (named) has been causing fear among the villagers since the beginning of this month.

They said he had been destroying their food gardens and other properties to show his frustration after an unsuccessful raid conducted by Buin police at his hiding place about a fortnight ago.

"This person has been causing fear among the villagers after the police raided his village. After the police left, this criminal returned and started terrorising some of the people whom he suspected of informing police of his hiding place," they said. The criminal is wanted by police for other criminal activities he committed in his village.

He is also part of the group of prisoners who walked out of the Buka police cell a few years ago. The people also expressed their disappointment with the Buin police after one of them fired a warning shot when they failed to capture the suspect.

They said the action of this police officer was uncalled for, especially when there was a reconciliation process still going on in their village.

"There is a reconciliation process still going on in our village and the action taken by this officer can tarnish this reconciliation process," they said.

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Source : Post-Courier

ABG gears up for election

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville's second presidential election is set for March 26, when writs get issued for the start of polling.

This election will cost the National Government and the ABG more than K6 million to run, but that is immaterial as it is not the duty of the ordinary people of Bougainville to fund this election.

Bougainvilleans have two weeks before they know who will be contesting which seats. There are 40 seats to be contested - 33 member seats, three women seats, three ex-combatant seats and the presidential seat.

These are the dates when polling starts:

* Issue of writs – March 26

* Close of nominations – April 2

* Polling starts - May 7

* Polling ends – May 21

* Return of writs – June 9

Bougainville has more than 121,000 voter population but the 2000 census figure for the population is still 185,000. These figures have increased over the years and sooner or later a new common roll will be announced when writs are just about issued and after the completion of the update to ascertain the full voter population of Bougainville.

Leaders in the likes of former national parliamentarian John Momis have come back to Bougainville. Momis cut short his term in office as the Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to China to return to the region and contest this second presidential election. Momis resigned the Bougainville Regional seat in 2005 to contest the first ABG presidential elections against rebel leader Joseph Kabui.

He was beaten and soon after took off to Port Moresby and later offered the diplomat position in China. Late last year Momis resigned as Ambassador in China to come back and contest the second ABG presidential election, this time up against sitting MP James Tanis.

Others to contest the seat will include businessman and Bougainville's Business Association president Robert Atsir.

Atsir is also the face behind the famous CDA Finance and currently the Bougainville Resource Development Corporation (BRDC) chairman. Lawyer Reuben Siara will also battle for the same seat with Kabui's own brother Martin Miriori, to name a few.

The rest will probably be number splitters – as always the Haku constituency again provides the highest presidential candidate numbers.

Five years ago Bougainvilleans voted for their leaders, be it constituencies, ex-combatants, woman representative and or the president. This election the Bougainvilleans who voted five years ago will vote again – this time with an idea whether the leader they voted for in their constituency, the ex-combatant they put their mark on or the woman representative they voted for should be retained or changed depending on whatever judgment they can make.

Bougainvilleans should not be "fooled" by the picture of an airplane that's depicted in the highest K100 notes tucked in bundles if hand-fed by these sitting MPs or the upcoming candidates. They should also not be fooled by the money handed out as "service delivery" or "thank you gifts" that some are about to or already have been delivering or receiving. They should also not be fooled about the nonsense language many Bougainvillean leaders will say.

Bougainvilleans should be allowed their freedom to choose which ever leader they think should govern, implement and lead with utmost respect and with the knowledge that he/she stands for one purpose and that is the future of Bougainville and its children. This is the time to choose.

Bougainville has five years before referendum and eventually independence – a leader that is needed is one that can bring about development.

New initiatives to create a better Bougainville, a leader that hears or sees the cry of the ordinary people is what matters most – not someone who spends half of his century time flying in, flying out, partying, knee jerking and or dressed in three piece suits locking his door to every person wanting assistance.

Bougainvilleans, this is a critical time for all - it is not the time to rethink, but a time to reflect, to look back at the five years your leaders spent in that Tshana of yours – (the House of Representative)...to see whether in these five years, your leaders put back something in your constituency, a time to see whether your aid post has been repaired, your schools have been properly kept up, the cries of your mothers and children have been heard, the

needs of a community fulfilled, the farmers cry at least although not fully met but looked at. The rural roads at least maintained or your leaders at least sit with you in your communities to advise how much money he/she had been allocated, how much money he/she has spent on impact projects in your community or simply if ever he/she had an impact in your community over these five years, one way or another – and then you can make your mark. This is the time for Bougainvilleans to choose your leaders that will hear your cries and look and act on them, leaders that will look into your eyes to see the suffering you are going through and leaders who will stand for you, your children and the development of Bougainville. Over to you Bougainvilleans! this is the day for you to make your mark for the betterment of Bougainville.

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TB on the rise in Buka Island

By JOSEPH MOROKANA

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) is on the rise in the Solos area of Buka Island and unless effective health measures are taken, it will reach the stage of an outbreak.

Solos area, in the Peit Constituency has about 11,000 people — about 5341 families.

Sr Stella Toahei, a nursing officer overseeing the TB program at Gagan, said depending on who turns up at the health centre they do about eight sputum tests. She said TB has spread due to poor sanitation, water, sharing of drinking cups and chewing betel nut. Some patients have not been up-to-date with their treatments.

“The people are just ignorant of the diseases. If we tell them to keep to safe methods of avoiding the disease, nobody is listening. Villages severely affected are Gagan, Bekut, Kohiso and Hapan. Hapan has 800 people and almost 50 per cent of the families have their children showing symptoms related to TB,” Sr Toahei said.

Health officers are also pressed with a lack of funds to effectively counter the resurgence of the disease in their area.

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Bougainville creates firsts

By Tom Kathoa

THE Speaker of the Autonomous Bougainville Government House of Representatives Andrew Miriki says Bougainville is known for making history.

According to Mr Miriki, the first local level government was established in Bougainville, and again in 1975, Bougainville became the first provincial government in the country.

In 2005, Bougainville was granted autonomy status by the National Government and formed the first ABG Government under the leadership of then President Joseph Kabui.

Several provinces in the country, particularly New Ireland and East New Britain, are working towards having an autonomy status of some sort.

While they will be given partial autonomy, Bougainville's case is different with the conduct of a referendum, a step towards eventual independence from Papua New Guinea.

The ABG Government and its constitution is also the first to have reserved seats for women, something the National Government is trying to copy, but is yet to make it a law.

In the ABG House, the deputy speaker is also a woman and it has a woman in Cabinet who has also acted in the position of President and Vice President.

The Speaker said Bougainville was again the first to end its term on the day the ABG president James Tanis celebrates his birthday.

Parliament was adjourned to allow members of the outgoing government, their staff, senior government officers and friends to attend what they termed as the “last and farewell” function. He congratulated all members of Parliament for their good performance, saying they did what they were able to do during their time in public office. The Speaker challenged all members to remain united and appealed to the general public to seriously screen the

candidates in order to return more of the sitting members.

Speaker Miriki joined Administrator Raymond Masono in saluting the members and urged them to walk, talk and hold their heads high.

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Economic policy sets path for autonomy

By GORETH KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE'S Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs Joseph Watawi tabled the Bougainville economic development policy, a blueprint for Bougainville autonomy in last week's historical and final sitting for this government.

The policy was developed in consultation with the leaders, the public at large and the civil society.

Mr Watawi in his ministerial statement said that the new Bougainville economic development policy was a major step towards implementing that mission statement and as such was history in the making.

"For the first time we have a clear and unambiguous statement of what we are seeking to achieve and how we intend to go about achieving it," said Mr Watawi.

"The economic policy also advocates broad based sustainable economic development based on agriculture and other natural resources such as forestry, fisheries and tourism.

"If well managed this can include the majority of the people, is sustainable and as research and development proceeds, can provide rising returns.

"To implement the new policy effectively we will require the government and the administration to think and act innovatively outside the box of the pedestrian and usual ways and means. Potential investors are already lining up and knocking on our door to invest on our terms.

"To ensure that the ABG gets the best out of this policy it will, amongst many other things, need a root and branch change in organisation and structures of the ABG and a serious overhaul of our financial management systems such that the budget is driven by the policy and the programs of the divisions, not the funding.

"The policy states the aim and objectives, it is up to us as the government to mobilise and manage all the resource which we can command to achieve those objectives with all possible dispatch. The incoming government must make hard decisions on its budget expenditure," said Mr Watawi.

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Vital aid from Japan

By JONATHAN TANNOS

JAPAN has increased PNG's technical and scientific ability to properly take stock and detail its forestry resources, data bases and baseline studies with the provision of a K20 million grant for the Forest Preservation Program.

This is in line with current efforts to create an official, accurate and undisputable information system on PNG's preserved forest areas, and set up an internationally compatible management system.

The program will also contribute to the Government's final policy on climate change and carbon trading.

Japan and PNG formally signed an exchange of notes in Port Moresby on Friday in what is seen as the first positive move within a short time since the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December.

Japan's Ambassador to PNG, Hajime Nishiyama, signed on behalf of his government while Foreign Secretary Michael Maue signed on behalf of PNG, witnessed by PNG Forest Authority managing director, Kanawi Pours, senior diplomats, government agency representatives and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Mr Nishiyama said the grant signified Japan's emphasis on the importance of forest management and climate change issues, including low carbon emissions as expressed in Copenhagen. Mr Nishiyama said he hoped the assistance was a step forward to embrace both climate change issues and bilateral relations between the two

countries.

Mr Nishiyama expressed confidence in the country's economy, adding it was going through a resources boom with the LNG project of which Japanese investors were involved too.

Mr Maue said Japan had always played a significant role in the development of PNG, which included funding of major infrastructure projects around the country worth millions and now pouring money into the infrastructure rehabilitation of Bougainville.

He said climate change and carbon trading issues were critically important to the country and the world.

He thanked the people and Government of Japan on behalf of the people and State of PNG for the generous support as in the past and currently ongoing.

Mr Pours said projects under the grant would be formulated by the PNGFA, Planning and JICA in conjunction with other stakeholders.

He said the grant would enable the purchasing and utilisation of state-of-the-art equipment for the collection of information, data, proper identification of forest resources and location, affects of climate change and both aerial and satellite surveys.

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Bougainville writs to open on Friday

THE writs for the second general election for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville will be issued on Friday and will be returned on June 4.

ABG electoral commissioner Reitama Taravaru last Friday announced that Bougainville was well prepared to conduct its second general election.

Mr Taravaru told reporters nominations would close at 4pm on April 2 and polling would start from May 7 to May 21.

"Nominations for candidates can be lodged at the respective constituencies with the returning officers while the candidates for the president can be lodged with Bougainville returning officer George Tarala at the commission office in Buka.

"The new common roll updates have been completed and will be printed soon with more than 100,000 eligible voters registered," he said.

Mr Taravaru said a breakthrough and success stories for this election were the embracing of the coming election by the Mekamui faction of the no-go-zone in Paguna and Tonu areas in South Bougainville.

On security, Mr Taravaru said: "I assure you this is not an issue at the moment.

"Everyone is looking forward to a meaningful election and there is no threatening situation," he added.

However, Mr Taravaru is concerned that Treasury has yet to release the K6.8 million from the National Government while K1.8 million from ABG had been used.

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Bougainville to get new airline

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLEANS can breathe a sigh of relief because a major assistance for effective service delivery in the region is soon to be established.

A new airline industry is being formed, to service the whole of Bougainville and Solomon Islands in the next two months.

Air Bougainville, as it will be called, is the new airline for Bougainville which is scheduled to make its inaugural run throughout the region in two months.

Local operator and executive Albert Magoi told the Post-Courier yesterday they are going into partnership with Australian long-time pilot Robert Keys who also owns and runs the Solomon Islands Sea Planes Limited to run the operation.

In an interview at the office, Mr Keys and Magoi announced they are finalizing arrangements including the licence issue with the Papua New Guinea Civil Aviation Authority in Port Moresby before they start their service operation in Bougainville and the Solomon Islands.

Two Embraer Bandeirante planes have already been bought and are going through a full maintenance check in Australia, ready for use in the region once all papers are in place. A Grumman Goose flying boat is already servicing Solomon Islands and is also ready to make its inaugural flight to Bougainville once licences and documentation are complete.

"We are ready to start within the next two months...basically to service all airstrips in the region and across to Solomon Islands," Keys said yesterday.

The War Relics operation team in Torokina, the frontliners of this airline, have already cleared the Torokina airstrip, where the main base will be and checks have already been made to clear that airstrip.

All offices will be established in all airstrips around Bougainville including Nissan, Buin, Tonu, Siwai, Buka, Arawa and Solomon Islands and the full program will be released once approval of licences have been sought from PNG CAA office.

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New project officer for ABG

By PETERSON TSEHAHA

THE acting chief administrator for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville this week announced the appointment of John Kolan as a project liaison officer to the JICA funded Bougainville bridges project along the eastern coastal trunk road.

The JICA funded project involves the construction of 15 bridges over wet crossings from Kokopau to Arawa. This project is a key economic project for the ABG and the people of Bougainville and requires a fulltime officer to be located on site.

"The administration considers this project, in particular its successful completion as important and crucial for future assistance from the Japanese government and as much as possible any disruptions which might cause delayed completion must be minimised," Mr Masono said.

Mr Kolan who was the CEO for Works on Bougainville has been with the project since its inception and is the most suitable person to liaise between the Bougainville administration and the major contractors. Kitano Engineering Consultants of Japan and the community co-ordination committees have been established at each of the bridge sites to ensure that the project progresses on schedule. Mr Kolan is already involved in the project and the appointment formalises the arrangement, enabling him to devote all his time to the project. He will be required to report on a regular basis on the progress of the project through the office of the chief administrator. The ground breaking ceremony has already happened on the March 16 at the Rawa River bridge site.

Mr Masono appealed to the chairman, members of the community, co-ordination committees and the people to co-operate with Mr Kolan.

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Minister queries college operations

By Tom Kathoa

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Works minister Patrick Nisira has raised a series of questions on the management and operations of the Bismarck Teacher Training College in Buka.

The Minister wanted to know what the future holds for students who have completed their two years study and paid huge amounts of money to the institution.

He also wanted the school's top management to furnish a report to the ABG Government outlining how they had spent the money allocated to it by the ABG Government.

In respond to this question, founder of the Bismarck Teachers College, and Member for Tsitalato, Hilary Laris said the principal of the institution took over the overall running of the institute and single handedly ran the institution.

On the other question, Mr Laris said the Rabaul base branch of the college is in the process of registering the college with the appropriate authorities.

Discussions are still continuing with the National Government and the national Department of Education to get the college legally recognised.

Mr Laris said he would advise affected students and those wanting to continue their studies at the college in due course.

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Panguna mine still closed: ABG

By Gorethy Kenneth

THERE is no decision as to which mining company will be allowed to operate at the Panguna copper mine in Central Bougainville.

ABG Vice President Ezekiel Masatt told parliament that the AB Government had not made any firm decision on the re-opening of the closed Panguna mine nor which mining company was to come and mine the mineral deposits.

The Member for Mahari John Tabinaman wanted to know if it was true that Bougainville Copper Ltd had been allowed to return to Panguna and if it was true that the company did not intend to build a township for its employees but to engage in a fly-in fly-out scheme. The vice president said anything to do with the operations of the mine would require serious and careful consideration and to date the Government had not made any commitment on the matter. He said as a concerned government it would carefully study and deal with any issues that would adversely affect its people with great concern and care. The Autonomous Government maintains that the future and re-opening of the Panguna copper mine is to be decided by the Panguna landowners themselves. The views of other stakeholders must also be considered and taken into account. The Bougainville Executive Council in its decision of February 23 approved the inclusion of ABG, landowners and the three regions as the additional stakeholders in the proposed review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA).

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Me'ekamui and ABG do deal to work together

By Peterson Tseraha

THE people of Bougainville, its leadership and Papua New Guinea should breathe a sigh of relief because the original Me'ekamui group and the Autonomous Bougainville Government signed an agreement for continuous dialogue and an alliance to work together for Bougainville's future.

Me'ekamui defence force general Chris Uma, Robin Tekapu of the Me'ekamui government of unity and ABG President James Tanis signed this historic agreement on Wednesday night.

It paves the way for the factions to join the peace process.

This also paved the pathway for the ABG and the Me'ekamui to set up another good working relationship because both governments have set an historical benchmark.

This also cleared the way for other peace opportunities on Bougainville between and within the Me'ekamui, the ABG and the people of the region.

Also present to witness the ceremony was PNG's international actor William Takaku who said the importance of Me'ekamui's strong pillars was culture. Acting Administrator Raymond Masono and other ABG ministers and MPs were also there to witness the occasion. Mr Tekapu said factions needed to join hands like they had just done with the ABG.

"Time is running out for us here on Bougainville and especially for factions, there is no time for factions anymore now and let's all work together so we can prove that we all struggled for something productive and not for greed," Mr Tekapu said.

Also present was prominent women leader Theresa Jaintong who expressed her satisfaction on the historical signing.



ABG and Me'ekamui: Historical Signing

“Behind the scenes I was hanging on the back drop always. I used to go and talk to Chris Uma, whom I can call my son. He was sometimes very aggressive and wanted to fight me but I am happy he has come out and I appeal to all administrators that the dialogue with the original Me’ekamui faction has to be intact,” Mrs Jaintong said.

A very emotional General Uma said Bougainville was a matrilineal society and the power belonged to the women. “I fought this war for power and the authority to go back to women, our mothers. I also fought for our culture to survive. I want to bring the power back to women.”

President Tanis expressed his gratitude to the original Me’ekamui faction for their cooperation with the dialogue team led by chief legal adviser Chris Siriosi.

“This is now the conclusion of an arrangement which was a brainchild long ago and I, as the President for the ABG and a freedom fighter, I would like to see all my other colleague freedom fighters be united together in one spot.” Mr Tanis said.

“It was so sad to see Chris Uma go his own way, Moses Pipiro his own way and Ishmael Toroama walk off on his own as well.

“No one will use the name of ABG, the name of Chris Uma, and the name of the Government of Unity and the Me’ekamui name to do illegal activities,” he said.

Mr Tanis acknowledged the presence of the house of lords of Me’ekamui and appealed to the administration not to close doors on him, suspecting that he might use funds for campaign because it was election time.

“Since we have signed this agreement today, we need to work together so please don’t close your doors on me when I come knocking,” President Tanis said.

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Im Forum der Anleger von Bougainville Copper Ltd geht es zurzeit heiß her. Da sich der Aktienkurs der BCL-Aktie schon seit zwanzig Jahren im 20-bis-50-Cent-Bereich bewegt (seit Bürgerkriegs-bedingter Totalstilllegung der ehemals ertragreichsten Kupfermine), sollte man meinen, dass sich niemand mehr für die wertlosen Papierchen interessieren würde. Pustekuchen.

Ein paar aufrechte Gallier kämpfen um jeden Cent Kursgewinn. Ein jeder träumt von den gigantischen Gewinnen von mehreren tausend Prozent, die bei Wiedereröffnung des Tagebaus fällig würden (seit zwanzig Jahren!).

Die Gallier haben einen Club, der nennt sich ESBC. Das steht für European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper Ltd. Der Club sitzt in Andorra und hat sogar einen richtigen „Präsidenten“, den Axel Sturm. Sturm ist Präsident weil er die meisten Aktien, eine PR-Maschine namens „Sturmpresse“ und genug Zeit die Website zu pflegen hat – trotz allen Murrens wählen seine Untertanen ihren König daher nicht ab, sondern emigrieren in die Vereinslosigkeit.

Die verbleibenden Mitglieder dieses Clubs von Eigentümern wertloser Aktien verfügen dadurch nur noch über den bedeutungslosen Anteil von drei Prozent am Aktienvermögen von BCL. Drei Prozent die bei Herrn Sturm die Erwartung geweckt hatten er könne eine Privataudienz beim Chairman (das ist sowas wie der Ober-König der Aktiengesellschaft BCL) bekommen. Als er die nicht bekam, verlangte er beleidigt dessen Absetzung.

Die Mitgliedsbeiträge („Steuern“) investiert König Sturm u.a. in einen „Korrespondenten“ vor Ort und in Redegeld für einen Kollegen, den seit zwanzig Jahren nicht mehr neu gewählten „Präsidenten“ der Panguna Landowner Assoziation (PLA). Dafür lässt der König sich gelegentlich mit ein paar netten Herren ablichten, anderen männlichen Landeigentümern (wohlgemerkt, das Land wird hier in weiblicher Linie vererbt), und lässt die Welt ahnen, er habe diese Herren dazu verleitet sich für die Wiedereröffnung der gigantischen Panguna-Mine auszusprechen (nebenbei, auch diese Herren haben vermutlich Aktien und wollen deren Kurs raketenmässig steigen sehen). „Nekro“, einem der eifrigen Anleger aus dem Forum, sind diese Zahlungen offenbar nicht genug und er sponsort die gleichen Leute noch einmal mit regelmässigen (sic!) 300 Euro. Das entspricht hier in etwa dem Monatsgehalt eines Project Managers oder eines Guesthouse Managers. Was ebenfalls nicht genug ist – ein paar tausend sollen her, verlautbart er.

Einschub: Der Bürgerkrieg war überhaupt erst ausgebrochen, weil eine Gruppe junger Frauen und Männer der Minengesellschaft und den Herren von der PLA ungerechte Verteilung der Bergwerksabgaben vorwarf. Diese jungen Leute, vertreten von einer jungen Frau Perpetua und ihrem Kousin Francis Ona, nannten sich die „New PLA“. Als die Minengesellschaft ihre Beschwerden v.a. ökologischer, sozialer und monetärer Art nicht in geforderter Form behandelte, explodierte irgendwann die Lage, bzw. die ersten Strommasten. Irgendwie wurde aus der NPLA die BRA, die Bougainvill'sche Revolutions-Armee, und ein chaotischer zehnjähriger Bürgerkrieg, „The Crisis“, begann. Dieser endete erst 1997 mit einem Friedensschluss aller mit allen. Heute 2010 sind laut Nekro und Co. (die ihre Infos von denen bekommen, die die Kurse steigen sehen wollen) alle wichtigen Versöhnungen abgeschlossen, was in fünf Jahren fast zwangsläufig den Weg zu neuen Kupfer- und Gold-Tagebaus führe.

Jetzt kommt diese kleine Truppe daher und versucht die öffentliche Meinung in Bougainville durch „Spenden“ an Privatpersonen in vermeintlichen Schlüsselpositionen zu beeinflussen. Vor zwanzig Jahren, als noch nicht jeder Familienvater eine M16 oder SLR im Schrank hatte, haben solche (vermeintlichen oder wirklichen) Zahlungen schon für Neider gesorgt. Wie sollen sie sich heute positiv auswirken? Die Minengesellschaft selbst ist da smarter: Deren angeschlossene Stiftung Bougainville Copper Foundation (BCF) lässt ihre Gelder lieber in Krankenhäuser und Schulen fließen, während die Locals nach und nach die Minengebäude auseinandersägen und als Altmetall nach Asien verschiffen.

Wer denn am Ende Recht gehabt hat, dazu hab ich übrigens nun wirklich keine Meinung. Genauso wenig wie ich mir anmaße zu wissen, ob eine Wiedereröffnung der Mine jetzt, bald, in ein paar Jahren, Jahrzehnten oder nie gut ist für Bougainville. Aber da wissen andere ja mehr.

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ABG to get own taxes

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE will soon administer and collect its own tax, but it will not be possible until the regional government is ready, chief collector of taxes in Bougainville Peter Siana said yesterday.

On Tuesday night the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the Internal Revenue Commission signed an agreement at the Kuri Village Resort to develop the capacity on tax administration for Bougainville and also increase or improve ABG's tax administration. IRC Commissioner-General Betty Palaso signed the agreement together with acting ABG Administrator Raymond Masono witnessed by ABG President James Tanis and National Coordination Office of Bougainville Affairs director Ellison ToWalom. Deputy Prime Minister Sir Puka Temu was scheduled to witness this signing but called it off because he was attending the late Bernard Narokobi's funeral.

The agreement paves the way for a two-way development strategy and to improve both the ABG and IRC's relationship and co-operation. "The agreement signed was between the ABG and the IRC and that was basically an assistance whereby we will be sharing tax until such time as Bougainville is ready," Mr Siana said yesterday. "The major tax which is the Goods and Services Tax – the National Government still collects 70 per cent of the tax while Bougainville has 30 per cent and also the company tax and for the personal income tax, Bougainville collects 100 per cent of it," he said.

"The National Government will collect the taxes until such time as Bougainville is ready, then ABG can collect 100 per cent of its taxes and that includes GST, but it will take time. "

Mr Siana said that at the same time the National Government would be responsible for training ABG tax officials and the ABG would provide other development opportunities.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Watawi: Government did what it could in hard conditions

BY TOM KATHOA

Members of the Autonomous Bougainville Government have attended the first meeting day of parliament this year.

This session of parliament is also the last for the current government, as writs for the second ABG general election will be issued next week.

In presenting his last ministerial statement, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Joseph Watawi, said the outgoing government has done what it was able to do during its time, adding that, as a new government, it was not able to do everything in its first term in office.

He said the first five years has not been all that smooth.

Mr Watawi said Bougainville has lost its first president, the late Joseph Kabui, and Administrator Peter Tsiamalili. Only recently it had lost a government minister, the late Dr Benedict Pisi.

Before ending his speech, Mr Watawi wished all the members of the House of Representatives good luck in their election campaigns.

Real peace comes from the heart, says Minister

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Bougainville depends more heavily for reconciliation rituals on cash than traditional items like shell money and pigs, according to the Minister for Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal, Robert Hamal Sawa.

Mr Sawa said that since its establishment, his new ministry had facilitated 138 reconciliation ceremonies, three weapons disposals, four rehabilitations through sports, 11 dialogues and mediations, six meetings and workshops and one project.

The Minister said peace building on Bougainville has now become a money driven activity and the responsibility of the ABG.

He said although tradition and religion form the basis of Bougainville culture, money is seen as the only resource for facilitating reconciliation activities.

Mr Sawa called on the people of Bougainville to freely give from the heart as real peace comes from the heart.

Bougainville peace – how money was spent

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The Minister for Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal, Robert Hamal Sawa, has presented a detailed report on the spending of the K4 million allocated by the PNG national government for peace and reconciliation activities in the Autonomous Region.

He told the ABG House of Representatives that a total of K5 million was received from three different sources for the peace building activities, including K250,000 from the ABG and another K750,000 from UNDP.

He said K460,000 was used to establish and operate the newly created Peace Office.

Other big expenditures on peace processes and reconciliations were: Lower Tailings K73,000, Buin K193,000, Panguna K550,000, Siwai K138,000, Torokina K194,000 and Mekamui K100,000.

Other divisional programs cost K800,000, weapons disposal advocacy K120,000, the Office of Peace Ministry K314,000 and former BPC members were given a total of K400,000.

Masono appeals for cooperation on bridge building

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Bougainville's Acting Chief Administrator, Raymond Masono, has announced the appointment of John Kolan as full time project liaison officer to the Japanese-funded Bougainville bridges project along the eastern Bougainville coastal trunk road.

The JICA funded project involves the construction of 15 bridges over wet crossings between Buka and Arawa.

Mr Masono said this is one of ABG's key economic projects and therefore requires a fulltime officer to be located on site.

He told New Dawn FM that the Administration considers this project's successful completion as crucial for future assistance from the Japanese Government and disruptions which might cause delay must be minimised.

He appealed to the people of Bougainville to support the work and not to disturb the workers on the project.

Mr Masono said the ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for Friday 16 April.

Funds not policy holding up rural development

BY TOM KATHOA

Members of the Autonomous Bougainville Government have been told there is no separate policy for the less developed areas of Bougainville.

Works Minister, Patrick Nisira, said many areas throughout the region have missed out on funding not because of policy but because of lack of government funds.

He said the government wants to assist and fund all projects in every constituency in the region and it will do so when money becomes available.

He also said that work on the bridge on the Siara to Koripovi road will soon begin.

Mr Nisira also announce that the Tender Board will is meeting this week to award several contracts.

He informed parliament of the progress on the construction of the 15 bridges throughout the region funded by a Japanese Government grant of K30 million.

18.03.2010

Source: The National

Bougainville gets ready for polls, census

THE Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARB) is doing all it can to keep the people informed of two major events – the 2010 National Population and Housing Census and the ARB General Election.

ARB census coordinator Joseph Jeraha said the provincial administration had been very helpful in raising public awareness on the difference between the census and the coming general election.

Radio Bougainville has already produced announcements for the census to be aired every day.

Mr Jeraha said the radio had also made public announcements to help people understand the differences between a census and an election.

The main difference is, in an election, only eligible voters participate while in a census every living person is counted.

However, since not all households have a radio, Mr Jeraha said he was hoping to receive assistance in the form of information, education and communication (IEC) material from the National Statistical Office headquarters and partner with organized groups and public institutions to help keep the people of Bougainville fully-informed of the two major events.

"We are constantly informing district administrators to help people understand the events through public announcements, and making census and election an issue of discussion in their families and communities.

"Individuals at the district level have already been identified to undergo the training as master trainers to carry out the listing exercise.

"The results of this year's census will be more accurate in Bougainville because we will have access to every little place in the region.

"That was not the case in the year 2000 where districts like Panguna and Bana became inaccessible under its No Go Zone declaration," Mr Jeraha said.

He said some local level government (LLG) areas were inaccessible by road after bridges were washed away in the recent floods.

The areas are, however, still accessible by sea.

The national census will be conducted from July 11-17.

17.03.2010

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16.03.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Tanis concerned about Bougainville election violence

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

With two weeks left to the issuing of writs for the second Autonomous Bougainville Government elections, election-related violence has begun to occur.

At the weekend, supporters and employees of a senior ABG Minister physically assaulted a senior Administration officer and intending candidate, resulting in the man being admitted to Buka Hospital with serious wounds.

He is now recovering at home.

ABG President James Tanis condemned the attack and said that such action by Ministerial staff was shameful and should not occur again.

He said such actions will not help the Minister as the victim might win on sympathy votes.

Mr Tanis says he is also concerned at how the people of Bougainville will stay united and work together after the election is over.

He said that as a bridge builder he is not worried about who wins the election, but only that leaders will work together after the election.

He challenged the women of Bougainville to continue to work together after the election.

Mr Tanis said in the last twelve months he had done a lot of travelling to try and bring peace and reconciliation throughout Bougainville and with the leaders of PNG.

He said that he wants to see his bridge building efforts strengthened after the election.

15.03.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Panguna reconciliation continues

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Panguna District Reconciliation Steering Committee (PDRSC) has developed a district five-year reconciliation plan with a budget for more than 200 crisis related cases which are well documented on their database.

The Bougainville Veterans Affairs office has completed an executive summary of the Bougainville Peace Building report - a division of veterans affairs project in collaboration with AusAID's democratic governance program transition phase and this was where the recommendations have been instilled.

According to the report, there are four phases to this strategy and the details are spelt out in volume II: annexes of the Bougainville Peace Building Report. The report also details that ABG and the National Government have agreed to facilitate funding to the Panguna cases as a special and priority case. generally, the situation in Panguna is quiet and calm at this stage, according to the report and details are that:

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- Since the signing of the Panguna Communiqué on August 30, 2007, the people of Panguna/Ioro Constituency, MDF and ex-combatants and the different factional groups and organisations are determined and committed towards maintaining stability and creating conducive peace building environment in their communities
- Panguna district administration has its own district reconciliation steering committee (PDRSC) which is responsible for addressing the conflict cases, internally and externally. At the time of the drafting of this report, the PDRSC has identified and prioritised three impact cases.

15.03.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Buka town (headquarters of the Autonomous Bougainville Government) is experiencing major torrential rains. Roads are flooded as there is no drainage system in the town. Many houses are under water.

Sintflutartige Regenfälle sind über Buka (Sitz der Autonomen Regierung Bougainvilles) niedergegangen. Da die Strassen Bukas über keine Abwasserkanäle verfügen, stehen sie wie auch viele der Häuser unter Wasser.



12.03.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Panguna peace committee develops five-year district plan

By Gorethy Kenneth

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12.03.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Time for parties to register for Bougainville election

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Political parties wishing to endorse candidates in the coming ABG general election are requested to register with the acting Registrar of Political Parties before the writs for the election are issued on Friday 26 March.

Parties that registered in 2005 and for the 2008 presidential by-election must provide evidence that they have continued to actively operate until this year.

Guidelines and application forms for registration can be obtained from the office of the Acting Political Party Registrar at PO Box 322, Buka or phone 7151 5645 or fax 973 9797.

In another development, Bougainville's acting Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru has said the recall provision in Bougainville election law operates to provide extra power to voters to continue to monitor their members of parliament.

He said this provision had not been used in the last five years but could be in future if members were seen to be corrupt or had broken the law.

He said that the grace period for a new parliament is 18 months after a general election.

Mr Taravaru said voters and candidates still have time to get their names on the common roll. The new roll is being updated with the involvement of Councils of Elders, as they are the authority in their areas.

He said in the past only Government employers were engaged in updating common rolls which were not one hundred percent accurate.

On the question of people voting in areas where they work and not in their constituencies, Mr Taravaru said the law is very clear that persons who are voting must vote where they are registered.

He said it was the responsibility of voters to make sure their names are on the common roll before polling begins.

Writs for the ABG general elections will be issued on 26 March, nominations close on 2 April and polling starts on Wednesday 7 April.

Polling will continue until 21 May and writs will be returned on 9 June.

11.03.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville election on track; will cost K6 million

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Planning for the Autonomous Bougainville Government general election is on schedule and writs will be issued on 26 March, says Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru.

Mr Taravaru said the common roll update is also on schedule and the roll will be ready two weeks before polling.

He said Bougainville will use its own home-grown electoral roll for this year's election, which will cost K6 million to run.

Bougainville women encouraged to run for parliament

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, Leitama Taravaru, says more women should be engaged in election work on Bougainville.

Speaking at the official opening of a Gender and Election workshop in Buka, Mr Taravaru said he strongly believes more women should be administrators during election preparation and polling.

He said during past elections women had proven to be impartial and good workers.

The workshop, sponsored by Fiji-based UNIFEM, is encouraging more women to stand in the ABG general election this year.

New Dawn FM understands that many of the 50 participants are intending candidates.

The workshop also aims to raise media awareness of the issue of gender balance.



10.03.2010

New Background Story: My Ordeal

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Axel G. Sturm:

The Big Sell-Out.

While most German investors who held unsponsored Bougainville Copper American Deposit Receipts (ADR) changed their equities into ordinary Bougainville Copper shares, American investors seem to be dumb and ignorant and did not. In consequence ADR emitting companies are actually getting rid of their Bougainville Copper shares for a ridiculous price of more or less AU\$ 0.50. This scenario was first seen in February 2010. But now international hedge funds seem watching out for an excellent deal: In the fourth biggest exchange in Bougainville Copper shares ever, more than 1.2 million shares were traded yesterday, Monday March 8th in Sydney. Therefore, investors should not be surprised if there should be bigger blocks of shares exchanged within the next days or even weeks. It is also possible that there are Chinese investors behind that scheme: As everybody knows, the "8" is the Chinese lucky number!

Der große Ausverkauf.

Während die meisten deutsche Investoren, die ungesponsorte Bougainville Copper ADRs hielten, von ihrem Recht Gebrauch machten, diese in Original Aktien zu tauschen, scheinen amerikanische Anleger taub und ignorant gewesen zu sein. Sie unternahmen offensichtlich nichts. Demzufolge verschleudern derzeit diejenigen Banken, die ADRs herausgegeben haben, ihre Restbestände an Originalaktien zum lächerlichen Preis von +/- AU\$ 0,50. Ein Szenario, das erstmalig im Februar 2010 zu beobachten war. Doch schon scheinen auch internationale Hedgefonds ein gutes Geschäft zu wittern: So wurden gestern, am Montag den 8. März in Sydney - im viertgrößten Umsatz in Bougainville Copper Aktien aller Zeiten - sage und schreibe mehr als 1,2 Millionen Aktien umgesetzt. Anleger sollten deshalb nicht überrascht sein, wenn in den nächsten Tagen und Wochen größere Aktienpakete ihren Besitzer wechseln. Es könnten auch chinesische Investoren hinter diesen Aktionen stecken: Bekanntlich ist die „8“ die chinesische Glückszahl schlechthin!

09.03.2010

*It's time for a change...and it's time to change the time!
Die Zeiten ändern sich...und es ist Zeit, die Zeit zu ändern!*

Source: Post-Courier

NEC approves five powers

By GORETHY KENNETH

CABINET last week approved the transfer of five symbolic powers to the Autonomous Bougainville Government, President James Tanis has announced.

The five symbolic powers are:

- * Public holidays
- * Home affairs including youth and social welfare,
- * **Time zones**
- * Sports and recreation and
- * liquor.

This means that immediately after the transfer, Bougainville will now have its own time zone, public holidays and will run its own affairs on the other issues detailed above.

Deputy Prime Minister Dr Puka Temu announced the transfer last week and conferred the message to ABG President Tanis who then announced it to the people of Bougainville yesterday.

"I will comment on the NEC's approval when I see the actual NEC decision on the transfer of the five powers to the ABG," Mr Tanis said when briefing the BEC meeting recently. The ABG made its request recommending to the NEC to immediately transfer the five symbolic powers during the Joint Supervisory Body meeting held at Gaire village, outside of Port Moresby on February 12, 2009." The other matters which have been resolved in the last JSB recently and are subjected to implementation.

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**Giant Exchange in Bougainville Copper (BOC) on ASX (Sydney):
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Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville referendum on path

By GORETHY KENNETH

PREPARATIONS for the referendum on the future political status of Bougainville are now before the drawing board, Autonomous Bougainville President James Tanis announced this week.

"At its last meeting, the JSB (Joint Supervisory Body) agreed to establish a working group," Mr Tanis said.

The working group was directed to keep the two governments fully informed through annual reports to the JSB on issues that needed the two governments' attention over the next two to three years.

He advised the working group, made up of the Chief Secretary, the Bougainville chief administrator, the Director of the National Co-ordinating office of Bougainville Affairs, the principal legal advisor to the ABG, the National Electoral Commissioner and the Bougainville Electoral Commissioner.

Their task is to investigate constitutional, legal, administrative and financial matters that may need to be considered in preparing for the conduct of referendum on the future political status of Bougainville.

The matters on which the working group is required to provide the two governments informed through annual reports include:

I THE date for staging the referendum

I WEAPONS disposal and compliance with internationally accepted standards of good governance in the context

I ENACTMENT of legislative framework establishing the qualifications for non-resident Bougainvilleans to cast vote in the referendum,

I THE administrative arrangements for the conduct of the referendum and the

I EVALUATION of the adequacy of the constitutional/legal framework for the conduct of referendum.

"The working group has to date not had the opportunity to meet to consider these matters.

"It is anticipated that the working group will meet during the course of the year to consider proposals developed by the ABG, which will constitute the starting point for the discussions of an annual report, at this stage, expected by the working group to be ready for presentations to the JSB before the end of 2010," Mr Tanis said.

PNG to feature in mining convention

Papua New Guinea's profile as the preferred destination for mineral investment, will be featured prominently at the 2010 mining convention in Toronto, Canada from today to Thursday.

The mining convention is a prestigious annual global mining convention which is hosted by the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC).

The convention features:

- * Exchange forum, offering up-to-the minute information on the activities and investment potential of the hottest exploration and development companies

- * Over 350 trade show exhibits showcasing non mining companies and governments from around the globe

- * Over 550 resource companies exhibiting in the investors exchange

- * Dynamic luncheon speakers

- * Superb social programme offering the industry's best networking opportunities and more

PNG is one of many countries that will wave out to the market, its mineral potential at this event, which normally attracts more than 120 countries, 20,000 attendees and over 1000 exhibitors annually.

The PNG delegation which left on Thursday for Toronto, comprised representatives from the Mineral Resources Authority, the department of Mineral Policy and Geohazards Management and other government agencies. Members of the PNG mining industry are participating at the event include the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum, Marengo Mining Ltd, Woodlark Mining, Allied Gold, Highlands Pacific, Titan Mines, Papuan Precious Metals, Vangold and Niugini Guinea Gold. PNG is attending with a lot of optimism and excitement about the opportunities that will be available, in terms of successfully promoting

PNG as the preferred destination for mineral exploration and mining, and ultimately attracting more mineral investment into PNG. The country has a huge mineral resource base that will be marketed.

The PNG delegation said they were confident given the positive investment climate, market prices and the international demand for minerals, in the country will be promoted and marketed.

The delegation will promote and encourage the concept of responsible and sustainable mining.

07.03.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PNG set to transfer powers to Bougainville government

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The National Executive Council (NEC) has finally approved the Five Symbolic Powers to be transferred to the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

The NEC made the approval at a special sitting to address the issue following the completion of the last JSB meeting in Port Moresby.

President James Tanis in a press conference that the NEC was now in session to address the five powers to be transferred to Bougainville.

However he told New Dawn FM that the Deputy Prime Minister had communicated with him the result of the NEC meeting which was in favour of Bougainville.

A date would then be set on the formal announcement and when the implementation would be implemented.

Other areas discussed by the JSB also include capacity building for the Mining division and the initial draw down of mining power to the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

Posted at 10:52 AM

Vice-president reassures on ABG risk allowance

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

ABG Vice President, Izikiel Massat, says his Government will support Bougainville public servants to get their long awaited risk allowance.

He told a press conference that the issue was not with the ABG as the risk allowance was an issue discussed between the PEA and the PNG national government.

Mr Massat said PEA members have agreed not to disturb the Bougainville elections as the matter is now with the Department of Personnel Management.

He explained that the Department had different dates from the dates by which the PEA wants its members paid, resulting in the deadlock.

The Vice President said that if these issues are settled payment could be made.

He said that the Human Resources Division of ABG has done its bit to identify all public servants that are entitled to this Risk Allowance.

Posted at 10:49 AM

Power, budget talks between Bougainville, PNG governments

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

ABG President, James Tanis, and his delegation have returned from Port Moresby after attending the last Joint Supervisory Board meeting.

In a press conference at Buka Airport, Mr Tanis said that the last JSB meeting addressed the drawdown of the five symbolic powers already agreed upon.

He said it also cemented talks on the K15 million shortfall from the national budget.

The first K5 million will be transferred urgently to cover immediate issues like preparations for the general election.

Mr Tanis said he was satisfied that within the last twelve months his cabinet had been able to do many things despite its limited capacity.

He said that the NEC was deliberating on the drawdown of power and an announcement would be made soon on the date of implementation.

Posted at 10:46 AM

Panguna dialogue resumes after death of Minister

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Officials from the Mining Division and their Port Moresby counterparts have visited Panguna to continue dialogue with the landowners.

This was the second visit to Panguna for the team who were invited by former Natural Resources Minister and Member for Ioro, the late Dr Benedict Pisi.

Dr Pisi had earlier invited Deputy Prime Minister Sir Puka Temu to visit Panguna.

But the visit was the first since Dr Pisi's death and was designed to continue the earlier dialogue.

ABG President, James Tanis, also accompanied the team to Arawa.

Posted at 10:42 AM

05.03.2010

Source: Post-Courier

ABG election warning

By Peterson Tseraha

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government received a stern warning yesterday that there will be no elections unless they pay the money they promised to factions in South Bougainville who were loyal to the Government. The factions in Buin who were working alongside police are as follows, the Buin freedom fighters (BFF), Mongai home guards (MHG) Wisai liberation movement (WILMO) and the Peace Struggling Force (PSF) all made a joint media statement yesterday.

Mongai home guards spokes person Geroge Kiu said ABG president James Tanis made a promise of K200,000 to them and the other factions as well and never payed up.

"We are now tired of hearing empty promises and we are tired of being used as laborers of the ABG, we have worked with the Bougainville police to uphold law and order, and we were promised allowances in which we were never paid and that is so frustrating, so before the elections we must get paid if not then forget about the elections." Mr Kiu said.

"We can stop this election and we know how to stop it, ABG is being entertaining other people and completely forgot about us, the very people who are looking after ABG in Buin." He said.

These factions in south Bougainville were formed by mainly ex combatant's former Resistance and BRA fighters when lawlessness went out of hand in South.

The factions formed have worked alongside the police ever since and on the president's visit they were promised money and up to this day they never got anything.

"We were in the middle of a big operation in Buin when the ABG president intervned and stopped us, as a result of the operation being stopped some killings were committed by the perpetrators of the Mekamui faction." Mr Kiu said.

"We could have already being in our own home now if we were being paid our promised money and if we do not get paid we will stop the election from going on in our area." he said.

"This can be seen as a possible threat towards the ABG but we had respect because the president is our leader that is why we stopped fighting with the Mekamui". Mr Kiu said.

Business booms as Bougainville steps ahead

By ERIC TAPAKAU

SINCE peace was first brokered between the warring factions on Bougainville, small entrepreneurs saw the opportunity to help them rebuild from the ruins of the 20-year conflict.

These are the years when the banks were non-existent and you started a business with whatever money you had hidden under your pillows.

Small businesses especially trade stores sprung in nearly all corners of Buka Island and throughout Bougainville. The bigger players during those years expanded quickly while the smaller ones also had a part to play in the economy rebuilding process on Bougainville.

Companies that started small and became big time players include Buka Metal Fabricators, Eagle Hardware and many in the hospitality industry including Kuri Lodge, Hani's Inn to name a few. These companies have become household names on Bougainville. Then there are companies from other parts of Papua New Guinea that have been operating on the island mainly in the copra and cocoa buying businesses. These companies also helped in the rebuilding of lives shattered by the war. Autonomous Bougainville Government President James Tanis has applauded the commitment of these small businesses owned by Bougainvilleans saying "what we should all be proud of is that these businesses are 100 per cent owned by Bougainvilleans". He says these companies are also providing employment opportunities for Bougainvilleans and will be the backbone of the economy of Bougainville into the future. "I am happy to say that these small businesses are owned and operated by Bougainvilleans and we should all be proud of them," Mr Tanis said. "At the same time I am encouraging our small businessmen and women to register their businesses with the Investment Promotion Authority and also with the Internal Revenue Commission and start paying taxes to the Government." He said if the businesses were properly registered and pay their taxes, the Government could be in a better position to assist them by reinvesting the money paid as taxes into schemes that could expand small businesses. Despite the many obstacles they face, many small businesses on Bougainville still open their doors to serve Bougainvilleans. Small businessmen and women from Bougainville have ventured into selling trade store goods, second hand clothes, hardware, liquor and also have small workshops for fixing motor vehicles. They have an association known as the Bougainville Business Association headed and run by Bougainvilleans. Today, with the establishment of the Bank South Pacific branch on Buka Island, small businessmen and women are recognised as playing an important role in the society and they have easy access to getting loans and doing banking transactions. The establishment of the Nation- wide Micro bank is also a bonus for the small businessmen and women as it will now be easier to have access to small loans.

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville is to get a permanent Administrator

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The issue of a permanent administrator for Bougainville is to be settled once and for all. This was the assurance given by ABG President, James Tanis, who said applications will be called and a permanent appointment made. Mr Tanis said a new job description has been issued for the position. He said that previously the job description was not suited to Bougainville and it was useful that no appointment had been made until now.

Bougainville general election will cost K6.6M

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The second ABG general election WILL cost K6.6 million according to acting Bougainville Administrator, Raymond Masono. Mr Masono said that one million kina has been already spent preparing for the election, including common roll updates and awareness programs. He said other major issues, including security, have not yet been addressed. Mr Masono said funds will be sourced from the ABG, the PNG national government and donor partners. As in the past, independent observers from the United States, Australia and New Zealand will be present during the election. The writ for the election will be issued on Friday 26 March.

04.03.2010

Source: Radio New Zealand international

Posted at 18:23 on 04 March, 2010 UTC

Bougainville Involves all the Community in Peace Building Initiatives

The autonomous government in the Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville has taken a new approach to peace building.

Dennis Kuiai, who heads the newly established Division of Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal, says they are trying to ensure the entire community is involved, rather than focussing solely on the ex-combatants.

He says there's more knowledge now of how violence is often sparked by those sidelined by development.

Before, the ABG had little to do with militant rebel communities but Mr Kuiai says they are now intervening and it's having positive results.

"By intervention I mean that we intervene with projects that would address the real needs that would then make way or give way for the weapons to be considered or looked into, leading onto weapons disposal. That approach seems to be working very well in central and south Bougainville."

02.03.2010

A Career in Bougainville

Eine Karriere in Bougainville

Source: Post-Courier

From Mr Shit to Mr Prosperity

By GORETHY KENNETH

IT'S been 12 years since this humble Buka man collected cans and bottles to sell for a living and six years of being Buka town's Mr Shit, collecting faeces for K300 a day, to get to where he is now.

A grade six dropout, even through college of distance education, 46-year-old Philip Kunes had hopes he would prosper in life.

He comes from Hanpan village in Buka. This area is one of the three least developed villages in North Bougainville.

This was a factor that pushed Kunes to move further and look for greener pastures, especially to develop his area.

He completed grade six in 1979 and being one of the youngest, he did not want to miss out in life.

The following year he started to cut grass for the local church and collected rubbish in the school to earn himself a PMV fare to Arawa, where his sister was working.

He managed to secure a job at the then Arawa Enterprises Limited, one of the biggest supermarkets in the region, as a shop assistant where he worked until early 1984.

He left AEL to join Burns Philp, still as a shop assistant in Arawa.

In that year he enrolled at the Arawa College of Distance Education (CODE) under the leadership of John Masiu to upgrade his grade six, seven and eight marks.

He did CODE for three years and couldn't continue to grade nine because of school fee problems.

"I had at least some experience in my English-speaking or I could understand English with my upgrade of grade six, seven and eight. But I could not get my certificates because I had to complete grades nine and 10 in order to get my certificates.

"I gave up my education but still had high hopes in securing little jobs that could sustain my living in Arawa," Kunes explained in tok pisin.

In 1986, Kunes left Burns Philp and moved on to the Bougainville Bakery where he became a driver, at times the delivery boy and several occasions as a baker or pastry chef. He worked there until the Bougainville crisis broke out in 1989. The bakery was still operational the following year until the ceasefire when all businesses were ordered to close down. That's when he took to the bushes of Kieta to join the rebels to fight the soldiers.

He patrolled the roads of Kieta-Kokopau and the bushes of Kieta as one of the fighters from 1990 until 1992 when he surrendered and travelled back home to Hanpan where he started his coconut plantation. He was a plantation boy from 1992 to 1997.

"I felt it was time for me to go look for a job in town as I had had enough of working in the plantation," Mr Kunes said.

"I landed myself a job with Buka Enterprises as a baker, in fact I started their Buka Bakery in 1997 and in 1998 I ran away and left the company to start my own little business."

In 1998 Kunes started collecting cans and bottles all over Buka town. He managed to secure a 24-foot container where he kept his bottles and cans and in that year he acquired a piece of land which he now runs his business from.

He bought this piece of land in 1998 for K300 as a bond fee and a year later he started leasing it from the landowners for K100 a month. He also started building two saksak houses and a canvas house to live in and a year later he bought two ovens and started baking 50 bread a day to sell for K2 each to shops. He was making K100 a day to supplement his bottle and can collection.

"I would also cook food for the government workers during election periods and on other occasions that helped me supplement my bottle collection business," he said.

He would also bake cakes to sell and this little business was gaining momentum until 2004, when he had enough money to buy himself a tractor at K2500 from the Buka Town Council. With the tractor, he secured a small contract with the Buka General Hospital for K300 a day doing plumbing work and from then on, he started collecting faeces in the whole of Buka town for K300 a day until he managed to build himself an empire.

"I learnt to be a plumber on the job and two years later I built myself a guest house with 21 rooms to rent to corporate houses, an office space and three shops that I am renting out to customers," he said.

"With this shit business I managed to send three of my children to international school. My business dropped a bit two years later and I had to pull my children out of the school and put them in government schools for a year but this year, I am considering the international school again because I want the best for my children," he said.

"I did not have the luxury of education and through my children they will have to complete all grades and I will invest in their education because I did not have the opportunity.

"What I have now, as my major business, all started from bottle/can collecting, being Mr Shit and being humble to prosper," he said shyly.

"I've learnt something in life, you don't need a degree from university to start a business, a thought that always haunted me. I've proven anyone can become a businessman or woman only through sheer hard work and commitment," he said.

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Source : The National

BCL opens talks on Panguna

BOUGAINVILLE Copper Limited (BCL) has proposed to commit US\$3 billion (K8.2 billion) to return and reopen the abandoned Panguna mine in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARB).

BCL chairman Peter Taylor yesterday announced the company's intention to return and reopen the mine during its 43rd annual general meeting in Port Moresby with shareholders and landowners.

However, Mr. Taylor told shareholders and landowners that it would need to be a fair and stable mining regime that gives investors the confidence needed to commit to a project that could cost billion.

He said the World Bank initiative aimed at helping Bougainville develop capacity to manage its mining sectors continue and there was a good chance the transfer of mining powers to ARB would occur this year.

"That is an important step because, as matters currently stand, there is an expectation of transition but not certainty," Mr. Taylor said.

He was hopeful that the new Bougainville mining regime would be largely consistent with the national model to assist with smooth transition from old regime to the new.

"If mining powers can be draw down by ARB without undue delay, BCL believes that Bougainville Copper Agreement while its terms are being renegotiated can facilitate a return to Panguna and the early generation of benefits to stakeholders."

Mr. Taylor also disclosed studies indicated that there was in fact more gold, silver and copper in the ground at Panguna that had previously been extracted.

He said though it was important to take the time to get the new mining regime right, it was also necessary for all parties to drive the process as hard as possible so current promising signs of world's economic growth were not missed.

It is also learnt that there are stakeholders who are prepared to commit the K8.2 billion, including Rio Tinto as well as expanding share markets.

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Source : Post-Courier

BRADA five year plan set to improve lives

By Tani Tulo

THE Bougainville Restoration and Development Authority (BRADA) has all its targets set for the next five years. BRADA managing director Andol Sione said the 2010-2014 BRADA corporate plan would provide a strategic direction for the authority in its endeavour to better the lives of all Bougainvilleans.

He said the plan's strategic direction required that the primary reason for the establishment of the authority was to improve the lives of the people of Bougainville through efficient and effective co-ordination and execution of all restoration and development of all physical infrastructure in the region.

The plan is the first for BRADA in the region and will be reviewed annually in line with the objectives of the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

ABG President James Tanis will officially launch the five year plan at the Kuri Resort in Buka today.

All ABG Cabinet members including the office of the Chief Administrator are expected to attend.

Outgoing chairman of BRADA Sam Tulo is also expected to make a few remarks at the launch. Mr Tulo vacated the office to contest the Bougainville general election in the Haku Constituency.

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Source : Post-Courier

Census awareness a goer

By ALEX MUNME

THE 2010 census awareness in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville will start next week. This will be done despite the lack of updated awareness materials, lack of logistical support and delay in the operational and awareness funds.

A three-day workshop was held by the planning office in Buka this week to train and equip 90 participants who will go out into the villages to carry out the listing and mapping exercise.

The 2010 awareness materials have not arrived, leaving the planners in Buka with no choice but to use the 2000 census materials which were held and kept safe by the planning office for the last 10 years.

This will most likely cause confusion and raise questions among Bougainvilleans as to why updated materials are not available in time for the operations.

Meanwhile funds for the operation and awareness have been deposited into the main ABG finance and treasury account, and has caused a delay. The lack of logistic support from the National Statistic Office in Waigani may also hinder the progress of the exercise in Bougainville.

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[Please read here the ESBC's questions to the Board and BCL's answers.](#)

[Bitte lesen Sie hier die Fragen der ESBC an den BCL Vorstand sowie seine Antworten.](#)

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At 1:01 p.m. an investor from Bünde in North Rhine Westphalia (Germany) has been the 20,000th visitor to the ESBC homepage !

Um 13:01 Uhr war ein Investor aus Bünde in Nordrhein Westfalen (Deutschland) der zwanzigtausendste Besucher der ESBC Homepage !

29.04.2010

Source : Radio New Zealand International

Bougainville expert acknowledges maintenance of peace.

An Australian academic says the first autonomous Bougainville government in Papua New Guinea needs to be recognised for maintaining the peace over the past five years.

This comes as Bougainvilleans are about to go the polls to elect the second autonomous government.

A political scientist at Wollongong University with links to Bougainville, Professor Ted Wolfers, says a number of ex-combatants are standing in the poll and now seem willing to work through democratic processes.

But he says the most obvious achievement of the first years of autonomy is that, in a post conflict situation, the province has remained at peace and a legitimate government has been kept intact.

“Beyond that I think one would have to say that they have laid the groundwork - I don't think they are there yet - on perhaps one of the most important aspects of the peace process, which is the way in which they have been talking to people in the Panguna area, and this seems to be, although there are still divisions, an increasing willingness to engage in peace building and involve themselves, for example, in the electoral process and so on, in Bougainville.”

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Source : Post-Courier

Warning on guns out

BOUGAINVILLE rebel hardliners warn of a possible taking up of arms and an increase in roadblocks through to Panguna if Bougainvilleans vote for a president that will not have the independence issue at heart. Me'ekamui diehard Chris Uma, former rebel hardliner David Sisito and Bougainville's famous fifty-toea government cargo cultist Damien Damen gave the warning this week in Arawa.

The trio issued the warning in Arawa while throwing their support behind the incumbent president James Tanis who is campaigning this week in his homeland Kieta, central Bougainville.

The three men have officially announced they had left two other presidential camps they were following since the issue of writs late March because they saw that these candidates were not serious about the issue of independence and that they were not also interested in the issues that these hardliners wanted to be addressed.

Ishmael Toroama, the man behind the Bougainville Independence Movement Party, one that incumbent president Tanis is riding under, has also thrown his support behind these leaders saying that independence should be taken seriously because more than 20,000 lives were lost fighting for justice on Bougainville.

Word reaching the Post-Courier from Arawa had advised that Mr Sisito, Mr Uma and Mr Damen are now following Mr Tanis' campaign trail in Arawa and up to Wakunai, eventually moving to North Bougainville.

“Bougainvilleans lost their lives because of the issue of independence and for fighting for justice for Bougainville. “We have to take this issue seriously because if we don't we may not get what we fought for,” they said. There is only a week remaining before polling starts.

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Source : Post-Courier

World Vision helps rural Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

A rural health centre, yet to be officially opened to the public in Bana, South Bougainville will have 18 new beds, thanks to World Vision international.

The non-government organisation, which has multi-million-Kina social impact projects in Bougainville, presented the 18 modernised hospital beds to the region's health department in Buka this week for distribution.

Chief executive officer for the Department of Health in Bougainville Dr Anthony Pumphara said during the presentation ceremony that the beds would be taken to Singkodo, in Bana District, to be used by the new health centre.

He said the aim of the department was to reduce the number of maternal deaths, improve health services for the region and get effective health service delivery throughout rural Bougainville.

Dr Pumphara thanked World Vision for its programs on Bougainville, especially in the vital areas of health and education and said the non-government organisation was also engaged in a very important health program in the south west areas of Torokina.

“We have come up with a new health program, which will cover issues like immunisation, HIV/AIDS and others and we thank the World Vision for helping us fund these programs and for their support in Bougainville,” Dr Pumphara said.

He said there were 33 rural health centres in Bougainville that were facing many problems with equipment and medical supplies.

He said the beds will add to the newly established centre and should serve a population of about 3000 in that area.

World Vision International officials in Buka said their programs in Bougainville were rural-based and that they stood ready to assist where ever they could, as long as it was rural based.

The organisation is supervising a water sanitation program, toilets and other programs in the region.

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Source : Bougainville Copper Ltd.

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Source : Post-Courier

Quiet campaigns on Autonomous Region of Bougainville

By ALEX MUNME

IF You are visiting Buka town in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, you may be wondering what is going on as the days count down to the end of what is expected to be a hot, active and rowdy political election campaign. However, this is not the case — election campaigns are quiet which may be the Bougainville style as the people are different in colour, culture and are humble. Buka town, the current headquarters of the Autonomous Bougainville Government, and the centre of business and social activities in North Bougainville, has been quiet and peaceful since campaigns started on April 3. There were no rallies or vehicles with large posters of candidates, no truckloads of mud-covered supporters with banners or loud hailers. Instead campaigns were done in small communities and villages away from town, mostly in the evenings. In the Tsalato constituency, candidates organised two separate sporting tournaments for the Malasang and Hangan communities last week.

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Source : Post-Courier

Man of many talents

Extra-smart businessman Cletus Harepa contests ABG election with a vision

By GORETHY KENNETH

HE'S done a lot for Bougainville and Buka to be precise, to boast and be proud of but he is not that sort of person.

As simple as he is, Cletus Harepa, 66, is from Hanahan village in the Halia Constituency, and a successful businessman synonymous with his Hani's Inn hotel in Buka. One of the pioneers of a university education in the Halia constituency, Mr Harepa, with his knowledge became the saviour of the people by setting up a savings and loans society in Buka, Nissan and central Bougainville. He was also the region's first president of the Bougainville Business Association, now looked after by Robert Atsir and Carol Horn as executives.

From 1957 to 1960 Mr Harepa studied the Queensland syllabus at the Tarlena Marist Brothers' school and at that time became the council for his Buka people. And from 1964 to 1965 he applied for a surveyor course and automatically became a cadet surveyor in Rabaul, East New Britain. Apart from the courses that he was taking Mr Harepa was studying for his intermediate certificate between 1960 and 1969 from New South Wales which he achieved with flying colours. In 1968 he was appointed by the PNG Lands Department under a scholarship to study at the Institute of Technology, now called the University of Technology. "I was one of the first intakes - there were nine of us," Mr Harepa says. "In 1974, we made the land laws of Papua New Guinea. Later Robin Kumaina sent me to Buka to open the savings and loans society together with Philemon Tulo in Buka, Nissan and Teop," Mr Harepa said. He was part of the commission that made the land laws of Papua New Guinea in 1974 under the rule of Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare. Also in 1974 Mr Harepa was appointed the deputy chairman of the Commission of Inquiry into land matters in Papua New Guinea. Sir Albert Maori Kiki was the minister at that time and Donatus Mola was the chief minister for commerce. "We were People's Progress Party (PPP) members and we succeeded very much in that inquiry," he said smiling.

Above all that Mr Harepa married his wife Anna who was a teacher in 1967. They both had a big wedding at the Bitapaka Catholic Church and later had five children Lynnette, Garth, Florance, Jennifer and Nellie - now with 13 grandchildren.

Mr Harepa was a member of the local council in Buka in the 1970s. He was chosen because of his calibre, intelligence and knowledge. By 1975, after PNG gained independence Mr Harepa ventured into business. He started buying wet cocoa beans. He was also an executive member of the PNG Trade and Industry. He had 20 hectares of cocoa and coconut plantation and after five years started a wholesale called Harepa Furniture in 1980 at Buka town. When the crisis broke out Mr Harepa like other businessmen had all his properties burnt down, that was in 1990. On the day his property was set alight, one part of it was saved - the area where 120 bags of cocoa were kept. Those 120 bags of cocoa helped Mr Harepa to start all over again to rebuild what is now his Harepa empire in Buka and at Hanahan. Mr Harepa is contesting the Halia Constituency with a vision and big plans to build and fund the womens' community hostel.

He is contesting as a normal political standing member. "There are a lot of outstanding projects for the last five years that I want set up. I want to offer an alternative, and a mature person who knows culture is sound in business," he said. "Business is not a miracle. Business takes time and study how it is doing - connect with the outside businesses. Don't be fooled by conmen, be extra smarter."

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Candidate for South Bougainville dies

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Mary Bita, a candidate for South Bougainville in the ABG general election, has died in Buka Hospital. Mary Bita had been campaigning throughout South Bougainville since the close of nominations.

She accompanied Ambassador John Momis and his New Bougainville Party team to Arawa last Friday but after returning to Buin she fell ill.

She was rushed to the Buka General Hospital but died.

New Dawn FM sends its condolences to her husband John Bita and the immediate relatives at Mary's untimely death.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Discussions on educational autonomy

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Delegates from the National Department of Education have arrived in Buka to meet with the Bougainville Education Administration to discuss the drawdown of education and teaching service commission powers to ABG in accordance with the Bougainville Constitution.

The Port Moresby team comprised Deputy Secretary for Education Policy, Luke Taita, Deputy Secretary for Education Teaching/Learning, Damien Rapese, two departmental lawyers Alex Haboic and Joel Minsipi Nawa, and the Teaching Service Commission Regional Advisor (NGI) Tony Tsora.

The team mainly consists of Bougainvilleans and will meet with the Bougainville delegation to identify powers and functions of education available to Bougainville and to discuss the future education structure for the ABG, that will become fully autonomous from the PNG Education system under the Bougainville Autonomous arrangement.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Health partnerships benefit the people

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Chief Executive Officer for the Division of Health on Bougainville, Dr Anthony Pumbara, today thanked NGO's and aid partners who continue to support the ABG in its role of providing much needed services on Bougainville.

Dr Pumbara thanked World Vision, Care International, Caritas, Leprosy Mission International, Leprosy Mission New Zealand, AusAID, NZAID and UN agencies.

He was speaking at the handover ceremony of the 18 hospital beds for the Sinkodo Health Centre in the Bana District.

He said Bougainville needs to appreciate the assistance it receives from donors as the government does not have enough to distribute to all the areas.

Dr Pumbara said his division has opened 32 health facilities and will continue to open more which were closed during the Bougainville conflict.

He said because of these challenges his division is pleased to work in partnership with NGO's to improve the delivery of health service throughout the region.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Lawyer suggests golden rules for good leaders

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

A senior lawyer says that the 2010 election has a very special significance in the political history of Bougainville and will have a great impact on the political future for Bougainville.

Bougainvillean lawyer Joel Misinsipi Nawa says leaders elected in this election will lead Bougainville into an unknown future.

He said it is therefore important that Bougainvilleans vote for people who will ensure their political dreams are achieved and that Bougainville becomes one of the safest place on earth.

He questioned who then is a good potential candidate that if voted, could become a great leader for Bougainville?

Mr. Minsipi said it is our Melanesian custom to only vote for people close to them in one way or another even if they have a corrupt leadership record.

He said this is a dangerous perspective that should not be used by right minded Bougainvilleans.

He says a narrow minded voter will vote for the President of Bougainville because the person comes from his district. A wise thinking voter will vote for someone who is from another part of Bougainville but one with an attainable vision for Bougainville.

Mr Minsipi also suggested seven 'golden rules' for use by Bougainvilleans voting for good leaders.

(1) Candidates with clear political vision for Bougainville and whose urgent policies touches on "weapons disposal"

(2) Candidates who are reasonably educated to a tertiary level.

(3) Candidates who do not criticise about other fellow candidates personal lives when campaigning.

(4) Candidates who have wider experience in politics (politicians) and law (lawyers)

(5) Bougainvilleans living in Bougainville with the people and have contributed to Bougainville in the past 10 years.

(6) Candidates who have a good family life

(7) Candidates who will not give you any cash or kind when campaigning.

Mr Minsipi also said Bougainville really needs a group of leaders who are three times smarter than the PNG national parliamentarians. This is to effectively determine Bougainville's political future in the next five years.

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Source : The National

Golpu has huge potential: Harmony

By YEHIURA HRIEHWAZI in Brisbane

GOLPU gold and copper prospect in Morobe province has deposits that are likely to make it become a world-class mine – the size of Ok Tedi or Panguna. Developer Harmony Gold Ltd announced this to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange last Friday. Golpu is owned 50-50 by Harmony and Newcrest Mining, who are developing Hidden Valley mine through Morobe Mining Joint Venture (50-50). They also own Wafi exploration licence and a number of other licences in Morobe province covering the Wau, Bulolo and Garaina areas. Golpu is situated within the prolific Morobe property, of more than 3,000 square kilometres, near Hidden Valley mine and Wafi. Harmony said it had recorded significant gold and copper strikes in its drilling and exploration programmes at Golpu which "could develop into one of the most significant copper-gold projects" in the country. The news is also good for Harmony whose stocks have not been doing well in comparison with some of its peer groups due to aging issues of its South African mines, where most of its production is currently sourced. Harmony says that Golpu now indicates it can produce huge quantities of gold and copper, "putting it on a scale similar to other major copper-gold projects like OK Tedi and the historic mine in Bougainville". Prior to last Friday's announcement, Golpu reserves had been estimated at 2.9m oz of gold, and 1.7m tonnes of copper.

Exploration at Golpu is continuing with deep drilling undertaken in recent quarters.

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Source : Yahoo Bougainville Forum

Post-Courier editor Eric Tapakau (*picture*) comments on "Women oppose mine bid"

Of course NGOs (*non governmental organizations*) have to make more noise to get that extra funding. This no different to what Porabou is doing in London as BCL AGM is just around the corner on Thursday. I will not be

surprised if they front up at the Crown Plaza (*Hotel of the tomorrow's Annual General Meeting of Bougainville Copper Limited*) and make silly noises.



The environment in Panguna (where the pit is) is useless. You can not plant kaukau in there or grow cocoa in there. No fish will ever return to Jaba River, it will only be a haven for gold miners who will continue to misuse mercury and kill themselves baliming that old man thinking he used sorcery on them. How are we going to make sure this people, it is fathers, mothers, children who are on a day to day basis swimming in the Jaba River panning gold and upstream someone is pouring mercury into the same river? That mine will be more dangerous in its current form than when it was operating. If we do not allow BCL and its scientist into the mine to asses the dangerous contents they left behind, more

Bougainvilleans will die like rats. Besides, the mine will have to be reopened IF WE WANT TO GET SOMEWHERE. Seems many prophets of dooms have sprung up recently and this is another recipe for another bloody clash on Bougainville which all of us must avoid at all costs.

27.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Women oppose mine bid

By MOHAMMAD BASHIR

THEY flashed imaginary cash on their fingers and tucked their fists into their pockets to stress their points. They said many Bougainville leaders had made decisions for their own selfish gain which had led to bloodshed during the crisis and would not allow any repeat this time. The two women who flew in from their village want women in Bougainville to be consulted before any discussions on re-opening the giant Panguna mine are made. Bougainville is traditionally a matrilineal society like East New Britain and New Ireland. The womenfolk own the land and men are merely house husbands whose jobs are to garden, fish and make babies. Most decisions are made by the women. Since colonisation of PNG, women however have taken the backseat while men became leaders and made most of the decisions. Lynette Ona and Joan Dateransi are ordinary looking Bougainville women who have lived it all. They are in town for some other business but decided to call into the Post-Courier to express their opposition to reports that certain Bougainvillian leaders were mooting the idea of re-opening the Panguna mine.

Joan is the president of the Bougainville Indigenous Women Landowners Association (BIWLA) while Lynette is her deputy. After hearing the rumours, the two women said the mine will not be opened and CRA will not be allowed back to Bougainville. "We have never been consulted and we will not agree to allow CRA back to Panguna," Lynette said.

They said the root cause of the Bougainville crisis was land because CRA simply did not worry about the future generation of the island. "CRA destroyed our land, environment and our culture. Our association has been established to stand for those rights."

26.04.2010

Source : The National

MRA data for foreign investors

By PATRICK TALU

FOREIGN investors in the mining sector can now have direct access to mineral data which is now available with the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA). The data from "Airborne geophysical survey and the geological mapping and mineral potential assessment (Geomap) of the PNG highlands" is contained in disks and selling at US\$5,000 (about K14,000) each. According to MRA managing director Kepas Wali the Geomap survey projects are part of the mining sector support programme (MSSP) with a total European Union (EU) funding of K178 million.

He said one of the objectives of the MSSP was to increase foreign investment in PNG's mining sector. He said this during the launch of the mineral data, which also coincided with the opening of a new thin-section laboratory equipped with new tools purchased costing about K1.5 million. The laboratory is at the Mining Department office at Konedobu, Port Moresby. The results of the laboratory will contribute to the development of geological and geochemical maps providing information that unlocks the hidden mineral wealth of PNG. Geomap project manager Dr Fritz Bandelow said the data set the result of the collection of geophysical data using helicopter-borne state-of-the-art instrument over the Highlands region. Dr Bandelow said data had more than 5,000 stream sediments sample collected from the same area which were analysed with regards to 48 chemical elements. He said the geochemical data covered an area of about 40,000sq km from Eastern Highlands to Enga and parts of Southern Highlands.



Vice-Minister for Mines Ano Pala and head of the EU Ambassador Aldo Dell' Ariccia (*picture*) jointly officiated at the launch last Friday.

Mr Pala said the mineral sector was a key component to PNG's economy. He particularly made reference to Central Bank's Economic Bulletin for the September quarter last year noting that total mineral exports amounted to K2.34 billion making up 61.2 % of total exports. Geomap allows producing extremely thin sections of rocks which can be microscopically examined to determine the mineral components.

26.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Musingku willing to make peace

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

BOUGAINVILLE'S self-styled king Noah Musingku (Picture) is prepared and ready to reconcile with former Buin BRA commander Thomas Tari and Buin police station commander Sergeant John Popui.



Reports reaching the Post-Courier stated that Mr Musingku had already expressed his willingness through a letter addressed to the Buin Peace Volunteers that he is ready to reconcile with both Tari and Popui. Mr Musingku, who is the owner and founder of the failed money scam U Vistract, is seeking help from the volunteers group to help co-ordinate and facilitate this reconciliation.

The feud between Musingku and Tari stems from an incident in 2006 when Tari and his soldiers ambushed Musingku and his followers at their base in Tonu in the Siwai district area. During that incident Mr Musingku and some of his soldiers were wounded by Mr Tari's soldiers. The cause stems from an incident when Musingku's soldiers had stopped and punched Popui at their roadblock when he was driving through.

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Source : Post-Courier

Court moves into South Bougainville

MANY people in south Bougainville have expressed their support following the move by the senior Buka district court magistrate Peter Toliken to hold a district court circuit in the area. They said the court circuit was timely because there were many court cases dating back to 1994. The court hearing, held under a makeshift tent within the Buin police station area, was presided over by Mr Toliken who handed down decisions on more than 100 cases. The move is a significant milestone because it is the first to be held in the district after more than 20 years. The last court circuit was held in the area in 1988 before the start of the Bougainville crisis. Of the 105 cases presented in court, more than 70 of them were struck out by Mr Toliken with the bails being forfeited to the State. There will be three more court circuits to be held in the area. The second circuit is scheduled to be held in June, the next one in July while the last circuit will take place in November.

Meanwhile, Mr Toliken is calling on the National Government, the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the Law and Justice Sector program to quickly build a court house in Buin town. Mr Toliken said there was a great need for a courthouse to be built in the area because it was an ideal place for people in south Bougainville to go and attend their court cases instead of travelling all the way to Buka. "I should not be sitting under a canvas tent," Mr Toliken said. "People need a court house. That is why I am strongly calling on the National Government, the ABG and the Law and Justice Sector to quickly build a new courthouse in Buin. There is no use building a new police station when there is no court house," Mr Toliken said. He said that when there was no court house it created an incomplete criminal justice process in the south Bougainville area.

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BCL in Focus

Rio Tinto President Jan du Plessis' and RT-CEO Tom Albanese's answers to militant anti-mining-activist Clive Porabou 's question on Rio Tinto's 2010 Annual General Meeting in London on April 15th concerning Bougainville Copper Limited:

23.04.2010

ASX :

Due to the ANZAC holiday in Australia the stock market in Sydney will be closed on Monday, April 26th, 2010.

ASX :

Wegen des ANZAC Feiertages bleibt die australische Börse in Sydney am Montag, den 26. April 2010 geschlossen.

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Source : Post-Courier

People demand acquittals from ABG

BOUGAINVILLEANS are demanding the Autonomous Bougainville Government to acquit in public an estimated K700 million excluding donor funds given to the newly established government since inauguration in 2005. They are questioning the validity of the use of these funds and want ABG to show where these funds were used, which projects it was spent on and what impact projects were initiated. Included in these funds are monies for restoration, weapons disposal, reconciliations and the peace process. A community group in Haku constituency on Monday decried the bad road conditions, especially the 40 kilometre stretch from Eltupan to Kessa, which is badly affected and has not been repaired since the inauguration. "Where has all the money gone to? We have 20 candidates contesting this Haku seat and we wonder if one of them will, at least pay for gravel to fix this road because year in year out, farmers travelling from this area are always affected, several of the heads of Bougainville also come from this area and travel daily to work," they said. Two factions from North and South Bougainville respectively, a community group in Tinputz and a local level government contingent from a Buka district constituency also visited the Post-Courier with papers detailing the use of several millions of kina obtained from the provincial and district treasury in Buka. They also queried why several millions belonging to the people of Bougainville was deposited into a minister's executive officer's account as detailed in the papers provided. According to these papers, more than K400 million was spent on public servants salaries and the rest were not acquitted properly. School principals have also visited because their shares of funds were not disbursed accordingly. Business and Consumer Affairs Minister Joseph Watawi recently announced that the fiscal gap between the "generous" grants from Waigani and the revenue that is generated in Bougainville is K54 million a year and rising. Council of elders and several local leaders from North Bougainville have recently demanded for the ABG to give a detailed report on the use of the K4 million recently received from the National Government and earmarked for the reconciliations and weapons disposal.

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Source : Post-Courier

Miscellaneous / Vermischtes (*The Drum*)

Campaign craze

DESPERATE times on the campaign trail in Bougainville. Candidates are so desperate to get into power they are engaging in many forms of persuasion. First it's a 24 hours campaign (day and night) and then CDs, painting on trees and old machines and even verbal insults.

21.04.2010

Source : Radio Australia (ABC) – Pacific Beat

Call for alternative to court tent in South Bougainville

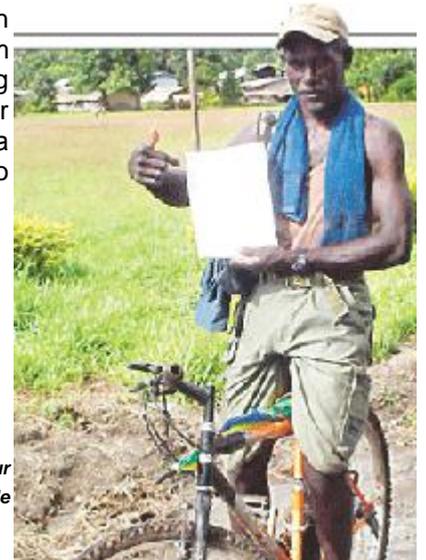
A senior magistrate in Papua New Guinea's Autonomous Bougainville region says authorities need to urgently consider building a court house in the southern town of Buin. Senior Provincial Magistrate, Peter Toliken, made the call after been forced to conduct hearings under a make-shift tent. Most government services and infrastructure on Bougainville were destroyed during the 10-year Bougainville conflict.

21.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Campaigning on a bicycle

MANY candidates contesting in the second presidential election are busy with their campaigns. Some of them have been hiring trucks to transport them from one place to the other to conduct their campaign. Others have been using other means available to conduct their voter catching. Pictured is candidate for the south Bougainville's ex-combatant's seat Joshua Kangku on his way on a bicycle to conduct his campaign. Mr Kangku has been riding on his bicycle to seek out votes in most parts of the south Bougainville area.



*Joshua Kangku on tour
in South Bougainville*

21.04.2010

Source: The National

Momis vows to take Bougainville to new heights

by ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

FORMER Bougainville MP and presidential candidate, John Momis, has assured the people of Kieta in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville of his commitment to take the island to a referendum and beyond.



Mr Momis made this remark when he was in Arawa last Friday to endorse New Bougainville Party candidates in the Kieta district.

The rally was attended by more than 5,000 people and was said to be the biggest election rally in Arawa so far.

Mr Momis was carried on a garamut from the Independence Park to the front of the Arawa Telikom office where he delivered his speech.

He told New Dawn FM later he was satisfied with the support he got from the people of Kieta.

Meanwhile, another independent candidate for the Ex-Combatants seat for Central, David Sisito, called on Mr Momis to ensure he work on a compensation package for the ex-combatants throughout the region.

John Momis

Mr Sisito, who was the defence minister in the rebel interim government, said ex-combatants must be compensated before the Government could look at development issues. He said numerous calls on past presidents had fallen on deaf ears.

20.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Mine must be re-opened say Panguna landowners

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The Chairman of the Panguna Landowners Association, Chris Damana, has accepted a presentation from the member for Kokoda in Central Bougainville who wants to fast-track the re-opening of the Panguna copper mine. Mr Osioco presented two kina note to Mr Damana as a token of appreciation for his drive to open the copper mine quickly to support the ABG in its effort to raise enough revenue to run its affairs.

He said that the money symbolises that the two kina collected by mothers at the Arawa market could be raised to 200 kina if the mine is opened.

The presentation followed comments by Mr Damana supporting the re-opening of the mine. He said landowners had already decided to open the mine after negotiations with BCL and the national government is completed.

He said, without Panguna, Bougainville will struggle to raise enough funds to run the ABG.

He was speaking at the campaign rally organized by the New Bougainville Party in Arawa last Friday.

20.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Leave election posters alone, say officials

BY TOM KATHOA

Candidates and their supporters have expressed concern and disgust over damage done to election posters.

Some people have torn down or put marks on some candidates' posters including those of the President.

Bougainville's Acting Chief Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru, and ABG President, Hon James Tanis, in separate interviews appealed to the general public not to damage candidates posters.

These posters are to help voters recognize their favorite candidates and cost money to print.

Both the president and the electoral commissioner asked the public to respect these posters and called on the people of Bougainville to behave and not cause trouble during the election.

New Dawn FM has received reports that posters belonging to the President and displayed in public areas in Arawa and Buka have been tampered with.

Police have warned people against such action and said they will deal with such people if they are caught.

All the candidates are walking the streets and tracks visiting would be supporters in their constituencies.

Candidates have two more weeks in which to conduct their election campaign.

The campaign period ends on the sixth with polling to commence the next day, May seventh.

20.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

K90 million bridge building starts on Bougainville

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The people of Bougainville are still waiting to see real and tangible projects funded by donor agencies.

Regional Member for Bougainville and Vice Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Hon Fidelis Semoso, said foreign governments and donor organizations were pouring money into ghost projects that people have not seen and are still waiting to see.

Mr Semoso was speaking at the Ground Breaking Ceremony to kick start the bridge projects at Raua last Friday.

This K90 million project, involving 15 bridges, is funded by the Japanese Government under its JICA Program and will be constructed by the Kitano Construction Company of Japan.

Mr Semoso commended the people and government of Japan for their gratitude in providing the money for the construction of these fifteen bridges in Bougainville.

Earlier, National Secretary for Works, Joe Lum, told a gathering at Kuri Lodge Restaurant that the K90 million was meant for the maintenance of the Highlands Highway.

Mr Semoso said the bridge project is an impact project that would change their lives of many people of this region.

He said the completion of these bridges would enable local farmers to transport their produce to markets.

It would also reduce traveling time between Buka and Arawa which at present normally takes up to about four hours one way.

The Ground Breaking Ceremony was also attended by the ABG President, Hon James Tanis, the Member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Hon Michael Ogio, ABG Minister for Consumer Affairs, Hon Joseph Watawi.

The Bougainville Administration was represented by the Acting Chief Administrator, Mr. Patrick Koles other government officers and local leaders within the area of the project site.

20.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

5000 turn out in Arawa for Momis rally

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Former Regional member for Bougainville and Presidential candidate, John Momis, has assured people of his commitment to take Bougainville to a referendum and beyond.

Mr Momis made these comments during a meeting at Arawa where he endorsed New Bougainville Party candidates in the Kieta district.

The rally was attended by more than 5000 people and was said to be the biggest election rally in Arawa so far. The former ambassador to China was carried on a garamut from Independence Park to the Arawa Telikom office where he gave his speech.

He told New Dawn FM that he was satisfied with the support from the Kieta people.

Meanwhile another Independent candidate for the Ex-Combatants Central seat, David Sisito, has called on Mr Momis to make sure he works on a compensation package for ex combatants throughout the region.

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He said numerous calls to past presidents have fallen on deaf ears.

20.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Aussies walk free from Buka court

By GORETHY KENNETH

FOUR Australian surfers broke down in tears of joy and relief outside the Buka District Court yesterday when they were acquitted of drug charges.

The four yachties, caught by Buka police on March 18 on board Perenti for allegedly being in possession of 470 grams of marijuana, are free at last.

Buka District Court Magistrate Peter Toliken handed down the decision just before 3pm yesterday. Putu Winchester, 33, a former Australian actor, Thomas Olsen, 44, Clayton McDonald, 33 and Michael O'Neill, 42, were in tears as they exchanged hugs.

They immediately called their families in Australia to advise them of the outcome and were speechless, most puffing on cigars once they walked out of the courthouse.

Mr Toliken dismissed their case as he ruled that the prosecution failed to prove that the Australians possessed the drugs - legally referred to in court as cannabis.

He also said that despite marijuana being commonly known and police witnesses positively identifying the substance by smelling it, they needed at least a botanist or a chemist to prove the substance scientifically.

"Did the defendant possess the drugs in question?" the magistrate said.

"The evidence is that the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that they possessed that drug referred to as cannabis or marijuana," Mr Toliken said. "...The prosecution has failed to prove its case," he stated. "...therefore the case is dismissed."

The courts also ordered that the passports be returned immediately, K1000 bail refunded and the drugs forfeited to the State.

The four, who had been sailing parts of the Pacific for the last six months and surfing, will leave the shores of Buka tomorrow to fly to Port Moresby and sort out their papers before flying to Australia by end of the week.

Outside the courthouse, actor Putu Winchester said he could not thank the magistrate enough for a fair decision made on this case.

"We want to thank the magistrate for his decision. Thank you for being fair to us, magistrate," Mr Winchester said. Meanwhile, the captain, Michael Northcote's case is still continuing.

19.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Japan to construct 15 bridges

BOUGAINVILLEANS living along the Kokopau-Buin Highway were proud last Friday when a significant event took place out of Kokopau town.

Hundreds of people turned up to witness the ground breaking ceremony of the K90 million bridge project given to Bougainvilleans by the Government of Japan in Tinputz. Construction of the 40 metre Rawa 1 bridge, in Tinputz, North Bougainville will see the building of 15 high bridges throughout the mainland of Bougainville, which will end in 2013.

Works Secretary Joel Luma, National Planning officials and other Government dignitaries were present to witness the ceremony.

"Japan, thank you very much for giving us K90 million. We never contemplated to have this kind of money coming from Japan to the people of Bougainville. The people of Bougainville are filled with joy and happiness today.

"These bridges will have economic progress for Bougainville," Minister Ogio said.

Regional MP Fidelis Semoso said this was the biggest life changing project for ordinary Bougainvilleans.

"This is going to change the lives of Bougainvilleans. Students will be able to cross these difficult rivers without any problems, business houses will be able to prosper because of these bridges and most of all farmers will be able to transport their produce without any problems," Mr Semoso said.

ABG President Tanis also thanked the National Government for hearing the cry of Bougainvilleans and allowing the construction of the 15 bridges to start in Bougainville.

An exchange of notes for the design of the project was signed in February 2009 for a total of about K1.5 million and the Government of Japan extended a total amount of K88 million for the project during that same year. The Japanese Government's contribution remedies the difficulties faced by the people in the rural areas in Bougainville. The Government of Japan hopes the project will strengthen the existing relationship between the two countries.

19.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Leaders deny sight of donor projects

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE leaders have strongly denied seeing tangible or major life saving projects from donor agencies and non-government organisations that were allegedly operating and pumping millions of kina into the region. The leaders claimed that donor agencies boasted hundreds of millions of kina was being spent on Bougainville. Higher Education Minister and North Bougainville MP Michael Ogio told his Raua electorate that there was nothing to show for the millions of kina worth of projects from donor agencies that had operated in the region since the civil war ended.

He was speaking at the official ground breaking ceremony of the K90 million bridge project from the people and Government of Japan to the people of Bougainville last Friday.

Japanese Ambassador to PNG, Hajime Nishiyama, executives from the Japanese contractor and Japanese officials were present for the occasion at the Raua 1 bridge site to start the construction which will see the building of 15 high-tech bridges in Bougainville.

Regional Member for Bougainville and Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Prime Minister on Bougainville Affairs, Fidelis Semoso said: "We have yet to see tangible development in our region.

"We want to feel, we want to touch, and we want to smell these projects.

"Other donor agencies have not given us these," Mr Semoso said.

“You see when Japan gave this K90 million, they never asked for counter funding.
“Japan did not say you give us K20 million first before we give you K70 million.
“There are other donor agencies or non-government organisations that come into Bougainville with millions of kina for projects and are asking around for counterpart funding.
“Where will my people get counterpart funding?
“People of Bougainville, this is the true meaning of grant aid - what Japan has just given us,” said Mr Semoso.

17.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Panguna landowners want mine to re-open

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Chairman of the Panguna Landowners Association and candidate for loro seat, Chris Damana, said that his group wants Panguna to open to support the economy of Bougainville.

He says without Panguna it will take a long time for Bougainville to reach economic capability to run as a nation.

He also said that it would also take many years for another mine to start up leaving Panguna as the only immediate project that would save Bougainville.

Mr Damana was talking at a rally of 5,000 people organised in Arawa by the New Bougainville Party.

He is an independent candidate but supports John Momis, leader of the New Bougainville Party, who has nominated for election to be President of Bougainville and who also addressed the rally.

Meanwhile, the MP for Eivo Torau, Alphones Pemuko, has said he is not happy with the common roll update in Central Bougainville.

Mr Torau told New Dawn FM that the update team was not visiting villages, but getting names from files of churches and village registers.

He said these files do not have the true names of people who should be on the common roll.

He called on the Arawa administration to correct the figures and get proper names.



Chris Damana

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ADR Sell-Off: Only few shares remaining!

New York: A manager of one of the Bougainville Copper ADR emitting companies confirmed to the ESBC yesterday that the sell-off of remaining BCL shares made big progress within the last weeks: “We only hold a few more shares in our accounts.” Insiders say that this extraordinary sale shall be finished within the next two or three weeks from now. The situation of other ADR banks is supposed to be more or less the same: It would not be a long time to liquidate all remnant BCL stocks. In consequence the bearish period in Bougainville Copper share should come to an end very soon. Rising interest in BCL within the last days may be an indication for soaring share prices in the future. Today another 304,000 shares were exchanged in Sydney at 0.53 AUD.

ADR Ausverkauf: Nur noch wenige Aktien zum Verkauf!

New York: Ein Mitarbeiter eines der Bougainville Copper ADR Emissionshäuser bestätigte gestern gegenüber den ESBC, dass der Abverkauf der restlichen Aktienbestände in den letzten Wochen gut vorangekommen sei: „Wir haben nicht mehr allzu viele Originalaktien in unseren Depots.“ Vermutlich, so der Insider, werde es noch etwa 2 – 3 Wochen dauern bis die Aktion seitens seines Instituts abgeschlossen sei. Dem Vernehmen nach sei

auch die Situation der anderen Emissionsbanken tendenziell vergleichbar. Auch dort werde es wohl nicht mehr allzu lange dauern, die Restbestände an Originalaktien zu liquidieren. Damit dürfte das nahende Ende der Baissephase in Sicht sein. Die steigende Nachfrage nach BCL Aktien während der letzten Tage könnte dann zu anziehenden Kursen führen. Heute wurden in Sydney weitere 304.000 Aktien zu 0,53 AUD gehandelt.

16.04.2010

The 2010 Annual General Meeting :

The ESBC prepared a couple of questions to the board of Bougainville Copper Ltd. .

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Jahreshauptversammlung 2010 :

Die ESBC haben eine Reihe von Fragen an den Vorstand von Bougainville Copper Ltd. formuliert.

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[New anti-mining campaign video document here !](#)

[Neues Antimining-Kampagne Video Dokument hier !](#)

[Nouveau document vidéo de la campagne anti-minièrre ici !](#)

15.04.2010

American Deposit Receipt (ADR) Sell-Off

Is the big haunting over?

No more new giant sell orders in Sydney! BOC shares in focus! They soared 8 percent at 11:58 a.m. Sydney time! Is the haunting now over?

American Deposit Receipt (ADR) Ausverkauf

Ist der große Spuk vorbei?

Keine neuen gigantischen Verkauforders mehr in Sydney! BOC Aktien sind gefragt und steigen um 8 Prozent um 11:58 Uhr Ortszeit Sydney! Ist der große Spuk jetzt vorbei?

Orderbook um 11:58 Ortszeit:

BOUGAINVILLE COPPER Market Depth

| BOC Buyers | | | | BOC Sellers | | | |
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| 5 | 1 | 100,000 | 0.480 | 0.600 | 13,300 | 1 | 5 |
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15.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Analyst sets sight on Bougainville

By Fabian Gatana

ROBERT Atsir, 52 years from Hantoa village, is a person well known throughout the Bougainville business community and the region.

Vying for the president's seat, Mr Atsir is a member of the Bougainville People's Party (BPC) and also the president of the PNG Association of Microfinance.

For two years he was the president of the Bougainville Business Association (BBA) and also founded CDA microfinance, a scheme that helped a lot of Bougainvilleans to manage their finances.

He was an economic adviser to Governor John Momis under the Bougainville Interim Provincial Government from 2001 to 2004 and also to the late Joseph Kabui under the first house of the Autonomous Bougainville Government from 2005 to 2008.

Now, he is contesting against Mr Momis and five others including current President James Tanis, Martin Miriori, the elder brother of Mr Kabui, lawyer Reuben Siara, Sylvester Niu and lone woman candidate, Magdalene Toroansi.

Mr Atsir has strong issues he wants to address if given the opportunity to rule as the president of this newly formed region, one of which is the weapons disposal program, reconciliation, and his platform includes:

- * Creating unity and peace and preparing Bougainville socially and economically for the referendum in six-11 years;
- * Reviewing the Bougainville Peace Agreement and exercise powers and functions through ABG legislations as well as modernising the public service;
- * Adopt appropriate land and agriculture policies to facilitate wealth creation for Bougainville's prosperity;
- * Provide equal opportunities in education, employment and private enterprise through wealth creation; and
- * Promote investment, trade and industry through appropriate policies and development of world class

infrastructures like hospitals, technical schools, agriculture colleges and others.

Mr Atsir was a financial analysis lecturer at Unitech from 1985 to 1994 and believes he can manage Bougainville economically.

14.04.2010

Source : Radio New Zealand International

Bougainville Presidency candidate wants to prioritize education

A Bougainville businessman who has entered the race for the presidency of the autonomous Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville says education is the first priority in the province's development.

Economist Robert Atsir, who had worked closely with the first president, the late Joseph Kabui, is one of seven candidates for the position in next month's elections.

Bougainville is a resource rich province with opportunities in agriculture, fishing, tourism as well as mining, but Mr Atsir says the first thing that needs to be addressed is the mindset of the people and education is the key to this.

"We need to be able to educate our people to understand that without being hardworking, without being resilient and [without] resourcefulness we cannot truly achieve a lot of the visions and aspirations that we have made an effort to achieve autonomy as well as make decisions whether we should become an independent nation in the Pacific or not."

14.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Women begin to make a mark in Bougainville elections

BY TOM KATHOA

Five Bougainville women have put their hands up to challenge their male counterparts in this year's Bougainville election.

Two are members of the outgoing parliament, the Deputy Speaker and North Bougainville Women's Representative, Hon Francisca Semoso, and the Women's Representatives for Central, Hon Magdelene Toroansi.

Deputy Speaker Semoso has nominated to contest the Tsitalato seat vacated by former Member Hilary Laris, while Magdelene Toroansi has decided to move one step higher by contesting the presidential seat currently occupied by James Tanis.

The other women candidates challenging male counterparts are Elizabeth Sukina (Kopi), Marcheline Kokiai (Ioro) and Mary Mamatau (Konou).

Ms Toroansi has an uphill battle standing against big names like John Momis, James Tanis, Reuben Siara and Martin Miriori.

But these five women will pose a real challenge if other women rally behind them in order to capture these seats. Meanwhile, thirteen other women are contesting the three reserved seats of North, Central and South Bougainville.

Seven have nominated to contest the women's reserved seat in North Bougainville, six in the South and five in Central.

The three ex-combatants' seats have attracted 13 candidates and there are seven candidates vying for the region's highest political post of president.

Current President, Hon James Tanis, is being challenged by six others including long-time politician and former PNG Ambassador to China, John Momis who is making his second attempt for the post.

A total of 294 candidates will be contesting this second ABG election.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Electoral Commissioner supports election observers

BY TOM KATHOA

The decision by Autonomous Bougainville Government President, James Tanis, to invite foreign observers to Bougainville for the election has won the support of the Bougainville Acting Electoral Commissioner, Raytamah Taravaru.

Speaking to New Dawn FM, Mr Taravaru commended the Tanis/Masatt Government for the decision to invite and allow people from other countries to come and witness how the election is conducted.

Election observers have been drawn from several countries in the Pacific Region.

Mr Taravaru said the presence of foreign observers will be of great assistance to the commission and the ABG government as a whole.

He said the Electoral Commission will use the information in the observers' report as a guide to improve the conduct of future elections.

Meanwhile, Mr Taravaru strongly urged all candidates and their supporters not to turn away other candidates who want to campaign in their areas.

He said candidates should be allowed to conduct their campaigns anywhere, but appealed to them not to unfairly criticize other candidates.

Mr Taravaru also issued a stern warning to dismiss election officials if they are found to be collaborating with candidates.

All election officials from the Provincial Returning Officer down to the drivers and cleaners must refrain from taking sides. They must remain neutral at all times.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

No Bougainville referendum until weapons are gone

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

A Port Moresby-based Bougainvillean lawyer is very concerned at the way the Autonomous Bougainville Government has managed its affairs over the last five years.

Joel Minsipi Nawa told New Dawn FM that the legal lifespan of the ABG is a maximum of 15 years from 2005. All powers available to Bougainville must be transferred from the PNG government within that 15 year period, within which a referendum on independence must be held.

However, the transfer of powers is conditional, subject to Bougainville's administrative, manpower and financial capacity. Also referendum must be held within 10-15 years.

He said although the referendum is guaranteed under the PNG and Bougainville constitutions there first must be weapons disposal before it can take place.

He said Bougainville still has piles of ammunition in the hands of Mekamuis, Bougainville Revolutionary Army element, the Wilmo Force, freedom fighters, Uvistract and certain local politicians, criminals and youths.

Mr Minsipi said that anything that can be used to harm another person is a weapon, including bush knives, axes, fishing spears, not just guns. Killings are done using these weapons, especially when young people consume home brews.

The ABG and the PNG government are well aware of these undisposed weapons and that this creates a big threat to the lives of peace-loving people in Bougainville.

He said he was concerned because the issues of autonomy and the referendum leading to independence entirely depend on disposing of these weapons.

Mr Minsipi, who is the principal legal advisor to the Teaching Service Commission and who represents the PNG government on the draw-down of education powers to Bougainville says in the last five years the ABG's only concern was to transfer powers to Bougainville without addressing weapons disposal.

The technical expert team of the PNG government, of which he is a member, has repeatedly asked ABG representatives to include weapons disposal as an agenda for discussion but it has not been included for some reason.

He called on the next ABG to make sure weapons disposal is on the agenda for discussion at future JSB meetings.

Mr Minsipi also questioned why the ABG does not seem to have any policy guidelines as to how it is going to remove weapons from Bougainville and its policy is in dealing with Noah Musingku's kingdom that will result in a gun free-Tonu.

While both ABG and Mekamui seem to have a clearly defined goal of becoming independent from PNG, the reality is Bougainville cannot get independence if weapons disposal is not addressed.

He also called on Bougainvilleans to vote for good, qualified, active, committed and God fearing leaders for Bougainville in the coming election.

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Source : Post-Courier

Supporters get 'territorial' on Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

SUPPORTERS of candidates contesting the Autonomous Bougainville Government second presidential election are harassing and physically chasing their rivals who want to carry out campaigns in their so-called "no-go zones".

Last week, the Post-Courier witnessed a group of supporters for a candidate (named) of a constituency in North Bougainville chasing supporters of another candidate (named) because they did not want other campaign officials campaigning in their territory.

In South Bougainville, one candidate and his supporters were harassed and told to get away from the area where they were campaigning because that area was rightfully their candidate's. While Bougainville police advised they were not aware of these incidents, they told the Post-Courier they were aware of such incidents happening as per the previous elections.

"Elections on Bougainville have become dirty like every other place in Papua New Guinea," a chief from the Tsisalato constituency said yesterday. "We are not like before where candidates used to campaign side by side and we will expect these sort of actions," he said.

Police on the other hand have appealed strongly to the people of Bougainville to take ownership of this election and provide the much needed security it deserves. They have been going on air, creating awareness on the radio and on the streets talking telling people to respect this election, the candidates and their freedom to choose and campaign where ever necessary.

13.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Arawa business school students graduate

By Peterson Tseraha

A privately-run business school in Arawa Central Bougainville graduated its second lot of students last week. The Osi Tanata Innovative Business Training Institute (OTIBTI), a sector of Osi Tanata, incorporated an organisation in central Bougainville has done it again. With a bridging relationship with the Kokopo Business College more students have enrolled in the program.

While Bougainville was in election fever it did not disrupt anything to do with the graduation.

OTIBTI specialises in training students with basic accounting, secretarial /clerical studies, the first of its kind on Bougainville after the crisis.

A total of 51 students graduated after completing months of practical work with business houses and certain government sectors in Arawa.

Osi Tanata acting executive director Cosmas Piri described the second graduation as another milestone achievement on Bougainville.

"This is a privilege for these youths who were pushed out of the so-called formal education system to have

access to this rare opportunity in life again," Mr Piri said. "This will enable them to join the workforce on Bougainville or to further their studies for diploma qualifications or to add to the number of self start small businesses on the island," he said.

Osi Tanata acting director Cosmas Piri challenged the graduates not to sit down and just look at the certificates framed and placed in cupboards.

"Don't just sit back at your villages or homes and wait for opportunities to meet you but create opportunities," Mr Piri said. He told students to have a high self-esteem because they had received another level of education that qualified them for another step to be in the employment sector.

OTIBTI students will have the opportunity to further their education where 20 spaces will be available for them each year at the Kokopo Business College in the East New Britain Province, and some students have already gone there.

Mr Piri appealed to the ABG members, the PNG Government and Member for Central Bougainville Jimmy Miringtoro, COE members and the general public to assist in one way or the other to sustain the program because it was helping youths on Bougainville.

13.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Engan has Buka polls 'covered'

'There are things I want to do for Nissan, just wait and see,' Nissan candidate Cherry Napto Kiso says.

By GORETHY KENNETH

HE COMES from Wapenamanda, Enga Province and thinks he has mastered the numbers to win in this second Autonomous Bougainville Government elections.

And he is right, he has the numbers in the Nissan Constituency seat, the one he is contesting.

Cherry Napto Kiso is 47 and is married to Flora Otima, who is from Lihon village, Nissan Island and they have four boys.

Mr Napto is running against old-timer and local politician Leo Hannett, who was Bougainville's former governor and premier. Mr Hannett is now a businessman. Mr Napto is not only married to a Bougainvillean, he has been serving the province as district manager for more than 10 years. He served as district manager for Kunua, Torokina, Boku, Atolls, Buka and Nissan these past years, even during the Bougainville crisis. Napto Kiso attended Wabag High School from 1976 to 1979, then continued to Passam National High School from 1980-81. He graduated with flying colours and was selected to go to the University of Technology in Lae.

He studied for only three years, but could not complete his degree due to personal problems. He began his working life in Buka and worked his way up to be a senior public servant.

In 1985, he attended the PNG Institute of Administration where he obtained a certificate. He was also at one time a Post-Courier distributor in Buka, serving the Atolls and Nissan. He joined the office of the Higher Education Minister as the second secretary. But he resigned early this year to contest the Nissan Constituency seat.

He came second in the first ABG elections in 2005 and is confident he has the population of Nissan in his palm.

When asked what he planned to do if he won the seat, he said smiling; "There are many things I want to do for Nissan, just wait and see."

13.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Aussies case adjourned in Buka

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUSTRALIAN yacht skipper Michael Northcote will have his case heard when documents are made available today.

Northcote's case was taken up by Young and Williams and it was adjourned from last week because the file is locked in Magistrate Peter Toliken's office.

Mr Toliken is currently in Buin, south Bougainville, for a week-long circuit.

The case was supposed to be heard yesterday but was adjourned to this morning.

This is a criminal case between the Bougainville police and Northcote over allegations of Northcote being in

possession of illicit drugs while on Bougainville.

This case goes before Magistrate Vincent Linge this week.

Meanwhile, the other four Australians had their case listed for tomorrow (Wednesday) when Magistrate Toliken will be presented with their submissions.

These Australians have been in Buka for more than a month.

They could face more charges when Customs presents its case when they appear before the magistrate.

13.04.2010

Source : The National

Tanis continues talks on disposing weapons

By TOM KATHOA

AUTONOMOUS Region of Bougainville President James Tanis is continuing talks with leaders of the various factions about disposing of weapons.

Mr. Tanis admitted that not all weapons in the possession of people had been handed over to the authorities. While this is a huge task, the president is confident the Autonomous Bougainville Government will achieve its goal to rid the region of weapons in preparation for referendum and independence.

Mr. Tanis said the Government was still talking to leaders and all other citizens of Bougainville about the weapons disposal program.

He said all faction leaders had assured him of a trouble-free election, where people and election officials would be allowed to pass through the roadblock at Morgan junction.

Mr. Tanis said continuity was important to the region and urged the people to give him a full five-year term to realize their dreams.

He said he had adopted a similar campaign tactic as in the 2008 presidential by-election which he won convincingly from 14 other candidates.

He said he would concentrate on improving the economic sector of the region together with other sectors like health, education, fisheries, forestry, communication and road and transport infrastructure.

Mr. Tanis challenged Bougainvilleans to vote for him if they were serious about real development and prosperity.

12.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Petty politics holding back Bougainville: Momis

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Former Bougainville Governor and long-time member for Bougainville in the national parliament, John Momis, says Bougainville needs good, honest and visionary leadership to move forward.

He said he was concerned Bougainville may not reach what it aimed for in the first place if it continues to play petty politics.

Mr Momis was replying to political opponents who questioned his stand on the future of Bougainville after the 2010 general elections.

He said he joined politics to fight for autonomy and self determination which Bougainville is moving towards.

He said that his vision for Bougainville remains focussed on the referendum and independence for Bougainville.

On the question of allowing Chinese into Bougainville, he said any investor who wants to come into the province has to come under Bougainville's own laws and policies which must be made by the next government.

He said that Bougainville remains an integral part of the global community and cannot isolate itself.

Mr Momis said the next ABG government should immediately establish good policies to attract investment.

12.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Tanis will govern for the next generation

BY TOM KATHOA

One of the candidates in the ABG election has described the Tanis/Masatt Government as a government of hope for the people of Bougainville.

Former BRA Commander, Ismael Toroama, who is contesting the South Nasioi constituency, told a political rally on Buka that this government has proven itself to be a government for the people.

MrToroama said he fully supports the government because it had provided hope for the youths, women and all the people of Bougainville during its short time in office.

He challenged people to think patriotically and vote for people they believe will meet their needs.

He said this is the government that will lead the region to a referendum and eventual independence, a government for the future generation.

The former BRA commander has also challenged Bougainvilleans to take control of all business activities in the region.

He said foreigners are not needed and urged the people to go into small business activities to raise their income and living standards.

Mr Toroama said the current government should be voted back into office to fully accomplish its vision for the region and its people.

12.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Mekamui fighters defy govt in Konnou area

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The situation in Konnou remains tense after the murder of a villager, Korake, by Mekamui elements in the area last week.

Reports from Konnou reaching New Dawn FM state that Buin police cannot move into the area as it is a 'no go zone' for government authorities.

The Bougainville Police Service is no match for the firepower of criminal elements in the area.

Reports say the last remaining villagers from Piriraro moved out of their homes after the killing and are now living with relatives elsewhere.

Chief Francis Mona who left the village earlier told New Dawn FM that he feared for the lives of his children who are still in the area.

He said he left his village with only the clothes he was wearing. He is now in Buka.

His attempts to meet the officers from the Peace and Reconciliation Office for assistance were unsuccessful.

12.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Veteran missionaries quit to return home

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The last of the remaining early missionaries who served on Bougainville for more than forty years have been farewelled at a ceremony in Hahela.

The early missionaries are retired Bishop of Bougainville, Bishop Henk Kronenberg, Father Hendry Saris and Sister Noreen (SMSM).

Bishop Kronenberg served on Bougainville for more than 47 years since he arrived in PNG in 1965. He became Bishop of Bougainville in 1999.

Father Saris served on Bougainville for 39 years.

Both men are from Holland and will return to their homeland this year.

Sister. Noreen also served on Bougainville for many years and will return to Australia at the end of April.

The farewell ceremony included activities by students of Hahela and Malasang Primary School and presentations of gifts.

12.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Bougainvilleans stand up to be counted

BOUGAINVILLE should know by end of this year whether the population has increased, decreased or still remains the same as the 2000 census figures.

It will be a difficult task for the Bougainville census division, which officially launched its operations on Friday in Buka, counting every household and every head simultaneously with the operations of the second ABG elections. Census 2000 operations, although could not cover parts of Central and South Bougainville recorded about 175,000 (including the 20,000 that were killed during the crisis) population of the region, with 33,000 household. By the end of the year we should know whether it decreased or increased. The launching of the Bougainville census operation in Buka officially marked the start of the process before the actual counting begins in July. A workshop to train trainers by the Bougainville census division in conjunction with the ABG also concluded on Friday.

Several chief executive officers of different divisions were also present on Friday for the event.

Co-ordinator Joseph Jeraha said the goal of the 2010 census was to provide reliable demographic (population based) and socio-economic information for the government for development planning for now and in the future.

The objective of the 2010 census is to successfully carry out a population and housing census in July 2010.

"Bougainville missed out on the 1990 census due to the crisis and not all parts of Bougainville (mainly in Central Bougainville) were covered in the 2000 census. Therefore, it is very important that as far as possible, all persons on Bougainville are counted this time," he said.

"The ABG through its administration has taken ownership of the census and we must do all we can to ensure its successful completion.

"Since the period February to July is also election time on Bougainville, it is important that we maintain focus on the purpose and successful accomplishment of census operations whilst also attending to our constitutional obligations to partake in the election."

12.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Actor Tukana now a farmer

By GORETHY KENNETH

IF you have watched a 1980 Bougainville produced film called Tukana, you will remember the person that acted the main character in this local movie.

This is a story about one of Bougainville's actor, now a farmer in Bougainville.

In the 1980s this man was popular with his main character Bougainville film- Tukana. Albert Toro (pictured above) as he is known hoped to one day act in a high profile international movie, like his Kieta counterpart William Takaku who acted in the Man Friday movie starring world famous Pierce Brosnan in Madang in 1995, but his dreams were shattered because of family, financial and other problems. He, however managed to produce and act in his own film that is still famous nowadays called Tukana.

Toro was the main character in this film and his co-star was the Autonomous Bougainville Government's current deputy Speaker and North Bougainville's Women representative Francisca Semoso.

It is a vital film to this day, especially when the region, to be specific, Teop Island where this 58-year-old man comes from-is still very much "traditionally maintained."

They sometimes call him a bushman with a hell lot of knowledge, but Toro pays no attention to it because that is just the way he lives, was brought up and has lived for the last 58 years - a simple village man.

Toro was born in Teop Island in 1952, got educated at Hanahan, Tearuki and Tinputs. His high school days were spent at the St Joseph's Rigu High School, an all male institution. He got chucked out of Grade Nine (9) for hijacking the mission boat in 1972. A month later found himself a job with the Bougainville Copper Mine as a heavy equipment operator. He learnt on the job and with little knowledge from the Catholic-run boys school, the trade was sufficient for him.

In 1974 he upgraded his marks by doing the four main subjects under the College of Distance Education and passed with flying colours. The following year he won a scholarship to study Arts at the University of Papua New Guinea for four years. In 1978 Toro served for three years as the PNG National theatre director, and in 1980 he won a position as an assistant producer at the country's Media Resource Unit. This is where he produced his own film, the first and famous Tukana, where he also starred as the main character. This film was traditionally set and one where tradition and culture clashed with modern day/life. The film was released in 1981 but was very popular in the 80s. In 1984 Toro felt he had to give back to Bougainville so he joined then provincial secretary and Bougainville's former Administrator Peter Tsiamalili as the North Solomon's provincial theatre director. He worked under Tsiamalili's reign until 1987 when he won a position at Lae's University of Technology, where he set up the first television unit for this institution. He worked there from 1987 to 1990 when he resigned to start his own company in Port Moresby.

Toro had a long walk in life. Apart from seeing the world including PNG (he says the only places in PNG he hasn't seen is Vanimo and Kavieng. He married his first wife, Anita Baru, from Eastern Highlands and had four children, Georgina, Ishmael, Nigel and Chicco. He later stretched his hands further to start another family but still kept his neatly framed family of actors and singers together.

In 2002 Toro returned to Bougainville where he worked as a farmer maintaining his plantations and aiding his community, assisting in every way he could to develop the community. In 2008 he worked for North Bougainville MP Michael Ogio as his project officer where he still holds that position. He contested the 2005 first ABG election and was beaten by Joseph Gitovea from Topo village. Two weeks ago Toro put his hand up again to contest the same seat with an aim to change two things, the education reform system and seriously look at the delivery of goods and services and look at how and why it is not reaching the very people that matter most - those in rural areas. He is contesting under the Labour Party banner.

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Source : Post-Courier

Candidate ousted

By TOM KATHOA

MEMBER for Tsitalato constituency in Buka district, North Bougainville, Hilary Laris has been ruled out of the contest in this election.

Member Laris was convicted by a court of Law on charges of sexually assaulting a female two years ago.

Mr Laris has appealed against his conviction to the Supreme Court, which is yet to make a decision.

His omission from the race leaves Tsitalato with eight candidates in the race for that vacant seat.

Meanwhile, Kongara constituency in Central Bougainville has the lowest of two candidates challenging each other for this seat.

Current Member for Kongara and Minister for Primary Industry Dominic Itta is being challenged by Amos Ove who nominated at the last minute before nominations officially closed on April 2.

Election history has shown that Haku constituency always had the highest number of candidates and is also the most populous constituency in the region.

Bougainville Provincial Electoral officer George Tarala said printing of the ballot papers would be done in Port Moresby next week.

Mr Tarala said election officials were finalising all candidates' details in preparation for next Wednesday when they will be travelling to Port Moresby to print all the materials.

All candidates are now busy on their campaign trails.

ABG President James Tanis yesterday campaigned at the Buka Market. He was flanked by vice president Ezekiel Masatt, Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal Minister Robert Hamal Sawa and Health Minister and Member for Atolls Taihu Pais.

11.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE SECOND AUTONOMOUS BOUGAINVILLE GOVERNMENT
GENERAL ELECTIONS 2010

KOMPLETTE KANDIDATENLISTE
FÜR DIE ZWEITEN ALLGEMEINEN WAHLEN ZUM
AUTONOMUS BOUGAINVILLE GOVERNMENT 2010

11.04.2010

Noch drei Jahre mehr!

Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland wird für weitere drei Jahre von Herrn **Eberhard Pfeiffer** (68) als Honorarkonsul in Port Moresby vertreten. Dies wurde ihm kürzlich seitens der deutschen Botschaft in Canberra (Australien), die gleichermaßen für Papua-Neuguinea zuständig ist, mitgeteilt. Als einziges europäisches Land unterhält nur Frankreich eine eigene diplomatische Vertretung in Port Moresby. Ansonsten werden die Interessen Europas vor Ort durch eine ständige Gesandtschaft der EU gewahrt. Herr Pfeiffer (seine Freunde in PNG nennen ihn Eddie) betreibt in der näheren Umgebung von Port Moresby eine biologische Ananas-Plantage, aus deren Früchten seine Firma *Sogeri Spices Limited* eine überaus schmackhafte Konfitüre herstellt. Doch auch um Bougainville hat sich Pfeiffer in der Vergangenheit verdient gemacht: So beschaffte er vor ein paar Jahren beispielsweise eine wertvolle technische Einrichtung aus Deutschland, die seinerzeit vom damaligen deutschen Botschafter in Bougainville übergeben wurde. Diese ermöglichte es überhaupt erst, dass der Sender *Radio New Dawn on Bougainville* in Buka seinen Sendebetrieb aufnehmen konnte. Auch die European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) schulden Herrn Pfeiffer großen Dank für seine wertvollen Dienste. Viel Glück für die Zukunft Eddie!



Honorarkonsul / Honorary Consul Eberhard Pfeiffer

Another three more years!

The German Honorary Consul to PNG **Mr. Eberhard Pfeiffer** (68) will be on duty in Port Moresby for three more years. This had been communicated to him by the German Embassy in Canberra a short time ago. The German Ambassador to Australia is also accredited in Papua New Guinea. France is the only European country to be represented by an own ambassador. The European Union maintains a permanent mission in Port Moresby as well. Mr. Pfeiffer (his friends in PNG call him Eddie) is a biologic pineapple farmer one hour drive away from Port Moresby. He also owns the *Sogeri Spices Limited* that produces a delicious jam from his carefully cultivated fruits. Mr. Pfeiffer maintains excellent relations to Bougainville as well: A couple of years ago he organized a transmitter for *Radio New Dawn on Bougainville* from Germany. This expensive technical equipment, handed over by the former German Ambassador in Buka, made it possible that the regional network was able to start broadcasting. Also the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) owe Mr. Pfeiffer a debt of gratitude for his friendly support. Good luck for the future Eddie!

10.04.2010

Earlier today the ESBC had been informed by friends on the ground in Bougainville that neither Mr. Philipp Miriori nor Mrs. Lynette Ona, who both pretend to be spokes persons of Panguna landowners, are not landowners in Panguna at all. Therefore their public statements have NOT to be considered as official ones! Mrs. Ona does not belong to the family of former rebel leader, the late Francis Ona who died in 2005 ! In Bougainville she is considered as a "failed politician" our sources say. In consequence: Statements of both persons should not be taken for serious!

Die ESBC wurden heute aus zuverlässiger Quelle vor Ort in Bougainville darüber in Kenntnis gesetzt, dass Mr. Philipp Miriori und Mrs. Lynette Ona nicht Landeigner in Panguna sind. Letztere gibt vor, Sprecherin der Frauen in Panguna zu sein. Deshalb sind die öffentlichen Einlassungen der beiden NICHT als offiziell zu werten. Mrs. Ona ist auch nicht, wie fälschlich angenommen werden könnte, in irgendeiner Form mit dem 2005 verstorbenen Rebellenführer Francis Ona verwandt! Laut unserer Quellen wird sie auf Bougainville als glücklose Politikerin betrachtet. Statements beider Personen, sollten deshalb nicht allzu ernst genommen werden!

09.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Panguna gets new satellite system

By Peterson Tseraha

THE newly established Panguna District administration office will have no problem communicating with the outside world, thanks to Telikom PNG, the ABG and the Government of New Zealand for funding a new satellite system.

The new VSAT was launched by ABG President James Tanis, Peace and Reconciliation Minister Robert Hamal Sawa General Moses Pipiro of the Mekamui defence force and members of the Panguna administration, last week. The VSAT system was installed by Telikom PNG engineers, who were taken to the once No-go-zone. **(Is Panguna anymore a No-go-zone? That would be very good news! The ESBC will try to find out!)** Since the whole world can communicate with the people of Panguna, they have been urged by the ABG president to take ownership of the VSAT.

09.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Tanis set for simple tactic during by-election

By Tom Kathoa

The President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, James Tanis entered the office of the president with "NOTHING AND WILL TAKE NOTHING" when he leaves office if not re-elected. President Tanis said his campaign would be simple like what he did when he contested and won the presidential by-election.

He made no promise to the people of Bougainville except to restore confidence and relations with leaders of various factional groups, the Prime Minister for Papua New Guinea and foreign diplomatic missions and NGOs operating in Papua New Guinea. The president said he is happy that he has achieved this mission. Because of this, the president says he does not need dancing girls, singing kaur and a big rally to promote his

campaign.

He said he has signed a memorandum of understanding between Meekamui army commanders and other leaders assuring him of a trouble free election. The President also said the issue of Panguna copper mine would be resolved soon once and for all whether to close it for good or re-open it. Turning to current Members of the ABG who are campaigning against him, the president challenged them to tell the people of Bougainville what they did in the three years before he came into office as president. President Tanis said he has done and achieved a lot in his fourteen months in office. He said Chris Uma and Ishmael Toroama are united and are prepared to work together after the election.

09.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Fee delay affect students

By GORETHY KENNETH

MORE than 300 Grade 12 students from two major secondary schools in Bougainville face a possible send off because of committed school fees from politicians not been paid on time. Higher Education Minister and North Bougainville MP Michael Ogio last year made a commitment to Hutjena and Tarlena Secondary schools to pay school fees for all grade 12 students of North Bougainville attending these institutions. In February, Ogio's Joint District Planning committee made a resolution approving K500,000 to these two schools.

Due to this commitment, parents were advised not to make payments for school fees. It has been three months since the students have been in school without school fees. Minister Ogio's intention was to help the parents of North Bougainville, who had their children attend grade 12 at these two schools - it has turned out funds have not been used accordingly. Hutjena Secondary School principal Martin Takali yesterday said more than 120 students at Hutjena have been affected and as they owed the school more than K199,000. "Parents wanted to pay but because of this commitment they did not and it is not their fault," Mr Takali said. He said he had written a letter to the Minister on the matter as it was affecting their operations in the school. He did not elaborate but said they were facing difficulties because more than 200 students in their school had not paid their fees as they need to pay for food and other necessities. Ogio's office yesterday advised from Port Moresby that the money had already been allocated and available from the District Treasury office, however, might have been used for other purposes. The office assured them they would look for money elsewhere to honour the commitment.

09.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Inmates

praise

detained

angels

DETAINED Australian yachties have been called "ANGELS" by more than 70 prisoners at the Buka Police station lockup.

This is because since last year, there's been a major water shortage at the cells and for four weeks, since police caught these Australians in their yacht for alleged possession of marijuana, they have been providing drinking water for Buka cell prisoners and providing a full tank of water for the inmates to wash and use for toilets. The prisoners in a press release alerted there could be a possible diarrhea outbreak in the cells and were worried, believe it could be a sign of cholera disease. They claim those affected vomitted and were too weak to squat when using toilet, instead they lie on the floor and release their waste. But health authorities are saying it is the responsibility of Buka town inspection authorities to inspect while police station officers have been saying they cannot do anything due to lack of funds. The water shortage and the other problems were contributing factors as alleged by the prisoners. They claimed they had not had any decent water for drinking, cooking, washing and toilet until the four Australians, 33 year old Putu Winchester, Thomas Olsen (44), Clayton McDonald (33), Michael O'Neill (42) and Captain Michael Northcote (46) came to Buka. "We inmates have run short of water for drinking, washing and toilet since last year when the main pump that pumps water from the well for washing and toilets broke down," the prisoners said.

“As a result, water from the four tanks for drinking has been used for both drinking and washing including toilets,” the prisoners wrote in their press release. “Authorities could not handle the problem so we have had a hard time, sometimes going without water for days until the four Australians arrived. We understand the four broke law of this country but they are human beings like every one of us. “They have done so much for us. The four Australians have been providing water for us to drink, wash and for toilet.”

09.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Miscellaneous / Vermischtes (The Drum)

No losers!

The Autonomous Bougainville Region parliament house was built to house 40 members, which includes the president. However, this year it looks like the number of seats will have to be increased. That's because all the candidates have already declared themselves to be winners!

Confidence

STILL on the ABG election, many candidates say they are only waiting for the swearing in ceremony. Such confidence is all well and good, but do they realize, there's only one winner for each seat!

08.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Tanis govt praised

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

ONE of the candidates in the ABG presidential election has described the Tanis/Massatt government as a government of hope for the people of Bougainville. Former BRA commander Ismael Toroama, who is contesting the South Nasioi constituency seat in Kieta district, told a political rally in Buka yesterday that this government had proven to be a government for the people of Bougainville.

Mr Toroama said he fully supported the Government because it had provided hope for the youth, women and all the people of Bougainville during its short time in office. He challenged people to think patriotically and vote for people who they believe would provide and meet their needs, adding that this was the government that would lead the region to a referendum and eventual independence, and the Government that cared for its future generation. Mr Toroama said the current government under the leadership of President Tanis should be voted back into office to fully accomplish his vision for its people and the region. Meanwhile, the former BRA commander has challenged Bougainvilleans to take ownership of all business activities in the region. He said foreigners were not needed in the region and urged the people to go into small business activities to raise their income and living standards.

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Source : Post-Courier

Miscellaneous / Vermischtes (The Drum)

We'll teach them

UPDATE on the Bougainville campaigning: Haku Constituency, with the highest number of candidates at 20, are 90 per cent former teachers. Are they going in to teach polities or change the education reform plan?

Expat' street talk

OUR item yesterday on "expats" heading home to Bougainville for the ABG elections fell in with street talk in Buka and Arawa. There's a lot of anger about "where were they when we needed them". Also considering age and health, the ABG might incur some hefty bills for by-elections if some of them actually win!

Expat 'show' (07.04.2010)

A VETERAN of Bougainville political scene read our articles on the intending candidates for the ABG and reckons nearly all should be ruled out on the grounds that they're expatriates. Yep, folks who've lived far away from home for so long, they'll be considered as expats by their own people. Only polling day will tell what the voters think, of course.

08.04.2010

ESBC informs: The Elections of the Panguna Landowner Representation has been delayed to July or August 2010!

ESBC informiert: Die Wahl der Panguna Landeigner Vertretung wurde auf Juli oder August 2010 verschoben!

08.04.2010

Source : ABC Radio Australia

Womens group oppose reopening of Bougainville mine

Liam Fox, PNG correspondent

Women representing an indigenous landowner's group on the Papua New Guinean island of Bougainville say they're opposed to reopening the mine that was at the centre of a bloody civil war.

Local anger towards the Panguna copper mine was at the heart of the civil war that gripped Bougainville during the 1990s.

It's been closed ever since but the possibility of it reopening will be a big issue during next month's Autonomous Bougainville Government elections.

The incumbent president James Tanis is one candidate who wants to see it active again.

But Lynette Ona from the Bougainville Indigenous Women's Landowner Group doesn't.

"Because we sense that if mining comes on Bougainville it will spoil our land, spoil our environment and our culture as well," she said.

Ms Ona says many men support the mine's reopening but women are the traditional landowners on Bougainville.

08.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Me'ekamui rebels accused of election killing

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The Bougainville general election took a turn for the worse today when another man was shot dead in political related violence.

Chief Francis Mona called on President James Tanis to immediately address the worsening law and order situation in the Konnou area of the Buin district in south Bougainville.

The chief left his village following raids by Me'ekamui rebels, saying that the problems need to be addressed before more deaths occur.

Mr Mona said the Konnou people had been living in fear for too long and the government must address the law and order situation once and for all.

He said that the Me'ekamui faction had killed many innocent people whilst talking peace and the latest killing will stop people from voting in the coming general election.

Mr Mona said if the ABG is not capable of containing the situation, outside assistance should be called in.

07.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

7 vie for top post

By GORETHY KENNETH

Seven candidates will contest the second Autonomous Bougainville Government presidential election. They include a former Bougainvillean politician in national parliament, the autonomous government, businessmen and community leaders.

Polling starts on May 7. Writs will be returned on June 9.

ABG President James Tanis will defend his seat, as he goes up against John Momis, Reuben Siara, Robert Atsir, Martin Miriori, Sylvester Niu and a lone woman candidate, Magdalene Toroansi.

In 2008, a by-election was held which saw Mr Tanis win the seat. There were 14 candidates altogether. It followed the death of ABG's first President Joseph Kabui in June 2008. Mr Kabui's elder brother, Miriori who was a former international spokesman for the secessionist movement, was one of the candidates. He will be contesting the same seat this year.

By-election candidates included Nick Peniai, Edward Okuwau, Gerard Sinato, Sam Kauona, Clarence Cozziune, James Tanis, Ruben Siara, Samuel Akoitai, Sylvester Niu, Joel Banam, Raymond Hakena and Patrick Leslie.

This year more than 180,000 eligible voters will have a lesser choice of voting for their leader because the number of candidates compared to the by-election has halved. President Tanis, Reuben Siara, Martin Miriori and Magdalene Toroansi come from Central Bougainville, while Momis comes from South, and Robert Atsir and Sylvester Niu come from North Bougainville.

Under the updated common roll, North Bougainville region has the highest number of eligible voters followed by South and Central Bougainville. Magdalene Toroansi is currently the woman representative in the ABG Parliament for Central Bougainville. She gave up the reserved seat to test the women of Bougainville for equal votes for a woman to lead this second presidential seat.

07.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Cubans ordered to leave

TWO Cubans are under police custody in Buka after being transported out of Arawa town yesterday with an order to leave Bougainville within 24 hours.

The two have been working with a scrap metal exporting company in Central Bougainville engaged with the locals and extracting heavy metals out of Panguna and within Arawa. The two had first entered the country last year on a tourist visa with no proper work permits allowing them to operate anywhere in the country. However, on arriving in Port Moresby the two - who came on different dates - quickly made their way to Bougainville where they found employment with this scrap metal company. According to the officer-in-charge of the intelligence section at the Arawa police station, Constable Chris Mate, Arawa police have been monitoring their movements around the area, but never bothered about checking their passports and work permits. "We have been monitoring them when they came and worked with this scrap metal company. "However, we never checked their passports or work permits," Const Mate said. Const Mate said they only knew that these two Cubans were illegally working in the region after receiving a letter last week from the Foreign Affairs department, which was also signed by Police Commissioner Gari Baki ordering the two Cubans to leave Bougainville within 24 hours. Const Mate said on enquiring with the owner of the scrap metal company they learned that he (the owner) was also not happy with their involvement and also agreed with the decision to "quickly" move them out of Bougainville. The two Cubans have already been transported to Buka and are expected to fly out of the region once necessary documents are finalised by the police.

07.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Landowners angry

By FABIAN GATANA

THE owners of the land on which Wakunai District office is located as well as the Wakunai river, are angry at manner in which the ABG Works Department had gone about the preparation and signing of an agreement for use of stones from the river to produce aggregate for the Japanese bridge project. On Good Friday, John Kolan, a representative of ABG Works took an agreement and persuaded the clan chiefs of the Buirao and Vagei clans to sign an agreement. This was allegedly done without allowing the chiefs to read through the agreement and to allow the members of the clans to discuss the terms of the agreement and to give consent to the chiefs to sign the agreement. The landowners are calling on the ABG to set aside this agreement and allow proper negotiations with the landowners to take place. The landowners are demanding a better rate for aggregate and a fair compensation for damage to the environment, disruption to the river system, destruction of the natural river bed, fish, eels, prawns and other fish that live in and around the river. They are giving the ABG Works Dept seven days and their failure to do so will mean that work at the Wakunai crusher will stop until this matter is sorted out and the Japanese bridge project will be delayed. They also remind those in authority that there must be mutual respect in dealings like this and for the Government to get proper agreement from the landowners first.

06.04.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

236 candidates nominate for general election

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Nominations for the 40-seat Bougainville House of Representatives closed on Friday but final lists of candidates have not yet reached the Returning Officer in Buka due to communication difficulties.

According to Returning Officer George Tarara, he expects to receive the final figures from Central and South Bougainville today.

By yesterday afternoon, 236 candidates had nominated for the 40 seats.

In all, seven candidates have nominated for the presidential seat. They are current President James Tanis, Reuben Siara, John Momis, Martin Miriori, Robert Atsir, Sylvester Niu and the only woman candidate, Magdalene Itona Toroansi.

The seat of Haku on Buka Island has 20 candidates, the highest number of any constituency.

Two women have nominated to contest constituency seats in South Bougainville whilst 19 women will contest the three preserved seats for women in the House of Representatives.

Candidates numbers will be confirmed later today.



Photo: Candidates are busy campaigning for the 40 seats in the ABG Parliament. Pictured is Cosmas Sohia, a candidate for the Tsitalato seat campaigning in Buka town. Picture by Aloysius Laukai.

06.04.2010

Source : The National

Seven Contesting for president's post in Bougainville elections

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

NOMINATIONS for the 40-seat House of Representatives for Bougainville closed last Friday with seven candidates to vying for the presidency. The total number of candidates for all the seats is not known as the final list from the districts has not reached the election's returning officer in Buka. Returning officer George Tarara said due to communication difficulties, he was unable to get the final figures of candidates from the Central and South Bougainville. According to the records he received by yesterday afternoon, 266 candidates have nominated for the 40 seats. The seven running for president include incumbent James Tanis, Reuben Siara, John Momis, Martin Miriori, Robert Atsir, Sylvester Niu and the only female candidate, Magdalene Itona Toroansi. Constituency that received the highest number of candidates was the Haku seat on Buka Island with 20 candidates.

Only two women have nominated to contest constituency seats in South Bougainville while 19 women will be contesting for the three reserved seats for women in the House of Representatives.

01.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

The challenge is on

By Gorethy Kenneth

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government Deputy Speaker Francesca Semoso yesterday began her race against business giants and men nominating under the Tsitalato Constituency Seat, a non-woman reserved seat. For the last five years, Ms Semoso was the ABG's deputy Speaker, occasionally acting as the Speaker. She is a HIV/AIDS advocate and a women leader in the region. She said it was not a mistake that she had chosen to contest this seat – as equal participation was always preached in the region. Franco, as she is known widely, believes this will be the day she proves a woman can beat a man in this race. She is up against businessman Cosmas Sohia, "controversial" current sitting MP Hilary Laris and four other men. Franco, 46, from Malasang village is confident she will be successful. She did not want to continue and re-contest the same North Bougainville Women's Seat because: "I want to make way for other women of Buka to contest in that seat. I have had the feel of this seat, I know what's it like and I want to give other women the opportunity to contest that seat." "A reserve seat is a launching pad. I now feel I have the experience and knowledge to lead in another way and make way for other women of North Bougainville to come and make their mark. It's about changing the minds of the people."

01.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Candidates flow in

HE came with 15 truckloads of supporters to Buka town for nomination. Candidate for the Halia Constituency seat – Damien Kora, an ex-fighter in the Bougainville crisis was escorted in style from his Hanahan village to Kenny's Hall where the singsing kaur (traditional dancing) started and led him to the nomination table to put his mark. His father Raphael, by his side who flew in from Port Moresby for his nomination. Damien wished his Manus mother was alive to see him contest this special second presidential election.

Mr Kora was one of 20 candidates that nominated yesterday and part of more than 60 candidates that have nominated, so far, in North Bougainville seats according to the Electoral office in Buka. The last Presidential candidate is expected to nominate today before the close of nominations tomorrow. That would bring the Presidential Candidates to six. In Central Bougainville, the nomination of candidates has been going at snail's pace with six people nominated in Terra, Rau and Kongara constituencies. Siwai in South Bougainville completed its nomination yesterday. A report should be known by today. North Bougainville moved faster as shown in the lineup. Haku constituency led with 16 candidates, most are former and current teachers.

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| * | | | | Tsitalato-6 |
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| * | | | | Atolls-4 |
| * | | | | Nissan-3 |
| * | | | | Mahari-3 |
| * | | Taonita/Teop | | -1 |
| * | | | | Tonsu-1 |
| * | | | | Suir-1 |
| * | | Selau | | -1 |
| * | Women's | | Seat | -4 |

A full and detailed report of the nominations from Central and South Bougainville including the North Bougainville Seat, Women's, Ex-combatants and those for the president's seat.

01.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier (*The Drum*)

Free

ride

A CANDIDATE brings in thousands of supporters this week to town to witness his nomination –from far north Buka villages. When asked why they had come in big numbers with the candidate, one replied: “Free transport – I wanted to come to Buka town and so, because there was free transport I hopped on –“ . Think again candidates....

01.04.2010

Source : The National

74 candidates nominated for Bougainville elections

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

SEVENTY-four candidates have been nominated for the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) general election since writs were issued last Friday. Five hopefuls are contesting the president's seat and a few more are expected to be nominated before the close of nominations tomorrow. Incumbent President James Tanis was nominated to defend his seat last Friday. On Saturday, the first woman candidate Magdalene Toroansi was nominated and former governor John Momis and Martin Miriori were both nominated on Monday. For the constituency seats, three candidates have already been nominated for the Terra seat in Wakunai. They are the incumbent MP Leo Reivasi, Justin Kungkam and former kiap (patrol officer) Jacob Rerevate. No names have been received from other Central Bougainville seats. In the Southern region, three nominations were registered for the Kopii seat in Siwai, one for the Ramu and five for Motuna Huyono. Fifty-six people were nominated for seats in the Northern Region. Among them are three for the women seat and two for the ex-combatants seat. The two candidates nominated for the ex-combatants seats are Franco Hoppin and incumbent Marcellin G. Laris. For the Suir seat, at least five hopefuls will battle for the ballots and another five for the Selau seat. Three people have been nominated for the Atolls seat, five for Peit, 10 for Haku, four for Halia, two for Tonsu, three for Tsitalato, five for Hagogohe, three for Taunita-Tinputz and two for Taunita-Teop. Meanwhile, only one nomination was received for the Bolave seat in Bana district from a candidate who was nominated at the Electoral Commission office in Lae.

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Source : Post-Courier

Warning on guns out

BOUGAINVILLE rebel hardliners warn of a possible taking up of arms and an increase in roadblocks through to Panguna if Bougainvilleans vote for a president that will not have the independence issue at heart.

Me'ekamui diehard Chris Uma, former rebel hardliner David Sisito and Bougainville's famous fifty-toea government cargo cultist Damien Damen gave the warning this week in Arawa.

The trio issued the warning in Arawa while throwing their support behind the incumbent president James Tanis who is campaigning this week in his homeland Kieta, central Bougainville.

The three men have officially announced they had left two other presidential camps they were following since the issue of writs late March because they saw that these candidates were not serious about the issue of independence and that they were not also interested in the issues that these hardliners wanted to be addressed.

Ishmael Toroama, the man behind the Bougainville Independence Movement Party, one that incumbent president Tanis is riding under, has also thrown his support behind these leaders saying that independence should be taken seriously because more than 20,000 lives were lost fighting for justice on Bougainville.

Word reaching the Post-Courier from Arawa had advised that Mr Sisito, Mr Uma and Mr Damen are now following Mr Tanis' campaign trail in Arawa and up to Wakunai, eventually moving to North Bougainville.

"Bougainvilleans lost their lives because of the issue of independence and for fighting for justice for Bougainville. "We have to take this issue seriously because if we don't we may not get what we fought for," they said. There is only a week remaining before polling starts.

29.04.2010

Source : Post-Courier

World Vision helps rural Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

A rural health centre, yet to be officially opened to the public in Bana, South Bougainville will have 18 new beds, thanks to World Vision international.

The non-government organisation, which has multi-million-Kina social impact projects in Bougainville, presented the 18 modernised hospital beds to the region's health department in Buka this week for distribution.

Chief executive officer for the Department of Health in Bougainville Dr Anthony Pumphara said during the presentation ceremony that the beds would be taken to Singkodo, in Bana District, to be used by the new health centre.

He said the aim of the department was to reduce the number of maternal deaths, improve health services for the region and get effective health service delivery throughout rural Bougainville.

Dr Pumphara thanked World Vision for its programs on Bougainville, especially in the vital areas of health and education and said the non-government organisation was also engaged in a very important health program in the south west areas of Torokina.

"We have come up with a new health program, which will cover issues like immunisation, HIV/AIDS and others and we thank the World Vision for helping us fund these programs and for their support in Bougainville," Dr Pumphara said.

He said there were 33 rural health centres in Bougainville that were facing many problems with equipment and medical supplies.

He said the beds will add to the newly established centre and should serve a population of about 3000 in that area.

World Vision International officials in Buka said their programs in Bougainville were rural-based and that they stood ready to assist where ever they could, as long as it was rural based.

The organisation is supervising a water sanitation program, toilets and other programs in the region.

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:08 AM local time Bougainville

NO WOMAN LEADER

Women of Bougainville have not supported their women candidates in the individuals seats. About five women stood against men in Kopii, Konnou, Eivo/Torau and Kokoda and according to the results. They still have a long way to go to get into politics. Although they have organizations like the Bougainville Women's Forum and Church and community based organizations they still did not support their women candidates. They are however doing okay on the reserved seats.

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 10:54 AM local time Bougainville

21 IN ALREADY

TWENTY ONE seats have been declared since counting started last week.

As of this morning the following seats have been declared.
In South Bougainville, TOROKINA, BABA, LATO, BOLAVE, KOPII, RAMU, MOTUNA HUYONO have been declared with four seats in Buin to come in.
In Central, KONGARA, KOKODA, EIVO/TORAU, RAU, TERRA have been declared.
And in North, ATOLLS, TAUNITA/TEOP, TAUNITA TINPUTZ, MAHARI, TEUA, SUIR and SELAU.
In North we still have the six constituencies on Buka Island to be counted.
Plus the Ex combatants seats and the Women's seat with the Presidential still in progress.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 10:48 AM local time Bougainville

WATAWI LOST

The Selau seat has gone to a new member TERRY MOSE from Gohi village Selau. He unseated Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister, MR. JOSEPH WATAWI . TERRY MOSE was declared by the Returning Officer George Tarala AT 8.45 AM this morning. TERRY MOSE polled 1683 after the 3rd elimination this morning. WATAWI polled came second with only 783 votes. On the Presidential seat after count 43 in South Bougainville and Count 86 in North Bougainville and Count 89 in Central Bougainville

MR. JOHN MOMIS is on 20,068

JAMES TANIS is on 12, 182

REUBEN SIARA 4,318

ROBERT ATSIR 3101

MARTIN MIRIORI 3371

MAGDALEN TOROANSI 1888

SYLVESTER NIU 530

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:06 AM local time Bougainville

SOUTH REPORT

From South Bougainville, after count 43, James Tanis is leading again with 5581

John Momis is second with 5544

Reuben Siara 1700

Martin Miriori 558

Magdalen Toroansi 529

Robert Atsir 437

Sylvester Niu 178

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Tom Kathoa at 10:56 AM local time Bougainville

MOMIS LEADS PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Papua New Guinea's former Ambassador to China and long-time politician, Mr. John Momis holds a commanding lead for Bougainville's top political post of president.

Ambassador Momis is leading the counting in all three regions of Bougainville with incumbent, James Tanis trailing him.

Since counting began a week ago the two leading candidates were going neck and neck, but the tide has stopped with Momis being dominant through out the count in all regions.

There are fifteen more constituencies to be counted, seven in the North, six still to be counted in South Bougainville and two more in Central Bougainville.

A miracle is required if other candidates including the president are to cause any change in the tally count. President Tanis is reported to have a great support and following on Buka Island where there are six constituencies yet to be counted and this would be a real great test for the president.

The result of the presidential race would be the last seat to be declared.

Meanwhile, election counting officials have been urged to put extra hours of work to ensure counting is completed before the official return of writs on the 9th of June, next Wednesday.

A new government would be sworn into office on the fifteenth of June, 2010.

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Tom Kathoa at 10:00 AM local time Bougainville

NEW LEADERS TAKE OVER

It is now most certain that the Second Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) after this election would be run by new members.

This is evident by the number of new faces who have already been declared since counting of votes began one week ago.

Out of the twenty constituencies declared fifteen have gone to new members.

Included in the losing candidates are three ABG Government Ministers, Michael Otoroa minister for Education and member for Lato, Health Minister and Member for Atolls, Hon Taihu Pais and the Minister for Local Level Government (LLG) Hon Jonathan Ngati.

Hon Jonathan Ngati was defeated by Albert Pungau for the Motuna/Huiono Constituency; Education Minister Hon Michael Otoroa was defeated by William Lababua while the Health Minister Taihu Pais lost the Atolls seat to businessman, Frank Pasini Marena.

Counting is still continuing in the North, South and Central Regions.

In the Central region election officials are now counting ballot boxes for the Ioro Constituency and it is expected

that counting in this region would be completed by the middle of this week.

Election officials engaged in the Central region would be moved to Buka once they complete counting there. Meanwhile, it has been generally quiet over-all since the election began with the issue writs, polling and now counting.

Election observers, police and other leaders have praised the people of Bougainville for the smooth conduct of the election.

A trouble free election is a sign that the people are mature and are capable of running and managing such an important on their own.

One of Papua New Guinea's Statesmen, Sir John Kaputin commended the people for the smooth election saying Bougainville needed qualified and experienced leaders to lead the region.

Sir John said it is important for the people of Bougainville to elect experienced and honest leaders to lead the region in preparation for referendum and independence.

He said this election is very important for the people and future of the region.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 09:56 AM local time Bougainville

KOPII DECLARED

The last seat in Siwai KOPII constituency has a new member.

This afternoon the ARO for South Bougainville Declared PHILIP KUHENA as the new member.

MR. KUHENA defeated the sitting member MICHAEL KOMOIKI.

Counting tonight is for Buin seats only. They are starting in Makis, Baubake, LULE and Konnou.

By toorrow morning we should know some results.

31.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 09:30 AM local time Bougainville

SELAU HOT

For the Selau seat, a local pastor TERRY MOSE was leading after count 5 this afternoon.

Terry Mose is on 392,Luke Pawen 35, Cyril Agen is coming second with 248 and sitting member and Minister for Consumer Affairs JOSEPH WATAWI is running 3rd with 157, Hillary Tsunno 14 and Conrad Ganu 38.

Counting for the Selau seat will be completed by tonight with the winner declared in the early hours of tomorrow morning.

31.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 07:23 AM local time Bougainville

MINISTER OUTSTED

Another ABG Minister has lost his seat in South Bougainville.

The Minister for Local Level Government, JONATHAN NGATI lost his Motuna Huyono/Tokunutui seat to MR. ALBERT PUNGHAU who polled 1201 to win this seat.

He was declared at 5am this morning.

MR. PUNGHAU is currently the member of the Papua New Guinea Cocoa Industry Board representing Bougainville.

Counting in South Bougainville is concentrating on the individual seats before it counts the regional seat for women and ex combatants and the Presidential seat.

Counting is now on the last Siwai seat Koppii before they count the last remaining four seats in Buin.

We will give the results of the Koppii seat shortly.

Latest on the Presidential seat

Robert Atsir 2103, John Momis 15,112, James Tanis 9,551, Reuben Siara 2387,

Martin Miriori 2332, Sylvester Niu 423 and Magdalen Toroansi 1421

Counting in Buka has crossed the Buka Passes.

Now they are on Count one for the Selau seat, they have only six boxes and already on the second one.

After Selau counters will move straight to Haku constituency.

We will post some figures once they are on the board.

After the final count of Suir Ballot papers, Count 81, For North Bougainville only, Robert Atsir has 1276, John Momis 8444, James Tanis 2420, Reuben Siara 912, Martin Miriori 620, Sylvester Niu 175 and Magdalen Toroansi 662

We will add them up with the other two regional counting centres shortly to give you an idea of the counting progress.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 07:16 AM local time Bougainville

TWO MORE DECLARED

Two more seats have been declared this morning.

In Arawa MELCHIOR DARE has unseated MR. ALPHONSE PEMUKO for the EIVO/TORAU seat in Central Bougainville.

He polled 1,302 votes.

Melchior Dare and the former member are both from PARUPARU in the hills outside Panguna.

And in Buka the sitting member for SUIR, LUKE KARASTON has retained his seat.

He mastered the required number and did not go through any elimination.

MR. KARASTON is the fifth member to retain his seat.

He was declared by the Returning Officer George Tarala at 7am this morning.

31.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 05:14 AM local time Bougainville

EX COMBATANTS NORTH

New comer FRANCIS BOISIVIRE is leading with 3725 after count 81,

Peter John Barik 2424, sitting member Marchellin Laris Getsi is on 1717

For the Excombatants seat and the women's seat there are still 7 constituencies to be counted before anyone can be in clear lead and win.

31.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 05:06 AM local time Bougainville

WOMEN SEAT UPDATE

Progressive score for the womens seat as of 4.30 am was as follows,

Elizabeth Burain is leading with 4349, Anastacia Lappointe 2869,

Racheal Tsien Nanopa 1920, Roselyn Gatana 1329, Hona Holan 1855

Maryanne Tousala 1389

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 09:30 AM local time Bougainville

KARATSTON LEAD

The sitting member for SUIR Constituency LUKE KARATSON is leading the race for the SUIR seat. As of count 10 this morning he was leading with 732 votes whilst the runner up PETER VEOMBI was on 229. They are counting the last ballot box for the Suir seat and the seat could be declared anytime this morning.

31.05.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Momis leads in count

By GORETHY KENNETH

FORMER ambassador to China John Momis maintained his lead from last week in the Autonomous Bougainville Government Presidential elections with a huge margin as of 9pm last night. Momis is currently leading with 12,537 votes, while ABG President James Tanis is trailing with 8563 votes. Lawyer Reuben Siara has maintained his third position on 2032 votes, Robert Atsir, an economist by profession has soared to fourth place after counts 74 and 75 in his home ground Mahari. Teua and Suir are now on 1800 votes while Martin Miriori is at fifth position with 1473 votes.

Trailing sixth was Magdalene Toroansi with 1296 votes and Sylvester Niu remained stagnant at last place with 353 votes.

Meanwhile, 16 seats have been declared so far since counting began last Saturday. Ninety per cent of those seats declared are new members who have unseated the incumbents. They include:

CENTRAL:

- * KONGARA: Dominic Itta
- * RAU: Joe Egilio unseated Thomas Keriri;
- * SOUTH NASIOI: John Ken unseated sitting MP Alfred Bakate
- * KOKODA: Joe Bausina unseated Rodney Osioko; and
- * TERRA: Robin Wilson unseated Leo Reivasi.

SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE

- * TOROKINA: Steven Suako unseated William Epota;
- * BOLAVE: Lawrence Uakai unseated Tony Siona;
- * LATO: William Labavua unseated Michael Otoroa;
- * BABA: William Silamai unseated Thomas Pabakumi;
- * RAMU: Thomas Pataaku retained his seat.

NORTH BOUGAINVILLE

- * ATOLLS: Frank Pasini unseated Taehu Pais;
- * NISSAN: Leo Hannett unseated Andrew Topensi;
- * TAONITATEOP: Micah Mose unseated Joseph Gitovea;
- * TAONITATINPUTZ: Carolus Ketsimur unseated Aloys Devui;
- * TEUA: Joseph Nopeii retained seat and
- * MAHARI: John Tabinaman retained his seat.

There are still 18 more constituencies to be declared apart from women, ex-combatant and president's post.

30.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 04:59 AM local time Bougainville

Counting suspended

Counting at all the three counting centres of Buin, Buka and Arawa were suspended this morning to allow counters to have some rest and also so that the people can attend church services.

Counting will start this evening at 6pm in all centres.

New Dawn FM has been broadcasting 24/7 since counting began on May 22nd and until all seats are declared. We will continue to update our site for the benefit of the people of Bougainville and Friends of Bougainville in PNG and abroad. We are also happy to see your comments.

Back to the counting, Buin centre will declare Motuna Huyono/Tokunutui and Koppii seats tonight and will move into the four constituencies in Buin.

The constituencies in Buin are Makis, Lule, Baubake and Konnou.

Reports we received from our team in Buin is that they have concentrated in counting individual seats in the past days and tonight they will count the Regional seats for the Ex Combatants and the women and including the Presidential seat.

We will update on the results tomorrow morning.

In Buka counting has moved to Suir and will continue to Selau the last two constituencies on the Northern Tip of mainland Bougainville.

They would then move to the six remaining constituencies on Buka island. Counting for the six Buka constituencies will start from TONSU then on to PEIT, HAKU, HALIA, HAGGOHE and final count the TSITALATO seat which covers Buka Town.

In Central they will declare the EIVO/TORAU seat and move into the last two seats in Kieta they are IORO and NORTH NASIOI.

We received reports that the North Nasioi seat has 24 ballot boxes to be counted.

Earlier Central Bougainville registered only 26 ballot Boxes for the entire Kieta district.

But included some more to cater for the extra voters from Mekamui and those from around Panguna who would be voting for the first time.

30.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:38 AM local time Bougainville

PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE

After count 74 and final figures from Mahari seat,

Robert Atsir 1186

John Momis 7612

James Tanis 2135

Reuben Siara 866

Martin Miriori 598

Sylvester Niu 144

Magdalen Toroansi 597

In Central Bougainville, After count 66 for EIVO/TORAU seat

Robert Atsir 534

John Momis 4614

James Tanis 3006

Reuben Siara 1099

Martinb Miriori 964

Sylvester Niu 142

Magdalen Toroansi 528

30.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:27 AM local time Bougainville

MAHARI DECLARED

Two more sitting members in North Bougainville have retained their seats.

Reverend Joseph Nopei won the Teua seat which he won in a by-election last year.

The Teua seat had no member after their former member, GERARD SINATO resigned to contest the Presidential by-election in November 2009.

Mahari seat was retained by the current member JOHN TABINAMAN.

MR. TABINAMAN was the acting President when the first ABG President the late JOSEPH KABUI died.

He was made the vice president after MR. KABUI reshuffled and demoted JOSEPH WATAWI after he was involved in an incident at the funeral of the late Chief Administrator, LATE PETER TSIAMALILI. MR. TABINAMAN was declared at 4.30 am this morning by the Provincial Returning Officer George Tarala. MR. TABINAMAN was the leader in the race from count one and never looked back. There was no elimination as he took the absolute majority of the vote from the voters. JOHN TABINAMAN polled 1,130 votes. Chris Poto came second with 253 votes. Counting was suspended at 6.30 am to 6pm this afternoon. Next to be counted would be Suir constituency.

29.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 07:42 AM local time Bougainville

Central Bougainville update

In the Presidential seat after count 54 and counting of Terra ballot boxes in Wakunai.

The latest Presidential figures are as follows. Please add to find the total from South and North. North we have posted already.

John Momis is leading with 3461

James Tanis is second with 2659

Reuben Siara is on 978

Martin Miriori is on 661

Robert Atsir is on 473

Counting in Buka is now on Teua seat KUNUA. We will update you on South Bougainville results this morning. Their communication system only operate during the day.

29.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:56 AM local time Bougainville

DEVUI ACCEPTS DEFEAT

In a rare case the ousted former member for Taunita/Tinputz came to the front and congratulated the member elect and shook hands with him and said that he will work with him as the new member.

MR. ALOYS DEVUI told Carolus Ketsimur that the issues and welfare of the people of Taunita/Tinputz are now in his shoulders.

He said that he was a free man as of today.

MR. DEVUI also challenged other losers to come to the front and accept defeat as he has done and in fact this is the first member to accept defeat publicly.

New Dawn FM also congratulates the new member elect as he was our former chairman in the initial stages of establishing New Dawn FM but resigned when the going was getting tough.

29.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:49 AM local time Bougainville

TAUNITA TINPUTZ seat was declared at 6.39 am this morning.

Former PANGTEL BOARD member CAROLUS KETSIMUR was declared as the new member elect for TAUNITA TINPUTZ.

Carolus Ketsimur also tried the 2005 ABG Elections but lost to Aloys Devui the member he has outsted this morning.

MR. KETSIMUR polled 1198 votes to win this seat.



Carolus Ketsimur

29.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:30 AM local time Bougainville

Presidential seat figures updated at 6pm.

John Momis 9282

James Tanis 7738

Reuben Siara 1609

Robert Atsir 1393

Martin Miriori 1060

Magdalen Toroansi 881

Sylvester Niu 274

Other seats will update shortly.

Central will continue to update tonight.

Due to communication difficulties Buin will update tomorrow morning.

28.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 08:16 PM local time Bougainville

Counting in North Bougainville is on Teua seat in Kunua whilst the Teonita Tinputz is on the last elimination shortly.

The remaining candidates in the race for Taunita Tinputz are, Carolus Ketsimur is on 982 and Gabriel Spae is on 695, they are counting the seconds and 3rd for Ross Michael Hamoun.

After they put on these figures they will now declare the winner between the two still in the race. Declaration could be anytime now before 8 am.

On the Teua seat the race is between the sitting member Rev Joseph Nopei who is leading with 368, Hillary Tsiniu is second with 185, Robert Semoso is on 88 and former Deputy Premier and long time politician Gerard Sinato is on 74.

Presidential seat in the North Bougainville counting Centre, After count 64, JOHN MOMIS is leading with 5584, JAMES TANIS is on 1755, ROBERT ATSIR 893, REUBEN SIARA 570, MAGDALEN TOROANSI 462, MARTIN MIRIORI 342 and SYLVESTER NIU 102.

NORTH EX Combatants, PETER JOHN BARIK is still leading with 2285 after count 64.

Coming second is sitting member MARCHELLIN LARIS GETSI 1,544, 3rd JEFFREY MAGUM has just overtaken Eddie Mohin to come 3rd with 1299 votes.

NORTH WOMENS seat after count 63, ELIZABETH TANGJI BURAIN is maintaining her lead with 3124, coming second HONA HOLAN with 1698 and 3rd is ANASTACIA LAPPOINTE 1494

Counting will move to SUIR constituency after Teua and into SELAU and across the passage to BUKA island. Other update shortly

28.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

ELEVEN SEATS DECLARED

By Tom Kathoa

Since counting of votes for the Autonomous Bougainville Government Election began last Saturday Eleven constituencies have already been declared.

Out of the Eleven declared seats only the sitting Member for Kongara, Hon Dominic Itta has retained his seat.

The re-elected member for Kongara is also the Minister for Primary Industry.

A total of the ten seats declared went to new members.

Among the early losers is the Minister for Health and Member for Atolls, Hon Taihu Pais who lost to businessman cum politician, Mr. Frank Pasini Marena.

The early winners are; Mr. Leo Hannett the newly elected member for Nissan, Joseph Igileo, Rau Constituency, John KEN new member for South Naisoi, Micah Mose to represent the people of Taunita/Teop, Lawrence Uakai, Bolave Constituency, Joseph Bausina Kokoda, Dominic Ita re-elected Member for Kongara, Steven Suako Torokina, Frank Pasini Marena to represent the people of Atolls, William Lababua, the new member for Lato and

William Silamai the member elect for Baba Constituency.

Counting is continuing in the three regions, North, Central and South.

Indications is that the contest for the presidential seat is between former Papua New Guinea Ambassador to China and a long time politician, Mr. John Momis and incumbent president, Hon James Tanis.

There are still 22 constituency seats yet to be declared and the declaration of the presidential will be made after the results of all the constituencies have been made public.

Meanwhile communication difficulties between Buka and South Bougainville are causing delay in communicating progressive results to the general public.

28.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

TWO MINISTERS UNSEATED

By Tom Kathoa

The election results so far clearly show that voters are not happy with their current elected members and have opted for a change in leadership.

This is evident in the declaration of eleven constituencies with ten of them going to new members.

Only on sitting member, the Minister for Primary Industry and Member for Kongara in Central Bougainville, Hon Dominic Itta has retained his seat.

Minister Itta was the first member to be declared, ahead of his lone opponent, Amos Ove.

Two ABG Government Ministers who have lost their seats are the Health Minister and Member for Atolls; Hon Taihu Pais who lost to businessman, Mr. Frank Pasini Marena and the Education Minister, Hon Michael Otoroa who lost his Lato Constituency seat to William Lababua.

If the trend continues, the new ABG Government to be formed after the election is certain to be filled with new members.

Of the already declared seats: four each from the South and Central Bougainville regions and three from North Bougainville.

Counting in all regions have been very slow and would continue through to next week.

Communication is also another problem being faced by officials engaged in counting to communicate the results to Buka.

28.05.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Elections Results Update

Momis takes over lead in poll

By GORETHY KENNETH

LONG time politician John Momis has taken the lead with 7263 votes, while incumbent James Tanis second with 6243 votes as of 8pm last night.

Lawyer Reuben Siara is running third with 11319 votes, Albert Atsir 1102, Martin Miriori 971, Magdalene Toroansi 788 and Sylvester Niu 198.

Momis maintained a clear lead in North Bougainville after count 62 last night with 3982 votes. Tanis trailed him with 930 votes, Atsir 669, Siara 382, Miriori 200, Toroansi 158 and Niu 54 votes. These are progressive results/scores in North Bougainville-Taonita Teop-Taonita/Tinputz ballot boxes to be counted in North.

But in Central and South Bougainville, Tanis has maintained his lead. In Central, after count 36, Rau

Constituency Seat, Tanis leads with 2207 votes, Momis 1486, Siara 650, Miriori 565, Toroansi 410, Atsir 254 and Niu 44.

In South Bougainville, Toroansi still maintains the lead –count 31, Lato Seat- Tanis since taking over from Momis at count 10 – 3026 votes, Momis 1324, Siara 201, Miriori 190, Toroansi 182 and Niu 81.

These were the progressive scores as of 8pm last night.

Updates from South Bougainville is very difficult and limited and at “Gods Mercy” because of severe communication problems faced.

South and Central anticipate counting to be completed by early next week.

28.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:58 AM local time Bougainville

Counting in Buka is on the last Tinputz electorate before they move into Suir and Selau.

After count 20, Misiliu Timothy is on 29, Gabriel Spae is leading with 290 votes.

Ross Michael Hamoun 26, George Irei Sayer 11, Carolus Ketsimur 24, Sambure Leonard is on14, current sitting member ALOYS TONY DEVUI is running second on217 and Aloysius Tosan Sangin is on 6.

28.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:52 AM local time Bougainville

We will shortly be updating South Bougainville figures.

Latest is that BABA is going through elimination process and a declaration is expected by today.

We will give you the results as soon as we get them.

28.05.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:47 AM local time Bougainville

RAU MEMBER

The former Communications Minister in the PNG Government, JOSEPH EGILIO has been declared as the new member elect for RAU constituency in Wakunai, Central Bougainville.

He was declared this morning at 4am by the ARO for Wakunai Augustine Niamis.

MR. EGILIO replaces the former member, MR. THOMAS KERIRI.

MR. EGILIO polled 842 votes and runners up who was leading from count one, William Raovi who polled 815.

On the seat of the President, we only have the three leaders only but we will update shortly.

The three are, JOHN MOMIS is leading Central counts with 2460, JAMES TANIS is coming second with 2370

and REUBEN SIARA is 3rd with 747 votes.
Counting is continuing and figures are also changing.....
So far nine seats have been declared.... 31 to go..... we will shortly update.

28.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 09:54 AM local time Bougainville

MOSE DECLARED

MICAH MOSE has been declared as the member elect for the TAUNITA/TEOP constituency in Tinputz by the Returning officer for North Bougainville, JULIUS KAIAE at 05.28 am this morning.
He defeated the sitting member MR. JOSEPH GITOVEA who fought to the end with 851 votes.
Winner MOSE was coming last in the race until the final ballot box which made him lead.
MR. GITOVEA polled 831 votes after the sixth elimination.
Counting for North has moved to the TAUNITA/TINPUTZ and based on the rate the counting for North is going the next declaration could be tonight or early tomorrow morning.

27.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted at by Aloysius Laukai 08:44 PM local time Bougainville

Overall Total Progressive Results for President Seat

These figures have been added from all three counting centres.
North after count 51, Central after count 37 and South after count 32
We will update shortly

John Momis 7138

James Tanis 6139

Rueben Siara 1295

Robert Atsir 1061

Martin Miriori 948

Magdalene Toroansi 729

Sylvester Niu 197

27.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted By Aloysius Laukai at 07:12 PM local time Bougainville

MOMIS LEAD

Former Bougainville Governor, JOHN MOMIS has taken the lead again as counting continues throughout the region.

In the latest counts, MR. MOMIS is on 3842 after count 51 in North Bougainville, 1957 votes after count 36 and in South MR. MOMIS is on 1339 after count 32. His grand total is 7138.

MR. Tanis is on 6139 after count 51 in North Bougainville he scored 731 and in Central after count 36 he has 2287 and in South after count 32 he is on 3121.

In North Bougainville counting is still on TAUNITA/TEOP constituency and they are on count 8 which is the last Ballot box. Then counting will continue to TAUNITA/TINPUTZ which has ten ballot boxes.

Declaration could be made tonight or early tomorrow morning.

In Taunita/Teop sitting member JOSEPH GITOVIA is still leading after count 7.

His progressive total after count 7 is 376 votes.

Joel Toges is running second with 321 votes.

3rd on the race is ALISTON HAPISIRIA with 166.

This has also increased figures for the women and ex combatants seats.

In the North Ex combatants seats, after count 52 PETER JOHN BARIK is still maintaining his lead with 2928 votes.

Second is the current sitting member MARCHELLIN GETSI who has 2321 votes.

In the women's seat Elizabeth Tangji Burain is on 1915 and leading the race.

Coming second is HONA HOLAN on 1411, Mary N Tousala is running 3rd with 802 votes.

27.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:49 PM local time Bougainville

Central Count

The current member for RAO constituency, THOMAS KERIRI is running 3rd after count 5 this morning.

William Raovi is leading with 257 votes, coming second is former member for Central Bougainville in the Papua New Guinea National Parliament, MR. JOSEPH EGILIO is running second and 3rd is on 99 votes.

From the same count in Central JAMES TANIS is leading with 2073, John Momis is second with 1,400 and Reuben Siara 3rd with 634.

In our next update we will combine Presidential figures to see the overall running total.

In the women's seat for North after count 50, Maryann Tousala is on 750,

Elizabeth Tangji Burain is leading with 1722, Roselyn Gatana is on 471,

Cicely Kiots Kekun 362, Rachael Tsien Nanopa 105, Anatacia Lappointe 764 and

Hona Holan second with 1375.

There are still 11 constituencies to be counted in North Bougainville before we can see some real winning figures. North has 14 constituencies, two have been declared whilst they are counting one that is Taunita Teop currently held by JOSEPH GITOVIA.

We will also update shortly with other Central and South figures.

27.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted at 08:29 AM local time Bougainville

For the Ex combatants in North, sitting member Marchelline Getsi Laris is running second with 1074 and the current leader in the race is former BRA Northern Command Boss, PETER JOHN BARIK with 1210, running 3rd is Eddie Mohin with 923

27.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted at 08:26 AM local time Bougainville

State of Origin game last night did not stop counting in Buka.
Counting continued and Nissan seat was declared just after midnight.
In South Bougainville communication difficulties have made it difficult for us to update with the latest figures. We will get all the update this morning.
We will also update shortly on Central.

27.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted By Aloysius Laukai at 08:17 AM local time Bougainville

North Bougainville Women seat, Elizabeth Tangji Burain is leading with 1420, runner up is Hona Holan with 1304
3rd is Anastacia Lappointte with 748

27.05.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

Posted By Aloysius Laukai at 08:14 AM local time Bougainville

In the Taunita/Teop Constituency sitting member JOSEPH GITOVEA is leading with 213 votes, running second PAIS JOSEPH who is on 107, Havuru Benjamin is on 76, Our own film star ALBERT TORO is on 34.

Counting is in progress

27.05.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Tanis continues lead in elections

By GORETHY KENNETH

SITTING President James Tanis retained his lead in the race with former priest and politician John Momis last night in the Autonomous Bougainville elections.

Early in the evening, Mr Tanis was on 5226 votes in the overall tally, leading Mr Momis who was on 4958, a margin of 268.

Next in line was lawyer Ruben Siara on 1044, former rebel group leader Martin Miriori on 734, Magdalene Toroansi, 622, business leader Robert Atsir, 536 and Sylvester Niu, 151.

Counting in North Bougainville was going slowly and officials were complaining about the poor food and drinks supplied to them.

They are working on a basis of dry biscuits, bread, water and cordial. Counting there is expected to conclude by the end of next week, while counting of votes in Central and the South are going more quickly and are expected to wind up by Wednesday next week.

Meanwhile, another member was likely to be decided by late last night. Veteran politician Leo Hannett had a huge lead in the Nissan Island and atolls seat and was expected to be declared the winner by midnight .

Earlier, at 2am, the Kokoda sitting member, Rodney Osioco, was rejected by the electorate in favour of former priest, Joseph Bausina.

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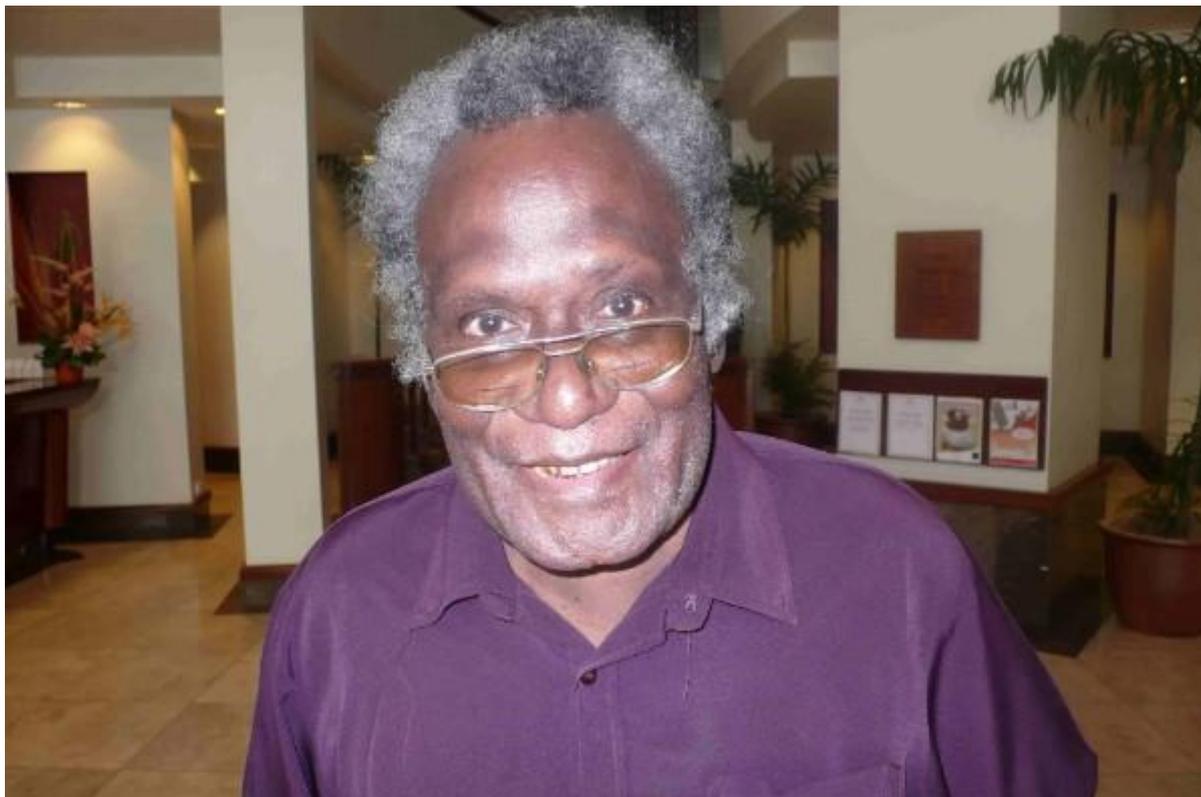
Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 01:41 AM local time Bougainville

NISSAN SEAT DECLARED

Former North Solomons Provincial Government Premier and one time Regional member for Bougainville in the Papua New Guinea National Parliament, LEO HANNETT (picture) has unseated ANDREW TOPENSI for the Nissan Constituency in the latest declaration at the Hutjena Counting centre.



Leo Hannett 2008 in Port Moresby

Assistant Returning Officer for NISSAN, MR. HENRY TAUL declared MR. HANNETT just after midnight. MR. HANNETT polled 1,385 votes with Charry Napto coming second with 942 votes.

If MR. NAPTO had won this seat he would have created history for Bougainville as a Papuan New Guinea Highlander becoming the first member for ABG.

In the last government a Madang woman married to a Bougainvillean became a member of one of the Women's reserved seat for South Bougainville.

Counting has now moved to the Taunita /Teop Constituency.

27.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 12:05 AM local time Bougainville

Hutjena Counting Centre:

The ABG President JAMES TANIS is leading in the race for the Presidential seat.

According the progressive totals from South Central and North, MR. TANIS is leading with **5226** votes whilst John Momis is coming second with 4958 as counting progresses towards Buin in South Bougainville.

MR. TANIS was trailing to MR.MOMIS earlier but picked up when counting went into his own electorate of BOLAVE.

Counting is progressing very slowly and could another week.

26.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:43 PM local time Bougainville

Five seats have been declared throughout the Autonomous Region since counting for the ABG Second General Elections started last Saturday.

This means thirty five seats are yet to be declared for the 40 seat ABG House of Representatives.

From the five, Three seats are from Central, KONGARA has been retained by sitting member and Minister for Primary Industry, DOMINIC ITTA, Joseph Bausina won the KOKODA seat and JOHN KEN is the new member elect for SOUTH NASIOI.

In South Bougainville, STEVEN SUAKO is the new member elect for Torokina.

He replaces William Epota. In south MR. LAWRENCE UAKAI unseated TONY SIONA for the BOLAVE seat.

And in North Bougainville only Atolls was declared out of the fourteen constituencies in North Bougainville.

The controversial Minister, TAEHU PAIS was unseated by a businessman based in Buka and who owns the MV SIBONA, Frank Pasini Marena.

The outgoing Member Taehu Pais was the minister who personally travelled to Philippines to buy the Sankamap two.

This was a controversial decision made by the Late ABG President KABUI's government which many people opposed.

They said that the old Sankamap one could have been repaired instead of getting the old modified fishing vessel.

26.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:24 PM local time Bougainville

Counting at the Hutjena secondary school has been on Nissan Constituency only.

This has taken whole of last night and today and tonight they are working on eliminations.

Declaration for Nissan could be in the early hours of tomorrow morning Thursday 27th May

In south Bougainville due to unreliable communications with our team on the ground we were unable to get the figures.

But reports from Buin is that the BOLAVE constituency has been declared this afternoon.

The new member elect is MR. LAWRENCE UAKAI a NGO man from Sikoreva village.

In Central, South Nasioi seat has also been declared tonight at 9.25 pm by the Returning Officer Lucy Traverts.

The new member elect is JOHN KEN who polled 817 votes.

Ishmael Toroama came second with 707 votes.

The counters have left Kieta constituencies and started on RAO constituency in Wakunai.

They would then moved to Terra constituency also in Wakunai.

26.05.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Tanis leads in Central Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President James Tanis maintained a clear lead in Central Bougainville as of close of business yesterday.

Tanis, during progressive count 16 was leading with 1405 votes, while John Momis was trailing third with 346 votes. Martin Miriori, elder brother to late president Joseph Kabui, picked up in his home ground coming third with 395 votes while lawyer Reuben Siara was running second with 485 votes.

Progressive results from Buin, South Bougainville, could not reach the central tally room on time but figures from the electoral office at count 17 detailed Tanis had taken over from Momis in his home ground with 1307 votes, leaving Momis second with 974 votes. Momis was leading all the way since the beginning of the Buin count until they reached the Bolave constituency votes.

Bolave, together with Baba and Lato, make up Bana district, home of Tanis. In North Bougainville Momis soared to a victorious 1084 votes, leading from the beginning while Tanis was trailing in second with 305 votes, Siara 181, Robert Atsir 66, lone woman candidate Magdalene Toroansi 45, Sylvester Niu 33 and Miriori 27. These were mainly votes from Bougainvilleans outside Bougainville - Lae, Port Moresby and East New Britain including Atolls. These were the progressive scores provided at 5pm yesterday.

North is counting Nissan ballot boxes, Central counting Kokoda and south Bolave constituencies.

Meanwhile, as of last night, count 16 from Central Bougainville was disputed by scrutineers.

26.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BAUSINA WINS

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 03:45 AM Bougainville time

Central Counting centre has declared its second seat at 02.20 am by the Central Returning Officer Lucy Traverts. Former catholic priest JOSEPH BAUSINA won with 928 votes.

Danny Palipal came second with 406 votes.

Counting has moved to South Nasioi seat.

Member elect Joseph Bausina unseats MR. RODNEY OSIOCO

South Nasioi constituency has five candidates contesting including former BRA man ISHMAEL TOROAMA

25.05.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Tanis leads Momis in ABG Counting

By GORETHY KENNETH
and FABIAN GATANA in Arawa

BOUGAINVILLE made its first declaration in Central Bougainville with incumbent Dominic Itta retaining his seat in the Kongara constituency after 12 hours of counting in Arawa.

Dominic Itta who is the current ABG Minister for Agriculture retained his seat with 856 votes to his rival and the only other candidate contesting the seat Amos Ove with 385 votes.

Lucy Travetz, returning officer for Central Bougainville, made the declaration at 10.14 am after the final count.

Kongara constituency in the Kieta District has a population of 1, 241 eligible voters.

Mr Itta, in his acceptance speech, thanked and acknowledged his rival Mr Ove who is also his uncle and said that it was the decision of the people that he be re-elected again.

As of 8:30pm last night Mr Tanis took over from Mr Momis with 1341 votes, Momis with 1283 votes and trailing third was Siara with 314 votes. Tanis collected 126 votes in North (BOB) boxes, 300 in South and 915 in Central (at count 9).

Momis had collected 707 votes in South (count 10), 378 in North (count 27) and Central 198 votes (count 9). Siara had 217 central, 80 in North and 17 south.

25.05.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Red Cross Buka at the crossroads

BOUGAINVILLE'S Red Cross branch is in trouble with criticism now hitting hard at the use of funds and the operations of the branch.

The office has been alleged to have misused more than K100,000 in funds not acquitted since 2005. Reports claim that Red Cross materials to build their office space have also gone missing with records distorted. There is also no clear indication as to who is the chairman of the organisation. There is confusion as to the executives of the branch.

Last Wednesday, a statement released by Robert Tsikoa on behalf of the elders and youths in North Bougainville questioned the operations of Red Cross in the region.

"We the people would like to know what is happening with the Red Cross in Bougainville," Mr Tsikoa said. "We had some problems in our area and some in the low-lying islands of Pororan and Taiof and turned to Red Cross but got turned back because there is no proper office and also we didn't know who to see as they have two or three chairpersons," he said.

"Whatever is going on is their politics, all we ordinary people want is containers because water is very scarce in many island parts and with the dry spell we need assistance from Red Cross."

Another Carterets island family were turned back last week when trying to seek help from Red Cross Buka. They wanted some containers and canvas.

Yesterday, Thomas Rabanz, Red Cross Buka branch executive, confirmed there were big problems surrounding the organisation and that acquittals were not in order but advised there was an urgent need to get Red Cross going again to serve the people of Bougainville.

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:34 PM Bougainville time

Kokoda Constituency (KOKODA)

Koromira/Koianu/Dantanai

President James Tanis is further extending his lead in the Kokoda constituency in Central Bougainville.

The latest figures after count 17 are, Robert Atsir is on 156

John Momis 346, James Tanis 1411, Reuben Siara 485, Miriori 395,

Sylvester Niu 17, Magdalen Itona Toroansi 153

Counting was temporarily stopped after a dispute of a ballot box in the Kokoda counting. This has been settled and counting has started after eleven pm tonight.

In Hutjena, Nissan constituency has six ballot boxes, two have been counted they are now counting box three with three more boxes left.

After count for the figures are as follows, Nathaniel D Brunis 20, Charry Napto 95, Former North Solomons

Provincial Government Premier and one time Regional member for Bougainville, LEO HANNETT is leading with 514,
Bruno Nepel 33, Sitting member ANDREW TOPENSI 27 and Michael Reman 26
After count 44 for Nissan, John Momis is leading with 1644, Robert Atsir 99,
James Tanis 393, Reuben Siara 210, Martin Miriori 60, Sylvester Niu 36 and Magdalen Itona Toroansi 68.

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:03 PM local time Bougainville

The counters at the Hutjena Secondary School have now moved to NISSAN constituency. They started at 5.30 pm PNG time. Nissan has six ballot boxes and have five more to count. This means we could see another seat being declared in the early hours of tomorrow morning. Counting in Buin for South Bougainville is continuing tonight. Earlier they have been counting BOLAVE constituency which is the home of ABG President JAMES TANIS. Kokoda seat for Central could be declared tonight.

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

THREE DECLARED

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 05:57 PM local time Bougainville

North Bougainville counting centre has declared its first candidate since counting started last Saturday. From the Atolls Constituency FRANK PASINI MARENA a local businessman based in Buka has been declared by the Assistant Returning Officer for North Bougainville, PAUL TOBASI at 4.50 this afternoon.

MR. FRANK PASINI MARENA now replaces the former member TAEHU PAIS.

In the Presidential seat and after count 42, Robert Atsir is on 66, **John Momis 1,084**, James Tanis 305, Reuben Siara 181, Martin Miriori 27, Sylvester Niu 33 and Magdalen Itona Toroansi 45.

This is for North Bougainville if you want to find out the progressive total you have to add on the figures from Central Bougainville and South Bougainville.

In the Atolls seat, after the second elimination FRANK PASINI MARENA is leading with 575. They have already eliminated Thomas Bikta, second elimination of Paul Tsube and third elimination they have eliminated the sitting member TAEU PAIS. And only two remaining they are Frank Pasini Marena and Benard Tunim who currently has 442

Ex-combatants for North, after count 41, Francis Boisivere 127, Franco Hopping 276, Peter John Barik 149, Vincent Vagasi 66, Eddie Mohin 261, Ben Malatan Korus 66, Jeffrey Magum 76, David Tsika 71, Korana Ratsi 54, sitting member Marchellin Getsi 348 .

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG President James Tanis is leading in Central Bougainville.

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 10:33 AM local time Bougainville

After count 12 this morning he was on **1,322** whilst MR. REUBEN SIARA is coming second with 417 votes, JOHN MOMIS is coming 3rd with 286 votes.

Will update shortly with the latest figures.

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 10:29 AM local time Bougainville

Counting for the second ABG Elections is continuing throughout the region, but a very slow pace.. And only two seats have been declared since counting started on Saturday 22nd May 2010.

In North Bougainville, counting is now on the Atolls seat with the remaining box. In Central they are counting the Kokoda seat currently held by RODNEY OSIOCO.

And in Buin counting has moved from Torokina to BOLAVE in BANA district.

North Bougainville is yet to declare their first seat later today.

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SOUTH DECLARES

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 10:20 AM local time Bougainville

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25.05.2010

Source : The National

Bougainville, CIC tie up to develop coffee industry

By ZACHERY PER

THE Autonomous Region of Bougainville and the Coffee Industry Corp (CIC) will enter into an agreement to develop coffee industry in the Bougainville.

CIC chief executive officer Navi Anis and Minister for Primary Industries of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG), Dominic Atta signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Goroka last week. Atta, together ABG primary industries chief executive Sam Rangai and cash crop re-development officer Louis Nixon Agavi, flew into Goroka last week and presented to Anis a draft MOU on the partnership.

“Those areas in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville that cannot grow either cocoa or coconut as their cash crop, really want to grow coffee,” Atta said.

He said the demand to grow coffee in the high-altitude areas of the autonomous region was very high and many people were currently returning to rehabilitate the old plantations and coffee gardens that were abandoned during the Bougainville crisis.

Atta thanked Anis for accepting their draft document and would return to formally sign the deal soon.

Anis, warmly welcomed the visitors, saying though CIC maybe a small organization in terms of resources and manpower; it has a big mandate for the country, and will look at the draft MOU to strategize in developing coffee programs in Bougainville.

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:55 AM local time Bougainville

Three Ballot boxes for Atolls seat has been counted and only one remaining as counting progresses this morning at the Hutjena Secondary School Hall and a winner could be declared this morning.

After count 40, Robert Atsir is on 46, **John Momis 785**, James Tanis 221, Reuben Siara 49, Martin Miriori 25, Sylvester Niu 30 and Magdalen Itona Toroansi 36.

This is for North Bougainville if you want to find out the progressive total you have to add on the figures from Central Bougainville and South Bougainville.

In the Atolls seat, after count 4, FRANK PASINI MARENA is leading with 429, running second is BENARD TUNIM 85, sitting member TAEHU KEALI PAIS 55, PAUL TSUBE 19 and THOMAS BIKTA 7.

Ex-combatants for North, after count 40, Francis Boisivere 94, Franco Hopping 238, Peter John Barik 119, Vincent

Vagasi 59, Eddie Mohin 216, Ben Malatan Korus 58, Jeffrey Magum 72, David Tsika 62, Korana Ratsi 30, sitting member is on 238 on tie with Franco Hopping.

Women seat for North, Maryann N Tousala 76, Elizabeth Tangji Burain 391, Roselyn Gatana 189, Cicely Kiots Kekun 111, Rachael Tsien Nanopa 44, Anastacia Lapointe 264, Hona Holan 113

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

After Count 10 in South Bougainville, this is from Torokina

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 02:22 AM local time Bougainville

Robert Atsir is on 43, James Tanis 300, **John Momis 707** Reuben Siara 80, Martin Miriori 27, Sylvester Niu 18 and Magdale Toroansi 50

We will update the South Bougainville one in the morning as communication is difficult as they are counting at the Kangu beach shed making it difficult to update at night.

25.05.2010

Elections Results Update

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG President JAMES TANIS is leading in Central Bougainville.

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 02:08 AM local time Bougainville

Reports from our team in Arawa have reported that after the last count on the Presidential seat, Robert Atsir was on 92, **James Tanis 1066**, John Momis 214, Reuben Siara 274, Martin Miriori 185, Sylvester Niu 9 and Magdalen Itona Toroansi 121.

And after count 37 which is the last count for all the BOB ballot boxes from Port Moresby, Robert Atsir 35, **John Momis on 466**, James Tanis 141, Reuben Siara 24, Martin Miriori 15, Sylvester Niu 18 and Magdalen Toroansi 23. Counting for North Bougainville have moved to the Atolls seat and will declare straight after this seat is completed.

Reports from South Bougainville, Rose Pihei is leading the women's seat with 873 votes running second is Benedine Kira 208 and the current sitting member Laura Ampa is trailing with 61 votes.

I will update the other seats shortly.

24.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Power blackouts hit ABG counting

By Gorethy Kenneth

Counting in the Bougainville General elections got off to a rocky start with repeated power blackouts. In Arawa and Buin counting was suspended because by the weekend returning officers and officials were still setting up computers and electricity supplies. Counting in these centres was due to start this morning but it began

at 7 last night at Arawa. Counting in North Bougainville staged at the Hutjena Secondary school hall officially kicked off just after 8.30pm when Regional Member for Bougainville Fidelis Semoso gave his speech. Counting was suspended at 8.30am yesterday (Sunday) in Buka and will resume at 8am today. Counting officials spent more than 12 hours counting one ballot box, the "Bougainville outside Bougainville" ballot box from Kokopo, East New Britain Province. Two boxes from Port Moresby and Lae will be counted this morning when they resume.

During the 12 hours of counting John Momis, longtime politician and former Bougainville Governor, lead from the beginning of counting and by the end, at the suspension of counting.

He was leading with 202 votes from the 326 people that cast their votes while incumbent James Tanis was trailing with 64 votes and businessman Robert Atsir was running third with 22 votes. These were just preliminary counts.

Lawyer Reuben Siara was running fourth while woman candidate Magdalene Toroansi was running fifth.

Meanwhile, during the official opening of the counting, Assistant Commissioner of Police Thomas Eluh thanked the people of Bougainville for a "trouble free polling" period and challenged all Bougainvilleans to do the same within this counting period.

Mr Semoso on the other hand supported Mr Eluh and appealed for a peaceful counting period.

The hall at the Hutjena secondary school was packed with scrutineers screaming each time that counting officials made a mistake with the electronic machines used for counting.

They also screamed each time the power supply cut out.

Electricity/power supply went off on record five times.

Electoral officials advised that the power supply was low due to a single line voltage until PNG Power increased the voltage.

24.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier - (miscellaneous)

Foreigner!

BOUGAINVILLE'S having its five-yearly election and it's all a flurry of strange faces with UN observer types and sundry others clogging up the place. It was funny when one of the international observer blokes strolling around in his official observer vest was eyed off by the locals. One of the local topshots asked our bureau chief Goreth Kenneth "is he the one from Vanuatu". It was just our Manus/Milne Bay ex-colleague Alex Rheeney who is now with the British High Comm.

Whose fault?

COUNTING for the ABG elections is being done at Arawa and Buka's Hutjena. At Hutjena on Saturday night, the power was off and on half the night. Officials scurried to isolate the cause, pointing accusing fingers at the P-C computer and finally the police hot water urn! Eventually PNG Power guys upped the voltage to the centre and solved the problems.

24.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections results update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:16 AM local time Bougainville

Meanwhile, counting for Central has moved to South Nasio constituency.
In other reports, after the final counting of Kongara, Presidential seat figures have changed as follows.
Robert Atsir is now on 55, John Momis on 138, James Tanis 765, Reuben Siara 110, Martin Miriori 51, Sylvester Niu 5 and Magdalen Itona Toroansi on 103.

24.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections results update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 11:05 AM local time Bougainville

First Declaration.

Current Minister for Primary Industry, DOMINIC ITTA was this morning declared winner after counting for the Kongara seat was completed this morning.

Dominic Itta polled 698 and defeated AMOS OVE who polled 502 votes.

Dominic Itta was earlier trailing to MR. OVE but overtook MR. OVE to win as the first declared member for ABG.

24.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections results update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 06:33 AM local time Bougainville

Counting for Kongara seat in Central Bougainville is nearly completed.

There are only two candidates vying for the post current sitting member and Minister for Primary Industry, DOMINIC ITTA.

In the latest count, AMOS OVE is leading with 522 votes whilst the sitting member is trailing with 350 votes.

In the Women's reserved seat for Central currently left unchallenged when its sitting member MAGDALEN ITONA TOROANSI decided to contest the seat of the President.

The current figures stands at Joan Jerome on 138, Elizabeth S Bade 186, Florence Molas Wangi 48, Rosemary Moses leading with 211 and Genevieve Korokoro on 79

On the Ex combatants seat, Robert Erega is on 72, Eric Bibionu 90, David Sisito 202 Obed Jarito 19 and sitting member is leading with 305 Noah Doko 16

Update for Presidential seat in Central only, Robert Atsir 54, John Momis 100, James Tanis is leading with 363, Reuben Siara 78, Martin Miriori 46, Sylvester Niu 5, Magdalen Itona Toroansi on 58

These are progressive scores for Central Bougainville.

Counting for Central started last night and is continuing.

They will go for Break and return later today.... Counting for South Bougainville and North Bougainville will resume this morning at 8 AM.

23.10.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections results continued

Former Bougainville Governor, JOHN MOMIS is leading with counting reports from North and Central Bougainville Counting centres.

In North Bougainville counting from the BOB box from Rabaul after counting was suspended to Monday morning 8 am, **Momis was leading with 202 votes** and current President was coming second with 64 votes the third was on 30.

When counting will resume tomorrow Monday morning, counting will start with BOB boxes for Port Moresby and Lae.

BOB means Bougainvilleans outside of Bougainville.

Three BOB boxes are still remaining, that is two from Port Moresby and one ballot box from Lae.

The counting for South Bougainville is done at the Kangu wharf Shed which is making it difficult for our reporters who are now in Buin to give us up to date report due to unreliable communications.

Our two reporters have also reported that counting was started from Torokina ballot boxes.

And after count six, MOMIS was leading with 600 votes whilst JAMES TANIS is coming second with 95 votes.

Counting for South was also suspended this morning to Monday morning.

Counting for Central was suspended to Sunday from Saturday evening.

Meanwhile some candidates have complained in the early suspension of counting after only the first ballot box.

They called on the Electoral Commission to consider expenses being incurred by candidates to transport their scrutineers after these unnecessary suspensions.

With the use of Electronic Counting Machines for the first time in Bougainville elections it seems that although the process was transparent it was time consuming at the current rate counting could be done in the next two weeks.

23.10.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections results continued

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 05:21 AM local time Bougainville

The counting is very slow since it started yesterday Saturday evening.

The officials have distributed ballot papers from the BOB box from Rabaul and had to distribute to the 14 constituencies in North Bougainville. This would take the whole day Sunday looking at the pace they are going. They have not started the constituencies in North Bougainville because they still have to do the same again with the BOB box from Port Moresby and Lae.

23.05.2010 (4 PM local time Bougainville)

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

First elections results

Election counting for the Second ABG elections has started last night.

The counting was pretty slow. It started with the BOB Boxes from Rabaul.

MR. MOMIS started an early lead as counting progresses.

Presidents are as follows, After six Atsir is on 17, James Tanis on 34, **Momis 136**, RUBEN Siara 5 Miriori 2 and Sylvester Niu 0

By Aloysius Laukai at the counting centre. Hutjena.

Other Centres still to report to Central Tally room.
Arawa just opened and postponed to Sunday evening.

21.05.2010

Source : Radio Australia Pacific Beat

Bougainville elections end today

Voting has ended in the Papua New Guinea region of Bougainville and the results could be in by Monday or Tuesday. It was the autonomous Bougainville region's second elections since a peace agreement ended a decade-long civil war in 2001. President James Tanis is hoping to retain his position. For the latest, I turned to Aloysius Laukai, the manager of a community radio station, who has been following the election process from Buka.

Presenter: Rob Sharp

Speaker: Aloysius Laukai, Bougainville journalist and community radio manager

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21.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Hard work pays off

By GORETHY KENNETH

A FORMER Bougainville fighter-cum static guard and dog handler from Torokina has proven that hard work pays off in the end. Xavier Tsiwa made his way up to a security manager, safety adviser and training officer and is now the successful owner of his own company.

Only 35 years-old, Xavier is originally from camp six Kasko, Torokina, south west Bougainville. He was educated at Gotana Primary School but sadly lost three years of education due to the Bougainville crisis. He took a different path when he joined others in the bushes of Torokina to help his fellow countrymen safeguard Torokina until 1991 when he enrolled at Tarlena Secondary School to complete his grade 10 certificate. But again, he couldn't further his education because of financial problems but found comfort in a job he had. Xavier spent a year in the village doing his own thing and during that time, applied for a security guard position. He got accepted in 1996 and worked through to 2000 when he was offered another job with Niolam Security as a fire and rescue officer /acting airport manager. He worked there for 4 years.

He then joined Lihir Gold Limited as a safety adviser and training officer before moving on to become LGL's managing and supervising safety adviser from 2004 to 2007 and then he resigned from LGL. He was with LGL for 13 years.

Xavier is now the managing director for X Enterprises Ltd, a company he owns and has several contracts to construct buildings throughout Bougainville, providing the re-establishment and redevelopment of regions on Bougainville. "It was a hard start and very troubling for me, he said. "I saved most of my money while working as a security guard and made my way up to start my own company," he said. The Company (XEL) have taken safety as our utmost in doing business to whoever gives us contract. Safety policy and safety plan for the Company is our utmost concern," Xavier said.

20.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

ABG counting starts

By FABIAN GHATANA

COUNTING officials have undergone intensive training before counting this Friday. Polling officially ends tomorrow and counting officials have taken up positions in their regions to get ready for counting. This is because for the first time in the Bougainville and PNG, electronic machines will be used to count the votes.

There are 134,279 votes to be counted. There are 27,648 in Central Bougainville, 57,979 votes in North and 48,652 in South Bougainville.

The presidential ballot counting will be undertaken in these three regions while a central tally room will be maintained in Buka for the official announcements.

There are 13 districts and 33 constituency seats that will also be counted at three locations. In Central Bougainville there are 10,181 votes in the Panguna district, 10,043 in Wakunai and 7424 in Kieta with a total of 27,648. North Bougainville counting officials will count 8104 votes for Tinputz, 2275 for the Atolls, 28,945 for Buka district, which includes the interim capital Buka town, Kunua district 7145, Nissan with 445 and Selau/Suir with 7930 votes. For South Bougainville the districts that will be counted include Siwai with 13,284 votes, Torokina 3255, Bana 13,377 and Buin 18,736 votes. This is a total of 134, 279 votes that will be counted for duration of 10 days.

20.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Living 'tough' in Buka

'I am living in luxury here compared to my other colleagues'

By GORETHY KENNETH

"I haven't had a bath for three days because there is no water. There is hardly water here in the police jail," Australian yacht captain Michael Northcote, who was sentenced to six months in the Buka prison lock-up, said yesterday.

"But I guess I have no choice while serving my sentence with these boys who are very good to me."

How has it been so far? I asked him and he replied: "It's been good. I am living in luxury here compared to my other colleagues who are using cardboard to lie on and others have nothing. I am in the middle of murderers, but they have been good to me and we are getting along well."

Forty-six-year-old Northcote has a wife and a 14-month-old baby back home in the Northern Beaches in New South Wales, Australia. He said he missed talking to his wife in Australia.

Northcote was sentenced last Friday for being in possession of dangerous drugs on board his yacht, Perenti, by magistrate Vincent Linge.

But this Aussie is making the most of his situation. When asked to detail an ordinary day, he said: "We have two meals a day, rice and meat or rice and tinned fish and no vegetables and fruits. Sometimes we have biscuits," he said.

"There is also no proper drinking water but I have my drinking water." He says he has friends who bring him fruit.

Northcote is living in the cell 2 block with 15 others, mostly murderers, rapists and drug-related offenders.

The Post-Courier visited Northcote yesterday morning and caught him reading a book, under a nicely made mosquito net bed in a room with an extension cord stretched from the police officers' office to provide him a little music and light.

He rushed when called by officers to speak to this reporter. Northcote said life is not so bleak as they sing

worship songs of praise and share among themselves, comforting each other. They also have a few guitars to keep them going.

20.05.2010

Source : The National

'Bougainville polls very crucial for the next five years'

CHOOSING and voting for the right candidate to head the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) for the next five years will be very crucial in terms of continuity and making further inroads in the peace and reconciliation process for lasting peace on Bougainville.

Lawrence Daveona (picture), of Guava village and an-interim member of the Panguna Landowners Association executive committee, said a total of seven candidates have been in the race to run for the presidency's post.



He said they must elect the right person to "fit the bill" that has been set by the two predecessors as well as make a mark of his or her own. "The people of Bougainville will have to make the right choice through the ballot."

While elections have started and counting schedule to end by tomorrow, all of the seven candidates vying for the seat of presidency have in their own right, credible standing and qualifications to lead the people of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARB) and the ABG for the next five years.

The seven candidates running for the presidency seat are current president James Tanis, John Momis, Martin Miriori, Ruben Siara, Robert Atsir, Sylvester Niu and the only women candidate Magdelene Toroansi.

Daveona said while the presidential race has been tipped to be between the first four candidates, at this stage it was hard to predict who the eventual winner will be.

However, he said it was likely to be a contest between Tanis and Momis.

But, this would become clearer as the early counts of voting across the island were tallied and registered at the main tally room in Buka after the conclusion of polling tomorrow.

19.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

K32.5 million fix for ABG

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government needs more than K32.5 million to rebuild, renovate and develop the region's former capital, Arawa.

Arawa town, addressed in sections was shattered with burnt buildings and houses abandoned when the Bougainville crisis broke out in 1989.

This is detailed in a feasibility study report compiled by the Australian Government through their AusAID program in Buka.

The report has not been made official but ABG Local Level Government special project officer Ephraim Eminoni said in Arawa recently that the funding was a huge amount of money.

He said the report provided recommendations in three parts - short term, medium and long term strategies to re-develop Arawa.

“Yes, it will cost K32.5 million but we will have to look at it in medium, short and long term so that we can accommodate the figure detailed in the report,” Mr Eminoni said.

In Buka yesterday, ABG President James Tanis advised that he had not been given the report but said he was not surprised at the figure.

“I have not seen or been presented officially with the report, but yes, I am not surprised that this is the figure quoted in the feasibility study undertaken by AusAID for the ABG,” Mr Tanis said.

“You see, Arawa was not built in one night. There were studies on infrastructure development and others ...I will make a full statement when I see the full report,” he said.

Mr Tanis however said that he had a different idea of developing Bougainville and Arawa, Buin and Buka for that matter.

He told the Post-Courier yesterday that he wanted to see the same study done in Buin and Buka, which will promote regional development of all headquarters.

“Buka and Buin should not miss out. I want the same feasibility study done in Buka and Buin to promote regional headquarters,” he said.

18.05.2010

Source : Solomon Star

Pressure to reopen Bougainville mine

PANGUNA, Bougainville (ABC Radio) – Pressure is growing to reopen a controversial copper mine on Bougainville in Papua New Guinea which was at the centre of the island's violent past.

The historical hatred islanders felt towards the Australian-owned Panguna mine appears to be waning.

That hatred sparked a bloody civil war but now many believe the mine should be reopened to fund Bougainville's long-held desire for independence from PNG.

ABC's PNG correspondent Liam Fox travelled to Panguna to file this report.

LIAM FOX: It's an eerie feeling looking down into the giant hole that was one of the world's biggest copper mines deep in the Bougainville jungle.

Scores of dump trucks are rusting away in the massive pit at the Panguna mine. The rest of the mine site is a post-apocalyptic landscape of corroding equipment, decaying buildings and scavengers cutting up scrap metal.

This was the epicentre of the civil war that gripped the island during much of the 1990s and left thousands dead from fighting, disease and malnutrition.

It was sparked by local landowners angry at the environmental impact of the mine and what they felt was the unfair distribution of royalties.

The remnants of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army, now called the Mekamui Defence Force, closed off the area to most outsiders.

But things are changing. For the first time polling booths have been allowed into the mine site so villagers can vote in elections for the Autonomous Bougainville Government or ABG.

Even foreign election observers have been allowed through the roadblock at Morgan Junction, the start of the no-go zone.

At a polling booth in the village of New Dapera Noah Toko is contesting one of the three seats set aside for ex-combatants in Bougainville's Parliament.

NOAH TOKO: You can see that a school is there and the people are here. They are trying to build up their new houses. In the war, there was none. Everybody just spread into the bush. So now we are coming back. So this is the sign of that business going right.

LIAM FOX: James Tanis is the incumbent ABG President and is hoping to retain his position. He helped convince the Mekamui Defence Force to sign a memorandum of understanding to open up Panguna.

JAMES TANIS: This is a very important sign that the peace process is working. In fact this is the most important achievement in this - on this peace process.

LIAM FOX: But this new openness could be short-lived. Mekamui's self-styled General Chris Uma says he made the agreement to open Panguna with James Tanis himself not the ABG.

If Mr Tanis is not re-elected as President, he says Panguna will be closed to the world once again.

CHRIS UMA: With no James Tanis I just walk away.

LIAM FOX: General Uma is an intimidating figure, solidly built with jagged, red-stained teeth from years of chewing betel nut. He also says he won't be giving up his weapons anytime soon.

Despite his stance, many of Panguna's traditional landowners say they now want to see the mine reopened. Chris Damana is the chairman of the Panguna Landowners Association.

CHRIS DAMANA: To enable Bougainville to get its own money, find its own funds and to run its own affairs. And we don't want to open other new mines because it's already destroyed the land.

LIAM FOX: He says a resumption of mining would depend on a new agreement being struck with Panguna's Australian owner Bougainville Copper Limited or BCL.

CHRIS DAMANA: The things that we want BCL to look on is the unpaid monies owed to Panguna landowners. Secondly, because we are not part and parcel of that Bougainville copper agreement we want to be part of the new review of Bougainville copper agreement.

LIAM FOX: Under the Bougainville Peace Agreement that ended the civil war a referendum on independence is due to be held in the next five to ten years. One of the preconditions for the referendum is the island's economic viability.

Despite its blood-soaked history a growing number of people here see a reopened Panguna as essential to funding the island's independence from PNG.

18.05.2010

Source : Radio Australia – Pacific Beat

Women a natural fit for politics in matrilineal Bougainville

Magdalen Toroansi is running for president - women are also campaigning for the reserved seats as well as the local electoral seats. Ms Toroansi explains how she came to enter politics in Bougainville.

Presenter: Geraldine Coutts

Speaker: Magdalen Toroansi, presidential candidate

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18.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Electronic counting in Bougainville

By Fabian Gatana

FOR the first time votes in Central and South Bougainville will be counted using an electronic counting system. This system will be launched in Buka today.

Four stations will be set up in the three main counting areas in the North, Central and South areas of the region. Rogana Mala, one of the Electoral Commission's IT specialists, said that the electronic system does not replace the manual system but acts as a back-up or a check and balance to confirm that there are no discrepancies in counting.

He said that the Autonomous Bougainville Government had purchased six stations and the PNG Electoral Commission had provided another six stations.

"A station is made up of a computer and two projectors.

"All data collected by the computer is processed and projected so there is some transparency," he said.

Mr Mala said with the electronic system, counting will take about eight to 10 days to complete.

Meanwhile, counting has ended in North Bougainville.

Counting in Kieta and most parts of Central Bougainville including all parts of Buin, Siwai and Nagovis are expected to end today.

18.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

More funds needed for relocation

By Fabian Gatana

THE relocation of Carterets islanders is far from becoming a reality as the Autonomous Bougainville Government struggles to transfer the 300 families of Carterets to their new locations.

The Papua New Guinea National Government allocated K2 million for the relocation exercise for these islanders - to date the Government is still battling with legal issues surrounding the areas they have allocated to relocate these islanders.

But on a positive side, the Catholic Church together with assistance from non-government organisation Tulele Peisa had managed to bring five families to Tinputz, Bougainville.

Only three families settled in while the other two returned due to homes not being completed.

There is still a long and on-going battle between the ABG and Tulele Peisa on locations - ABG has allocated different sights to settle the islanders while Tulele Peisa, working with the Catholic Church, have also identified their four locations to settle them.

While this is happening, the islanders back in Carterets are seriously starving from no balanced diet. Apart from the sea food they have on the table each day - sea week, sea shells and fish there is no garden food to supplement their diet because there is no land to grow their vegetables.

A visit to Carterets Island last week saw the island is rapidly wearing away, being washed out by the sea.

Students have stopped going to school because there is now severe shortage of food in the four islands that make up Carterets - Han, Piul, Iolasa and Yangain.

"There is no food, our land that we used to garden is now washed away by the sea and food doesn't grow in there anymore," Francis Tsibi said.

“We want to move to mainland Bougainville but we don’t know who to go to because first of all there is no transport and also, if we go to mainland Bougainville, we do not know whether there will be a house waiting for us to sleep in.”

The ABG yesterday advised there were still legal issues being finalized and sorted out before the relocations can commence.

When asked if finance was the problem they announced they still needed more funds for the exercise and could not detail the acquittals of the K2 million provided by the Government.

18.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

New police boss warns against crime

By Peterson Tseraha

“If people are still holding guns shooting each other and smoking drugs, forget about independence.”

The stern warning came from the new Bougainville police boss Thomas Eluh when he met chiefs in Bana district. The no-nonsense acting commissioner of police on Bougainville is a strong believer in community policing as is the key solution to Bougainville’s law and order problem.

He will be visiting Buin this week after visiting Arawa and Nagovis. Commissioner Eluh was met by paramount chief Michael Totobu and other elders in Moratona inland Nagovis last Wednesday.

He challenged them with a question: “Law and order is the key into Bougainville’s development and the much anticipated dream of Independence. When you are still misbehaving by holding onto guns and smoking, cultivating and selling marijuana can I humbly ask you, are you a Bougainvillean, and do you care about your home?”

“Before anything happens, law and order has to be addressed.”

Mr Eluh said community policing was the only solution to ending Bougainville’s law and order problems and that the community had to work together.

He said police on Bougainville will be taking a preventative approach to crime through awareness in communities and not wait for things to happen and then react. Mr Elluh will be on an awareness campaign for law and order on Bougainville.

“When the new Government comes in I will arrange with all district administrators in all regions to have public forums on law and order and we will certainly need funding for that to happen.”

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Kingly’ confrontation

SELF-styled King of Papala Noah Musingku was “holding court” with the foreign media in South Bougainville and talked of his latest timetable for dishing out dividends to the masses. Then a local journalist said “where’s my money and my dividends since I gave you my savings 12 years ago, I’ve received nothing”. Stay tuned for the scribe’s full story and the “King’s” response.

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Source : Radio Australia – Pacific Beat

Panguna mine may bankroll Bougainville independence

There's a growing feeling on Bougainville in Papua New Guinea that a copper mine at the centre of the island's violent past, may have an important role to play in its future. The historical hatred islanders felt towards the Australian-owned Panguna mine appears to be waning. That hatred sparked a bloody civil war but now many believe the mine should be reopened to fund their long-held desire for independence from PNG. The site has been a no-go zone for twenty years but in another sign of change it's been opened to allow voting in local government elections.

Presenter: Liam Fox

Speakers: Noah Toko, New Dapera parliamentary candidate; James Tanis, ABG president; Chris Uma, Mekamui's self-styled General; Chris Damana, chairman of the Panguna Landowners Association

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Source : Radio Australia – Pacific Beat

Presidential candidate promotes investment agenda

Voting continues until 21st May in the Bougainville elections. While two women have nominated to contest constituency seats, 19 will contest three reserved seats but only one woman is running for President. Magdalen Toroansi has had 30 years experience in public service and is sprucing a wide ranging electoral platform. Ms Toroansi believes Bougainville's fragile economy can be turned around with sound business investment including mining. But to do that she says the new government must develop a cadre of professional people in education, law, and engineering.

Presenter: Geraldine Coutts

Speaker: Magdalen Toroansi, the only female candidate running for the country's top job as President

TOROANSI: My platform is that I will bring government to the people, that means at the local level government level, government must involve the people in the decision making process. So what I intend to do when I am president or if I am president is that I will make sure that there are workshops at the people's level, especially where it involves ex-combatants. It is important that they must feel that they are part of the government and that the government is doing something for them. And one of the aspects of the forum will be especially to achieve weapons disposal program or development, weapons disposal development program and what I am saying is that the government and if I am president will develop a law that will involve the welfare of the ex-combatants of the people who suffered during, affected by the crisis, whatever properties damaged when necessary, but the law will say at the time when ABG - the Autonomous Bougainville Government has achieved economic recovery and is in a position to compensate the people who suffered, who have lost properties. This law will fix update at the time that will benefit them. For this to come through, we must develop economic recovery, so through that process of ex-combatants consultation, women consultations, local level government consultation, workshop forums at the field level will discuss what type of investment we must make in Bougainville.

COUTTS: But that's a very interesting point isn't it Magdalen, investment, because in 2008, you were actually sacked by the late and former president, Mr Kabui, because of your opposition to the signatures and the mining contracts, and so that is part of the economic development isn't it. So what's your stand on mining now?

TOROANSI: The mining, it is a sensitive issue. I don't have and I am for investment, but I am saying that the

involvement of people. They must decide at what time and what type of investment.

COUTTS: But you are opposed to it then and that's why you were sacked. So are you still opposed to it?

TOROANSI: That includes mining, that includes mining. The people must decide because there is, in the constitution itself. The constitution of Bougainville says there must be a plebiscite for my resource development, that includes mining, but I am saying plebiscite and Bougainville when I am president will be the first thing that my government will deal with. I will make sure at the forum the plebiscite itself on what the type of resource development will take place. People will decide yes, this is the right time to have mining or what other kind of investment you must have. The mines must open, but what I am saying is it will now open at the right time, with proper consultation, with proper process of impact studies developed, because at the time when the Panguna mine opened, it did not have social impact studies, it did not have proper consultation with all the population. Twenty thousand people died, the people's thinking must be involved.

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Source : Post-Courier

Theft leads to major oil spill in Kieta

By GORETHY KENNETH

THERE is a huge oil spill at Loloho, the former Bougainville copper mine port facility area in Kieta, Central Bougainville.

The lives of many Central Bougainvilleans are at risk from this oil, which was used to run the steam turbine generator and provide electricity for the port facilities - used and left 25 years ago by the Bougainville copper mine. Black oil was contained in two 28 million litre tanks left untouched during the Bougainville war.

One of the tanks was empty from the crisis days while the other tank was still full with 28 million litres of this outdated oil.



The leakage started from steel pipes taken away illegally by experts and individuals from abroad (Cubans, Americans and Asians) collaborating with the locals and illegally transporting the oil out of Loloho for the outside market.

It is now alleged that more than 90,000 tonnes of oil have been stolen and taken out in vessels - one allegedly sitting in Singapore and the oil still not sold because it is outdated as it was left there some 25 years back. Locals from Kieta and the surrounding Loloho area told the Post-Courier that people came from all over the globe, setting and signing agreements with local companies and individuals who were illegally buying and selling scrap metal - part of it the original steel contained in the power house at Loloho - also one that connected to the fuel tanks, which eventually disturbed the pipes, causing a huge oil leak since last year.

Paying locals a little money and getting away with huge amounts of money because these pieces of steel were original, when sold outside they will get a lot of money for them and overseas they smelt them again and resell them as second hand steel in PNG, Peter Nabeu, a local told the Post-Courier.

But there is now a New Zealand environmental group working on the site to contain, drain and hopefully burn off the oil, and in time save the lives of the people of Bougainville.

An expert from that environment group Ron Brennan advised they were waiting for a letter of approval from Bougainville Copper Foundation boss Paul Coleman in Port Moresby in order to start burning the oil in Kieta. Brennan explained that bringing machines alone to clean and carry out the operations would cost them \$US30 million but the whole cleanup operation of the mine areas would cost \$US90 million, covering Panguna and Loloho.

"We've got the approval from the ABG and the locals here in Kieta but we are still waiting for a consent letter from Paul Coleman (BCL) to start our full operation," Mr Brennan told the Post-Courier last week.

"This oil is very dangerous. Once it spills into the sea, there goes Bougainville for the next 100 years, but we are checking every day for any spill into the sea," he said.

"We are just waiting for the consent letter from Paul Coleman to start our operations," he said.

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Source : Post-Courier

'King Noah' gets skinny

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE'S self-styled "king" Noah Musingku's so-called kingdom is growing with people believing they will receive their decade's pay for investing in his Tonu "city bank", South Bougainville.

However, the leader lost weight compared to the last time I met him in 2004.

His wife died four years ago.

His people are still waiting for the July deadline to be paid out and through electronic transfer if you provide your bank details in Tonu or the nearest office.



This is one of the many deadlines Musingku from his "royal throne" have set over the last couple of years and since police raided his office in Port Moresby in 2003.

Musingku's city is made of bamboo and sago thatched houses with at least three buildings made of worn out corrugated iron and an armed and uniformed army of 300.

"King Peii 2", as he is known by his 3000 followers — most who are facing problems and have sought refuge in his Tonu territory, is limping which is a sign that he is not really healthy. Surrounding him are mostly pastors from New

Ireland, Popondetta, East and West Sepik and all around Bougainville.

The man and his kingdom have had visits from his "own-kind" like Macedonia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada and Australia and not forgetting the lone Fijian Maloni Namoli who has been in the kingdom for the last five years.

The 46-year-old South Bougainvillean, an economist by profession, stressed during the interview that he was not entitled to vote because he was above the law, the Head of State and could not be seen to vote for or support any candidate. The gateway through his "royal kingdom", where he lays his head goes through three security checks.

Read more about his kingdom, his so-called dates of payout, his diet, how women are not allowed to wear trousers, how estranged people in his city still believe he will pay out in six digit numbers and what Tonu is all about in the Weekend Courier.

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Source : Post-Courier

Me'ekamui general stands ground

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE'S most feared Me'ekamui general Chris Uma will not tolerate any mine talks until the region gains independence.

He claimed Bougainville never really benefited from the copper mine, instead the revenue helped PNG and other provinces. Uma was interviewed also by the Australian Associated Press and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation journalists in Arawa last week. When asked about who he was supporting for elections he said: "No Tanis, I walk away."

Incumbent ABG president James Tanis negotiated his "comeback" to reality and had assured them of a good working relationship and to be assisted in the future. Until early April, the road block at the Morgan junction was closed to the public and could only be used by locals travelling to and from Tonu, Bana, and Nagovis, including Buin areas. Uma and his soldiers manned the Morgan junction roadblock with high-powered guns. Uma signed an agreement with Tanis and the ABG in April to signal a good working relationship and to join the peace process. The 47-year-old from Kerei, Kieta completed year six schooling in 1983, and has since spent most of his life in the wilderness because of what he called "my life those days". He spent 1984 in the Kuberia prison in Manetai, Central Bougainville for a "wrong he did". From 1985 to 1987 he lazed around in Kieta doing what he could to survive. He took to the bushes of Kieta to form a grup and get ready for the Bougainville crisis in 1989.

Uma has nine children and lives in section 6, commonly known as Arawa village. When asked how he survives without a paid job, he uttered hesitantly, "we survive".

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Source : Post-Courier

Aussie jailed for 6 months in Buka

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUSTRALIAN yacht skipper Michael Northcote has been sentenced to six months imprisonment at the Buka cells.

Northcote skippered the yacht hired by the four crew members who won their case last month - among them a former actor, Putu Winchester.

Magistrate Vincent Linge ruled on Saturday in Buka that Northcote was guilty of having in possession the dangerous drug marijuana on the boat.

Before he sentenced Northcote in Buka the skipper, who also partly owns the boat, was asked to speak. He spoke about how the sentencing would ruin the relationship of PNG and Australia and how he was wrongly treated by the New Zealand police.

"We came here (Bougainville) to promote Bougainville as a good surfing and safe tourist destination. Instead we were approached by unmarked police who had machine guns pointed at us while still at sea," he said in court. "I am jailed because of false accusations of gun trading by the New Zealand police, collaborated stories by police witnesses and four crew members set free who just joined the yacht (some have previous drug records). These men were apparently about to tell their story to a magazine in Australia, giving Bougainville more negative reports to its reputation. Thanks Kiwis."

The captain faces another case against Customs this Friday but his counsel Gloria Salika from Young and Williams law firm is expected to appeal the case before the National Court today.

She was expected to make an application for bail and a stay order against the Customs case this week, pending their appeal in the National Court.

Northcote is now serving his sentence at the Buka police station.

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Source : The National

Australian jailed for drug possession

THE Australian skipper of a yacht was jailed for six months by the Buka district court for marijuana possession. Michael William Northcote was jailed on Saturday after a two-month court process which earlier saw the acquittal of four other Australian tourists who were found aboard the yacht, Perenti, in Bougainville waters.

According to the facts, police searched the Perenti following a tip-off and found the drugs.

Magistrate Vincent Linge said he took into account that Northcote was a first offender and that he cooperated fully with the police throughout the hearing.

"Carrying drugs, no matter how small the amount, is still an offence. Bougainville is just recovering from a bloody war the last thing it wants to see is its visitors trafficking illegal drugs," he said.

In response to a last minute plea by Northcote to consider that the police actions had tarnished his credibility as a surf promoter and also Bougainville as a tourist destination, Linge said tourists were welcomed to PNG, provided they abide by the laws.

Perenti was earlier detained and seized by police and customs officials and forfeited by the state of PNG.

The four others were acquitted due to lack of evidence.

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Presidential Candidates: the Profiles.

Learn more about the candidates for Presidency in the 2nd ABG election here! [Simply click here!](#)

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Source : Sydney Morning Herald

Panguna locals want PNG mine to reopen

By ILYA GRIDNEFF

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Kina for Kina project scheme launched

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Now here's some good news for the people of Bougainville.

The much talked about and awaited Kina for Kina scheme has been launched, meaning communities can now apply for fifty percent funding for local projects.

Scheme coordinator, John Konnou, told a women's gathering in Buka that application forms have been sent to Councils of Elders.

He said funding will be made available for water tanks and other community projects.

Mr Konnou said that start up capital is K600,000.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Officials quickly remedy ballot paper shortfalls

BY TOM KATHOA

The Bougainville Electoral Commission has taken speedy remedial action to address an anticipated shortfall of ballot papers for the conduct of election in parts of Bougainville.

Acting Chief Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru, told me that he was anticipating a shortage of ballot papers for some constituencies in Central Bougainville. Mr Taravaru attributed the shortage to the transfer of ballot papers to areas outside Bougainville such as Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul.

He said remedial action was taken including notifying the PNG government printer to be on alert should there be a request for the printing of additional ballot papers.

Mr Taravaru said that election officials engaged by Bougainville to conduct polling in Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul have been advised to return excess ballot papers to Bougainville. These ballot papers will be immediately sent to Arawa for forwarding to affected constituencies like Ioro.

He explained that the electoral commission based voter estimates on the certified roll. But some candidates had inflated the real number of eligible voters in their constituencies.

Mr Taravaru is happy that generally it has been a trouble free election. Polling has already been completed in most parts of North Bougainville and is continuing in parts of South and Central Bougainville.

He said counting venues have been finalised at Hutjena Secondary School Hall for North Bougainville, Arawa Telikom House for Central Bougainville and Kangu Beach Warehouse for South Bougainville.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Development Corporation looks to the future

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The two main figures in a deal which set up the Bougainville Resources Development Corporation, Lindsay Semple and Philip Rali, have resigned from the Board of Invincible Resources Corp.

A memo from Invincible Resources says that the two no longer represent it or any of its subsidiaries or act as its representatives on the Board of the Development Corporation.

The memo further states that the new Invincible Board, which is the controlling shareholder in the Corporation, intends to follow the wishes of several directors that it maintain a Bougainvillean-only board.

It is claimed that communications and transparency has already improved since the men resigned last month.

Invincible says it will continue to invest in projects focused on Bougainville and plans to re-open its Assay and Melt Laboratory, expand its communications centre and develop its biodiesel refinery in Arawa.

The company is in the process of changing its name to Bougainville Investment Corporation and will continue to expand its investments focussed on socially beneficial projects.

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Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville poll continues to proceed well

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Polling throughout Bougainville is progressing well.

Acting Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru, said day five of the elections saw everything running smoothly throughout the region.

He said international observers had been allowed to pass through the Morgan junction roadblock to witness voting in Panguna and parts of South Bougainville.

Meanwhile, Mr Taravaru has assured the people of South, Central and North Bougainville living and working in Buka town special arrangements will be made so they can vote in Buka town.

He told New Dawn FM that special booths will be opened next week after polling in most areas has been completed.

He said leftover ballot boxes and candidates ballot papers will be used to allow this voting to occur.

Mr Taravaru said he had made this decision after being approached by patients and guardians at the Buka Hospital and other senior citizens who cannot return home to vote.

Polling in Bougainville will end next Friday with counting to commence immediately.

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Source : Radio Australia Pacific Beat

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Bougainville election poses new threat to Panguna mine

Voting is underway for the Bougainville elections the second for the province since a peace agreement ended a decade-long civil war in 2001. A referendum on independence from PNG may be held sometime in the next five years. But, there has been a slow start to voting in the PNG Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Presenter: Geraldine Coutts

Speaker: Liam Fox, Papua New Guinea correspondent

FOX: Well, I guess I came to Bougainville expecting the usual PNG craziness at election times, like lots of colour, movement, literal pork barrelling, where pigs are being handed out left, right and centre, seeing that fear and a lot of tension between supporters of rival candidates. But it is the exact opposite here in Bougainville. It has all been very peaceful and calm and orderly and relaxed. We heard just before about problems with the shortage of ballot papers, there have also been problems with people not being on election rolls. I understand there are two election rolls, and old one and a new one out at the polling booths, and some people are not on one and they have to be asked to move onto another polling booth. But people have all been taking it in their stride. There has been no tension, no frustration. It's all been very peaceful. And the first few days, it was also quite slow. There was a low turnout of voters in those early days.

COUTTS: Now, why do you think that it is quiet and calm as distinct from its history, is it because this is what the people really want?

FOX: Yes, and I think locals have told us that that is not just the way the usual stereotype we have at PNG elections, it's not just the way it is done here in Bougainville. There isn't that great deal of tension between rival supporters or tension that can flare into violence anyway. They do it their own way and that seems to be a very calm and peaceful way.

COUTTS: And there have been unconfirmed reports of ballot boxes being hijacked. Are you seeing any evidence of that or hearing about that?

FOX: I spoke to a senior police officer who is involved in providing, ensuring security during the election and he said basically the same thing that a fellow from Yadoun said that no, that is not true, that is the claim made by one of the presidential candidates and these things can always be investigated afterwards and taken to disputed returns.

COUTTS: Now you have been to Panguna, which is the seat of the problems for Bougainville. What did you see there?

FOX: Well once again, orderly voting. We went to one polling booth within the mine site and yeah orderly polling, slow turnout. We spoke to one of the candidates for one of the seats that has been set aside for ex-combatants and he said the fact that voting is taking place in Panguna is a real sign that the peace process is working. Interestingly though, we did speak to Chris Uma now he is the self-appointed general of the Mekamui defence force, which is the successor and remnants of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army and he's the man that has opened up Panguna, both in voting and to foreign election observers and he said that it's his preferred presidential candidate. which is James Tanis, isn't re-elected as president, he will shutdown Panguna again and close the Morgan Junction roadblock to outsiders. He believes he has formed a bit of a relationship with James

Tanis that has enabled him to come into the peace process over the last few months and he sees eye-to-eye with James Tanis and if he is not re-elected, everything goes backwards.

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Source : The National

Rebel group backs Bougainville president

A CONTROVERSIAL separatist movement that never recognized the Autonomous Bougainville Government has thrown its support behind President James Tanis, who said he could work with the splinter group if re-elected. Bougainville has begun its second-ever general election with voting throughout a region still scared by the decade-long civil war with the Papua New Guinean Defense Force that was sparked over an Australian-run gold and copper mine.

From 1987 to 1997, the bloody conflict reportedly claimed 20,000 lives from fighting or disease.

As part of the 2001 peace agreement, Bougainville was granted autonomy from PNG with plans for moving to full independence vote in the future.

Australia was inextricably linked to the conflict by providing military support to the PNGDF and assistance to the PNG government in blocking Bougainville's secessionist movement, fearing it could lead to the balkanization of the Pacific.

But years on, Bougainvilleans themselves remain divided on not just whether to re-open the massive Panguna mine on the island's centre but on more fundamental political, historical and cultural issues surrounding the peace and reconciliation process.

Tanis told AAP in Arawa that he was working with the heavily-armed Meekamui forces, that previously wanted to form their own government, and opposed the reopening Panguna mine and want to take Bougainville back to traditional ways.

"One of the most difficult things I've delivered as president is to get Meekamui's Chris Uma on to the peace process and to convince him that Meekamui must support the Bougainville government," he said.

"Uma has signed an agreement to work with me and I will find a way to accommodate some of Meekamui's ideas," he said.

The Meekamui nationalist movement has kept Bougainville divided and complicated matters with heavily armed splintered militias scattered across the island with many at odds with each other.

"I have secured an understanding with Uma for the last remaining faction on Bougainville to join the peace process and then to ultimately complete total unification for Bougainville and restore peace and security on Bougainville," Tanis said.

For these elections, the Meekamui defense force, headed by self-appointed general Uma, has lifted the heavily armed no-go zone around the Panguna mine.

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Exclusive Report !

U.S. Department of State heading for peace in Bougainville!

When the Bougainville Crises came to an end ten years ago, disarmament and weapon destruction became a major issue of Bougainville politics. Without law and order no economic development will be possible, without enduring peace the wish of independence will remain a dream - forever. Since

2010 Bougainvilleans get support from the United States of America to get rid of old World War II weapons left behind by soldiers from different countries.

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Source : Australia Network News

Ballot paper shortage revealed in Bougainville election

The election commission underestimated how many people from Bougainville would cast a vote.

Almost one week after polling booths opened for elections in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, it's been revealed there were not enough ballot papers.

It's the second election since the end of the violent civil war with Papua New Guinea, which claimed thousands of lives.

The poll marked the first time rebel leaders have allowed voting in the centre of the region around the former Panguna Copper Mine, whose operation triggered the war in the late 1980s.

Manager of the New Dawn Community radio station in Bougainville's capital Buka, Aloysius Laukai, says it's been revealed the election commission underestimated how many would cast a vote.

"The election commission people should know that there were many voters and they should have catered and the election in most part of Bougainville is complete and now we are hearing from central that the election they are short of ballot papers."

13.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Election commissioner says there was no fraud

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Acting Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru, has rejected allegations of electoral fraud in Central Bougainville after completing his investigations.

Returning from Arawa, Mr Taravaru told New Dawn FM that his investigations did not find any malpractices. He said that candidates who want to take this matter further can do through the courts so after the elections.

13.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

PNG continues to attract mining firms

By ERIC TAPAKAU

PAPUA New Guinea remains attractive to the mining world despite the sentiments held by many critics as being "one of the worst countries to invest in".

To September last year, 79 mining companies from seven countries including Papua New Guinea, owned tenements in the country.

According to the Mining and Exploration Bulletin published by the Mineral Resources Authority, up to September 2009, a total of 165 tenements were processed, 33 new exploration licences granted, 46 new exploration licences applications, 29 renewals lodged, one alluvial mining licence application and one mining licence granted. Countries with companies linked to PNG's mineral sector include Australia, Canada, China, South Africa, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland and the USA.

Total mineral export receipts to the March quarter of 2009 was about K2 billion, 31 per cent lower than the corresponding period of 2008. The lower income was due to lower commodity prices on the world market. According to the MRA Bulletin, significant changes to the fiscal regimes (since 2003) which are more investor friendly include income tax rate of 30 per cent, dividend withholding tax of 10 per cent, royalty of 2 per cent on net smelter returns, fiscal stability is now available for financing period, no additional profits tax, no capital gains tax, 100 per cent foreign company ownership allowed through exploration whereas in the past only PNG registered companies participated. "Despite the long history, geology and mineralisation of the country is not yet fully understood," MRA said in its bulletin.

"It is good to know that, as companies explore more in their tenements, they discover new prospects not discovered by previous exploration programs. The Government will support any activities towards understanding the geology and discovery of minerals".

PNG has the potential to earn up to K600 million every year from alluvial mining.

12.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville polling proceeds peacefully

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Bougainville Police report peaceful polling throughout Bougainville on day four of the ABG elections.

North Bougainville regional commander, Inspector Cletus Tsien, told New Dawn FM that polling had run smoothly since it started last Friday.

Inspector Tsien said polling in Kunua will start this week, once a murder case in the area is settled. There was also some confusion in Tinputz, which had been settled, regarding the security of ballot boxes.

Polling started in Tinputz yesterday morning.

Mr Tsien said polling was stopped temporarily in Wakunai but started again after minor problems had been settled.

Polling in South Bougainville started without problem on Monday.

Inspector Tsien said police manpower has been stretched fully during the general election.

He appealed to people to continue with this good attitude so polling can be completed without incident and on time.

12.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Power problems blight Buka business

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

A Buka businessman has questioned how PNG Power will supply Buka villages when it cannot supply Buka town with a constant power supply.

The man, who wanted to remain anonymous, told New Dawn FM that the constant power failure in Buka town is killing local business.

He said if PNG Power does not have the capacity to supply continuous electricity to its Buka clients then it should forget its rural electrification program until it sorts out the town's problems.

He said it was not good to create false hope to the rural population by installing power lines when there is no electricity they can provide.

Meanwhile, PNG Power's Buka office is warning credit customers to pay up or face power disconnections.

A notice outside the Buka office says disconnections to properties will be done in coming weeks.

The notice further states that there has been increase in debts in the last three months which has resulted in the company issuing disconnection warnings.

Disconnections will be made without warning.

The warnings come at a time when there has been no explanation of why there have been continuing power cuts in Buka town.

12.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Extra booths for people who can't go home

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Acting Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru, has approved extra polling booths to cater for people from Central, South and North Bougainville living in Buka town who cannot return to their respective constituencies to cast votes.

He told New Dawn FM he has approved the extra booths after considering the unfortunate people who cannot return home to cast their votes.

Mr Taravaru said these people included patients and guardians at Buka Hospital and workers employed by private businesses in Buka town.

He said that once everything is set, public notices will advise people on the dates to vote.

12.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Serious election fraud allegedly uncovered

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

A serious election fraud may have been intercepted in Central Bougainville.

According to the New Bougainville Party, a scam has been uncovered in which election officials brought in ten ballot boxes even before the official boxes were moved into Central Bougainville.

A New Bougainville Party official, Frank Nigu, who says he witnessed the transportation of the ten extra boxes on 27 March was not concerned by this until after he sighted an unofficial polling schedule that included the extra boxes.

He told New Dawn FM that the Party has asked the Electoral Commissioner to investigate these polling officials.

Mr Nigu said the Arawa District manager denied producing an unofficial polling schedule for Central Bougainville. Bougainville Police have also been notified of this incident.

Meanwhile, presidential candidate John Momis has called on the Electoral Commission to investigate the allegations and make sure the unofficial schedule is not used.

He said election officials and police who may have collaborated to sabotage the election process in Central Bougainville must be investigated and prosecuted if these allegations are true.

Mr Momis said similar incidents occurred in the 2005 ABG elections, in which persons not on the common roll voted and the actual votes exceeded the eligible voters.

He warned that if these allegations are true, then the people involved should face the full force of the law.

He also called on the Electoral Commissioner to make sure counting is done transparently.

Acting Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, Reitama Taravaru, remains tight-lipped until his own probe is completed.

He told New Dawn FM that he had already started investigations and left for Arawa to complete the investigations.

He said he will respond to any allegations after his work has been completed.

On the question of producing extra polling schedules, Mr Taravaru said polling schedules are gazetted however, depending on the situation, election officials can adjust them. However, a public notice must be given to make sure all concerned are made aware of any changes.

12.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Rumours of extra boxes

By Gorethy Kenneth

POLICE yesterday brushed aside rumours and allegations that 10 extra ballot boxes were carried to Arawa police station in March and had gone missing soon after polling began.

It is a widespread rumour in Bougainville that the 10 ballot boxes were transported to the Arawa police station by a certain returning officer on March 27 soon after the issue of writs on March 26.

The allegation spread and was aired by candidates on radio, television and the print media throughout the region.

It was also alleged that a presidential candidate from Central Bougainville had deliberately done this because soon after polling began on May 7, rumours had it that all 10 ballot boxes were filled with ballot papers and removed from the police station without knowledge of the police in Central Bougainville.

But police in Buka yesterday denied the allegations. Provincial police commander-Central command chief, Huitona Tohua told the Post-Courier yesterday that these allegations were not true and that they were only rumours. He stressed that there were only 26 ballot boxes earmarked for Central and there were no extra boxes as per the allegations.

"That is the rumour that is going around and the allegations were that extra ballot boxes were taken to Arawa in March after the issue of writs," Mr Huitona said.

"We deny any such actions after our checks, only 26 ballot boxes were earmarked for that place and the number is still 26," he said.

Meanwhile, another ballot box from the Haku constituency was alleged to have been confiscated, and taken to the police station.

People claimed the polling officials from that booth had used an exercise book to write names of those that were not on the common roll and allowed them to vote.

Police denied this but could not provide further detail on the issue.

12.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Election budget short

By Alex Munme

POLICE in Bougainville need an extra K1 million to provide effective security for the second Autonomous Bougainville Government election.

The first K1.1 million for police security operations under the K6 million budget from ABG election was released but police say it was insufficient.

K5.8 million was released for the general elections with the additional K1.1 million for police totalling K6.9 million.

The National Government allocated an extra K5 million for the election. The ABG provided K2.35 million.

However Bougainville police were out in full force to provide security during the polling period. Last Friday, 154 police officers were sent to East and South Coast, North Bougainville when polling began. Logistic problems included funding for vehicle hire and fuel. Those assigned to cover the Selau/Tinputz areas were delayed until yesterday. Only K1.5 million of the K2 million was released, causing hiccups in the operations.

BEC held a meeting yesterday to elaborate on the budget short fall and hopefully the rest of the funding will be available soon.

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Source : The National

Family pays compensation for death during Bougainville crisis

A FAMILY from North Solomon province living in Banz, Western Highlands, paid K15,000 and five pigs as compensation yesterday for a death of man from Chimbu province killed during the Bougainville crisis.

Late Dama Alois was staying with his sister Mary Atobu in Buka when he was killed in 1989 by Bougainvillean Revolutionary Army at Damapondi in North Naiso.



Atobu told The National her husband Martin Atobu and her family took Alois to Bougainville in 1988 to stay with them before the crisis.

She said that her family managed to take his body back home for burial.

Atobu said that her family members were continuously threatened by her own cousins for the death of Alois and was forced to move.

She said that the compensation she paid was to stop cousins and other relatives from threatening her family members.

Atobu hopes to reconcile with her cousins.

She said her family saved the money and looked after the pigs over the years to pay compensation.

Atobu said that she informed the Autonomous Bougainville

Government two years ago about the problem.

They made a commitment to help her settle the issue, but she said that had not received any help to date.

11.05.2010

Source : The National

ABG candidates take to the polls

By TOM KATHOA

FORMER Bougainville MP John Momis was the first presidential candidate to cast his vote for the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) elections.

Momis marked and cast his ballot paper at the polling station in Sohano last Friday.

Incumbent president James Tanis last Friday left for Nagovis to cast his vote when polling starts today.

The United Nations observers, who are here to monitor the conduct of the elections, are expected to visit other areas including Panguna.

The poll observers also witnessed some campaign activities since their arrival last week.

They will also monitor the counting of the votes in three locations – Hutjena Secondary School for North Bougainville votes, Arawa for Central and Kangu Beach Warehouse for South Bougainville.

Polling booths opened to voters in some constituencies in Buka, namely Tsitalato, Hagogohe, Halia and Haku constituencies.

Bougainville acting electoral commissioner Reitama Taravaru said polling in North Bougainville should have started yesterday, while those in other regions, South and Central would commence at the weekend and next week.

Taravaru said all election materials had been received and polling officials posted to their respective areas.

Polling began last Friday and ends on May 21.

Papua New Guinea electoral commissioner Andrew Trawen said he was satisfied with the preparations for the ABG elections and the briefings on the funding operations.

11.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

PNG a mining tax haven

By ERIC TAPAKAU

PAPUA New Guinea is well positioned to host the growing number of Australian miners that are reconsidering their investments “down under” because of the proposed super profits tax.

The new tax proposed by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has already seen millions of dollars worth of exploration and expansions plans stalled by miners such as Rio Tinto and Xstrata. Xstrata is the majority stakeholder in the world class Frieda River copper exploration program.

Rio Tinto is the major stakeholder in Bougainville Copper Limited, the owner and once operator of the lucrative Panguna copper and gold mine in Central Bougainville, Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

With new developments going on in Bougainville, Rio Tinto is closely watching the progress towards peace and order.

Introduced in 2002, Papua New Guinea’s taxation regimes in the mining and petroleum sector are said to be more competitive with its neighbours and since then, many companies in both sectors entered this country to take advantage of the new fiscal regimes.

Australian mining magnate Clive Palmer made no secrets about his intention to invest in Papua New Guinea when he told the Courier Mail that his next project would be in Papua New Guinea.

11.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Only in Bougainville

Words and Picture: WINTERFORD TOREAS

AS the saying goes, it is only in Bougainville that one can find many odd looking things. Pictured is one of



the vehicles from Buin parked at the roadside of Laitaro Primary School. This vehicle was used by one of the candidates contesting the ABG elections to conduct his campaigns. Standing next to the car is Cleland Sania from Siwai district, who could not resist his desire to study the car up close. Cleland was amazed after seeing that this car had many "homemade" parts. This vehicle is one example of the many "old-bombs" that can be found in Bougainville.

11.05.2010

Source : 9 msn NEWS

Bougainville heads to the polls

by Ilya Gridneff

The tiny Pacific island of Bougainville has begun general elections to choose a president and a direction that could make their independence dream a reality.

Bougainville is still reeling from a decade-long civil war with Papua New Guinea's Defence Force that started in 1987 as a secessionist movement sparked by environmental and socio-economic concerns over the Australian-run Panguna gold and copper mine.

The bloody conflict reportedly claimed 20,000 lives through disease and fighting. As part of the peace agreement brokered in 2001, Bougainville was given autonomy with the promise of an independent future from PNG.

For the 250,000 Bougainville population many challenges exist and some say more problems exist now than during the crisis, considering the number of weapons that remain on the island.

The 2010 presidential race is touted as make or break for Bougainville's secessionist movement as the next government and president's job will be to prepare Bougainville for a referendum to fully cede from PNG sometime after 2015.

On Monday, in a trip south from Bougainville's centre Buka to the former capital Awara, AAP visited five polling stations with a team of international election monitors.

All stations reported low voter turn-out and frustration that many had been turned away because their name was not on the roll.

In a country awash with guns, fractured politics and unhealed wounds there are always fears disagreements could escalate into more bloodshed.

Polling will be held in PNG's Autonomous Region of Bougainville for 44 seats, including the top job of president, until May 21 with a president expected to be announced in early June.

Despite a list of hopefuls, the election will be an inter-generational race between current president James Tanis and the older John Momis, who has recently returned from China where he was PNG's ambassador.

Mr Tanis, 43, a former fighter in the Bougainville Revolutionary Army, replaced rebel leader-cum-president the late Joseph Kabui, who died of a heart attack in 2008.

Mr Momis, 71, is a popular former Catholic priest, former Bougainville governor and former PNG MP who polled well against Kabui in the region's first presidential race in 2005.

The most difficult task for the new president will be brokering which way Panguna landowners will go in Bougainville's efforts to re-open the controversial mine.

Panguna, in central Bougainville, was once home to the world's largest gold and copper mines, making Bougainville PNG's most prosperous province and providing a quarter of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

Disputes over royalties, environmental concerns and other grievances led to a total blockade of the island and a guerrilla campaign that was labelled the "Coconut Revolution" due to the rebels' reliance on coconuts.

But the struggle left the once impressive infrastructure decayed and dilapidated. Some believe Bougainville is in such a poor economic state that it is not ready to go it alone.

So, while the Panguna mine sparked the struggle, it is now seen as a key to unlocking Bougainville's independent future. Especially since BCL reported to the Australian Stock Exchange last year that more than a billion tonnes of gold and copper ore remains in the Panguna site.

Panguna landowners remain divided and the post-conflict politics would be quite complex for any president.

Mr Momis, with closer connections to PNG and China, is seen to be more cautious of the push for independence.

His status as an elder may help resolve the raft of disputes that continue to block prosperity in Bougainville.

Both men have a tough job ahead but the toughest job for anyone is to predict Bougainvillean politics.

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Source : Furche (AT)

"Furche" berichtet über die Pangunamine

Die österreichische Wochenzeitung "Furche" hat unlängst in ihrem [Dossier 17 2010](#) einen Artikel über die Pangunamine veröffentlicht. Da der Autor Wolfgang Machreich in dem betreffenden Artikel die Situation auf Bougainville ausgesprochen einseitig darstellt und zum Teil auch Unwahrheiten kolportiert, haben die ESBC die Chefredaktion der "Furche" gebeten, zukünftig für eine umfassende sowie korrekte Darstellung der Aktivitäten von Bougainville Copper Ltd. Sorge zu tragen. Dies gilt speziell für das andauernde soziale Engagement der Bougainville Copper Foundation auf der Insel.

10.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Police manpower stretched

By FABIAN GATANA

POLICE manpower in Bougainville is outnumbered by polling officials and teams and deployment to each polling booth is at least two policemen/women, says the region's assistant commissioner of police Thomas Eluh. Bougainvilleans throughout the region fronted up at the polling booths to cast their votes for the new ABG Government last Friday.

Deployment of police in north Bougainville started on a high note with those in the central and south a little slow. Commander Eluh said although his men could not cater fully for the 200-plus polling booths scattered throughout the region, he was confident his policemen and women would effectively provide support and security of the election right up to the swearing in of new members. He said they were trained on specifics, especially based on the provision of security over the election period.

He said there will be two policemen/women to each polling booth all over the region and he was confident there would not be any major disruptions during polling and counting.

But ACP Eluh over the weekend appealed in the strongest manner to the people, the leaders and the candidates to "own" this election, protect and respect it so that there would not be any major incidents affecting the smooth operations of the election.

"Since the start of polling, there have not been any incidents. I appeal strongly to the leaders and candidates to allow every process to take place. This election is very important to the people of Bougainville.

There has been no major disruption to campaigns by individual candidates throughout the region and leaders and I appeal for the same during the polling and counting periods," said Mr Eluh.

10.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Niu vision for Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

HE has a soft heart and one that he says is crying out for the people of Bougainville because he sees poverty right at their doorsteps - even those who least expect to be classified as poor.

For the last five elections - the National Government elections in 2002, 2007 and the first ABG elections in 2005 and the by-election, this man, who is contesting for the fifth time, is trying his luck for the sake of the people of Bougainville.

Presidential candidate Sylvester Niu is adamant he should be Bougainville's next president because he's got a "Niu" vision for Bougainville that will benefit the small people - namely the youths and ordinary citizens - who over the years have missed out on government services.

Niu has a vision for Bougainville. He says if he is elected President, within 100 days in office, K1 billion will be found for the ABG to operate within its five year term.

There are some on the island who claim Niu is only contesting year in, year out because it is his pasttime and hobby. But Niu says that it is wrong and that mentality should be changed - that he has been contesting "for donkey years" because he's got the heart for ordinary Bougainvilleans.

"My aim is, within 100 days of power of authority K1 billion will be sourced for the ABG to operate within its five year term," Mr Niu said.

"This funding will be utilised on a 75 per cent/25 per cent ratio for peace building and reconciliation, infrastructure, creation of business investments and the running of the Bougainville Public Service under the Bougainville Administration," he said. "The 75 per cent (K750 million) half of the ratio will be used on peace building and reconciliation, infrastructure and creation of business investments.

"The 25 per cent (K250 million) will be used in running the Bougainville Public Service under the Bougainville administration for effective and efficient service delivery to the people of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville."

"This will be my fifth time contesting (three ABG and two times Governor/Regional Member) and this is because I want to rid poverty in Bougainville. It's here and we have to face it but get rid of it as well," Mr Niu who has a "Niu" vision for the region said.

The 47-year-old businessman from Lemanmanu village has not been campaigning like other presidential candidates. He's been distributing posters everywhere that contain his platform.

In his platform he talks about his aims in three ways, the first aim being:

- * Peace building and reconciliation;
- * Infrastructure;
- * Insurance for Bougainville businesses; and
- * Creation of business investments.

"My second aim is to foster a strong working partnership with COEs all throughout the region, the ABG members, all Bougainville national MPs and the PNG Government, NGOs, churches and foreign countries for trade and commerce. This is to encourage cooperation and oneness within and strengthen ties with our friends abroad to establish a pathway to economic recovery and the ultimate realisation of our destiny," he said.

10.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Voting picks up pace on Bougainville

BOUGAINVILLEANS began voting on Friday for the MPs who will make up Bougainville's Government.

Voting kicks off in full force today for many districts and constituencies in central and south Bougainville, while

those in the north continue from last Friday.

Polling started on Friday in north Bougainville on a high-note while in the central and south, voting was at a slow pace because the assistant returning officers were still travelling and sorting out things over the weekend in order to be in full operation today.

A total of 134,279 registered voters are expected to vote in the next two weeks. There are 57,979 registered voters in north Bougainville, 27,648 in central Bougainville and 48,652 in south Bougainville. There are 13 districts and 33 constituencies where polling is underway.

The 13 districts include Kieta, Wakunai and Panguna in central Bougainville, Tinputz, Atolls, Buka, Kunua and Selau/Suir in north Bougainville and Siwai, Torokina, Bana ad Buin in south Bougainville.

The constituencies contested are Kongara, North Nasioi, South Nasioi, Kokoda, Rau, Terra, Eivo/Torau and Ioro in central Bougainville –Taonita Teop, Taonita Tinputz, Atolls, Peit, Tonsu, Tsitalato, Hagogohe, Haku, Halia, Mahari, Teua, Nissan, Selau and in north Bougainville and Kopii, Motuna Huyono, Ramu, Torokina, Lato, Bava, Bolave, Konnou, Lule, Makis and Paubake in south Bougainville.

This year's election will also be the first time that polling will be permitted by rebel leaders in areas surrounding the Panguna copper mine, the operation of which was a flashpoint for the start of the 10-year civil war.

Acting electoral commissioner for the ABG Reitama Taravaru advised that polling stations would be open across the region and in full force today.

He said so far voting had been carried out smoothly over the weekend.

“There are already a great number of voters turning up at polling places,” Mr Taravaru said in an interview on Friday afternoon.

“The reports I am getting from the heads of the police have been very positive. Everyone is looking forward to this election.”

10.05.2010 11:37 a.m. (Sydney time)

Source : ASX Sydney

Bougainville Copper shares (BOC) +14,29%

Market Depth for BOUGAINVILLE COPPER
as at 11:37:34 AM Monday, May 10, 2010

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| Last | Change | % | Volume | Trades | Open | High | Low |
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10.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville election starts at slow pace

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI & TOM KATHOA

Polling in the second Bougainville elections has started slowly.

Presidential nominee John Momis was the first candidate to cast his vote.

Current president, James Tanis, is in Nagovis where he will he will vote when polling opens tomorrow.

The United Nations observers in the province to monitor the conduct of the election are expected to visit each area including Panguna.

They will also witness counting in three Hutjena, Arawa and Kangu Beach.

Polling booths opened their doors to voters in four constituencies in the Buka District.

Acting Electoral Commissioner, Reitamah Taravaru, said polling in North Bougainville constituencies should start today, while those in south and central regions will follow this week.

PNG Electoral Commissioner, Andrew Trawen, has expressed satisfaction on preparations for the election.

07.05.2010

Source : Australian Broadcasting - Pacific Beat

Voting starts in second Bougainville elections

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville has begun voting for the MPs who will make up its next government. It's the second election since the end of the long running civil war with Papua New Guinea, and over 300 candidates have nominated to contest the 33 constituencies in the three Bougainville electorates. As well voters will be deciding who will be the next president. This morning voting began on the island of Buka, and on Monday the

polling centres will open on the main island.

Presenter: Pacific Correspondent Campbell Cooney

Speaker: Reitama Taravaru, PNG's Acting Electoral Commissioner

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07.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Bougainville goes to polls

By GORETHY KENNETH

POLLING in Bougainville kicks off today with more than 133,000 registered voters throughout the region to exercise their rights to vote for their leaders.

This is the second Autonomous Bougainville Government election in search of a new president, women leaders for the three regions, former combatants and single constituency leaders.

The Limited Preferential Voting (LPV) system will be used. Polling will end on Friday May 21 and counting will immediately start at the end of that day.

The Electoral Commission said campaigning by candidates halted yesterday and any candidate continuing to campaign during the polling period would be dealt with.

There will be 40 elections that will start today which includes 33 single constituencies, three women seats (Central, South and North), the three ex-combatant seats (Central, South and North) and the top post – the presidential seat.

The polling schedule has been done according to the 13 districts which include Buka, Kunua, Nissan, Wakunai, Torokina, Taonita Tiniputs, Taonita Teop, Panguna, Bana, Selau/Suir, Atolls, Buin, Kieta 2 and Siwai.

Most polling teams in North, Central and South have taken up position to start the operation today, while those in very remote areas start officially on Monday. Police also take their specific locations to provide security today and will be stationed at their locations until polling ends and counting begins.

07.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Big days ahead for Bougainville

POLLING in one of the most important elections for the future of the united country of Papua New Guinea begins today . . . in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

It is a hugely important time for the people and the leaders of that island region.

The campaigning officially ended yesterday and now the Electoral Commission staff are off to the various centres and villages where the vote casting will be done.

Campaigning has been seemingly peaceful although punctuated by vigorous speeches and promises by the many candidates.

The people to be elected to office at these elections will take Bougainville to the brink of independence and possibly over the brink.

The promise of granting Bougainvilleans a referendum to decide on whether they want independence will fall due at the end of the next regional government's term.

It is a topic of great interest to the people of Bougainville and also to a large number of people in the rest of Papua New Guinea.

No man is an island, as the saying goes. And there are many people of Bougainville blood who have married to people from other parts of the nation. There are also many from other provinces who have committed to a life on Bougainville.

Bougainvilleans hold responsible jobs in many parts of PNG and their services are valued, from teachers up in the Highlands to technicians and academics in the main cities. However there has always been a strong emotional pull for many in Bougainville to have things their own way.

They were the first to be given a real taste of autonomy out of respect for the emotional feeling. Yet the region's future is by no means certain and it is not certain a referendum would vote for independence.

The leaders of Bougainville are finding that the twin tasks of completing the settlement to the times of crisis and of creating a safe economic foundation for the region.

It is not an easy task to rebuild a vibrant economy from the rubble of civil war. Much of the task lies ahead. The immediate chore is to ensure that the people have fair elections now, to choose their leaders for the next five years for it is the new leaders who are desperately needed to steer a safe course.

07.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Voting for new Bougainville government is underway

Polling for the second Bougainville government started at 8 this morning.

Election Team 8 for the Tsitalato seat started at Sohano Island.



Ambassador John Momis, Presidential candidate and hot favourite is pictured by Aloysius Laukai voting at Sohano. He was the first candidate to vote when polling started.

New Dawn FM, accompanying the UN observer mission, will follow the leaders' voting. Current President James Tanis will vote in Bana on Tuesday next week.

07.05.2010

Source : Radio Australia

Elections begin in PNG province of Bougainville

Elections for the autonomous province of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea get underway today. It's the second time elections have been held on the island and these could be the last before a referendum on independence.

Presenter: Helene Hofman
Speaker: Liam Fox, PNG Correspondent

FOX: Yes it's a very rugged island Bougainville, just getting from one end to the other is a major operation, several deep river crossings. I understand there's something like 218 different electoral polling teams that will now spread out across the island to conduct the elections. There's also a team of international observers there as well. The elections are due to go for two weeks, they start today, so the polling will actually be running for two weeks. And then the polling ends on May 21 and the return of writs is on June the 9th.

HOFMAN: Has there been any trouble leading up to today?

FOX: I've actually just read a few reports from New Dawn, a local radio station on Bougainville saying that there has been a few what they call election related violence and in fact a couple of murders related to former rebel factions, but they haven't made the mainstream media here, certainly not the two national papers. But it does appear that there has been some election related violence.

HOFMAN: Why is it that they wouldn't have made the national papers?

FOX: I can't explain that, I'm not sure myself.

HOFMAN: Ok so it could come out in the coming days and what's security like now, has there been an additional deployment of police officers?

FOX: There was a big show by police in the last day or two. So they certainly put on a big show and asked people to play it safe during the elections as well.

HOFMAN: And as for the candidates has there been any indication as to whether we're likely to see a change in power?

FOX: Well there's certainly been a lot of talk that John Momis, he's the former governor of Bougainville, he resigned as PNG's ambassador to China, that he certainly could be a leading candidate. And perhaps people are thinking that after they gave James Tanis some time as the President, he's a much younger man, that perhaps it's time to put the leadership back in the hands of an older more conservative leader. But it's quite a hard area to penetrate unless you're actually on the island. So we're looking forward to going there next week to really get the feel and the views of people.

HOFMAN: What about the major issues that candidates have been addressing? Presumably there's the

referendum on independence and possibly also the future of the Panguna copper mine?

FOX: That's right, the future of the mine is a big issue and that's tied up into the issue of independence.

If Bougainville was to become independent it needs some form of revenue, and the most likely source of that is the Panguna copper and gold mine. But opinion still seems to be divided on the island, some groups are saying they do want it to be open, other groups, in particular we spoke to the Panguna Women's Landowners Association a couple of weeks ago, they're opposed to it.

I certainly know that the incumbent President James Tanis is in favour of having it reopened if that's what the people want. John Momis' traditional on this isn't so clear, and it'd have to wait until we actually got to Bougainville to find out the views of the other five presidential candidates as well.

So the future of the mine is a big issue, independence as well and just the economic future of the country. As I mentioned there isn't really a great source of revenue there at the moment and they need to find a way to get that and continuing the peace process is another main issue and the destruction of weapons and ammunition on the island as well.

07.05.2010

BCL Company Secretary Paul Coleman's address to Netquote :

Please note that the below article published on your website is incorrect and misleading, Bougainville Copper Limited has no interest nor does it expect have an interest in Liquefied Natural Gas in Victoria, can you please ensure a retraction is published immediately.

Paul Coleman
Company Secretary
Bougainville Copper Limited

06.05.2010

Source : couriermail

Australian resource tax system worse than China's, says Clive Palmer

By Tony Grant-Taylor

BILLIONAIRE mining magnate Clive Palmer (picture) reckons China will have a better resource industry tax system than Australia if the Federal Government goes ahead with its super profits tax on mining and energy companies.



As resource industry shares hit the skids yesterday on the Australian Stock Exchange, Mr Palmer – a long-time member and supporter of the Liberal National Party – said the Government's proposed new tax, aimed at putting significantly more of profits being won from high commodity prices into the public coffers, was policy "tried by communists and socialists".

"It will mean communist China will have a far better tax system for resources than Australia," he said.

Mr Palmer, who has pocketed millions from the boom in iron ore demand from China, and has massive plans for coal developments in Queensland, said Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan was attacking the sector of the economy that was functioning well.

He was penalising the industry responsible for a huge amount of Australia's export earnings. Mr Palmer said a treasurer's prime obligation was to devise policies to grow the economy and create jobs. "I've never seen jobs

created by a new tax," Mr Palmer said. "When taxes get to 90 per cent, the economy breaks down."

He said the proposed new tax would force investment offshore with his "next project to be in Papua New Guinea – you pay half the tax there that you pay here".

"This is very bad for the country. It is a very sad thing," he said. "I paid \$70 million in tax last year, quite happily." But if investment goes offshore, if money isn't being generated, it can't be taxed."

06.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Polling starts throughout Bougainville tomorrow

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

The Bougainville Electoral Commission has run a one day workshop for election officials at the Hutjena United Church Hall.

The workshop was to prepare all officials to be aware of their responsibilities and code of conduct during the election.

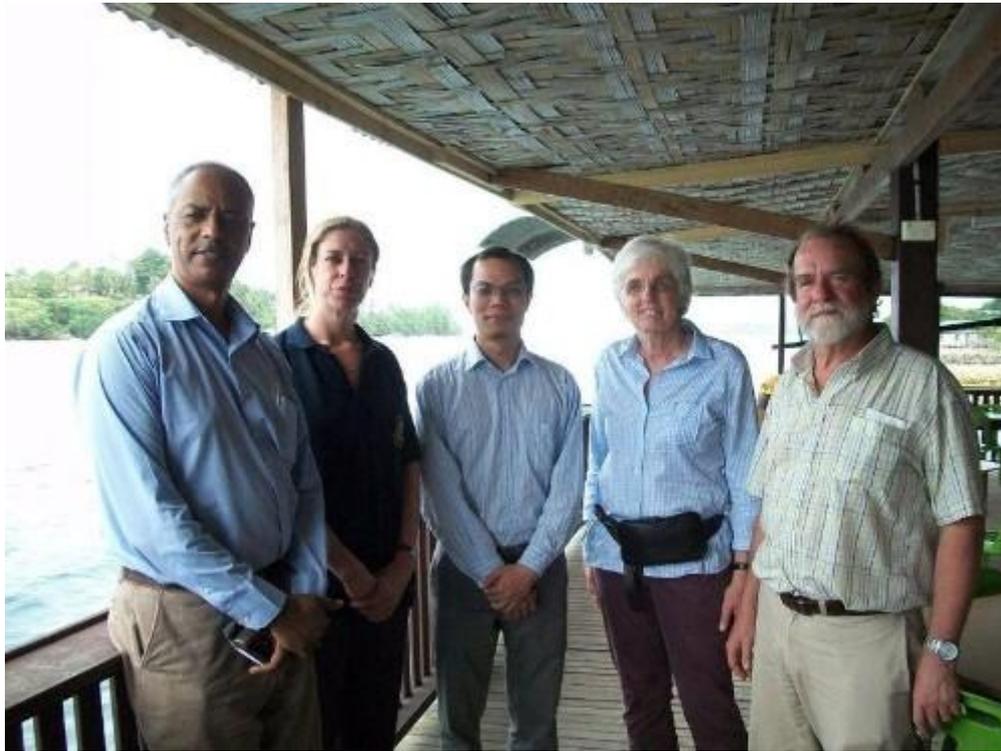
The workshop was the final briefing before all teams leave for polling locations throughout Bougainville and three provinces outside Bougainville.

A total of 218 teams will be deployed during the election.

Polling starts tomorrow and ends in two weeks.

Counting will start immediately after end of polling and writs would be returned on 9 June ahead of the 15 June official inauguration of the next ABG Parliament.

Meanwhile, international observers have arrived in Buka to monitor the second ABG general election.



International Observers in Buka (Bougainville)

The 15 member team consists of election experts from the Commonwealth Secretariat and the United Nations.

They told a news conference in Buka that the UN and the Commonwealth will monitor the election and the next stage of the Bougainville peace process.

They said at the last election there were a lot of complaints about the common roll which they hope had been addressed this time round.

At the same time, the Bougainville Police Service is also gearing up to oversee the elections and, to show off their strength, they paraded in Arawa Town with support from students from Tupukas Primary School.

Addressing the parade, Commissioner James Koibo called on the people of Bougainville to make sure this election is conducted without disturbance.

He said that the people must allow the process to take its course to see the people achieve their goal.

Bougainville Police boss, Thomas Eluh, also called on the people to protect the democratic process.

He said that there is a breakdown of law and order on Bougainville and called on the people to change this.

Mr Eluh said that if the Bougainville people want to be truly independent, then they must quit guns and marijuana.

He said without law and order there will be no independence for Bougainville.

06.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier (miscellaneous)

Leakage' worry

IT'S vote-chasing time in Bougainville and allegations are flying. Buka Hospital is still without a reliable water supply and critics say there was a K2.7 million water project headlined last year saying a company was contracted by the Regional MP Fidelis Semoso to supply water. Nothing's happened, the critics say.

Who's in charge?

SAME MP is targeted over the public launching year year for the upgrading of Buka market and that a demo cheque for K1.4 million was shown off. Now work on the market has come to a grinding halt, far short of completion. Contractors' wages unpaid for many fortnights. Who's in charge of the funds?

06.05.2010

Source : Netquote Morning Market Report for Thursday, May 06, 2010

SYDNEY - The Australian stock market is expected to open lower, after a negative finish on Wall Street and weaker commodities prices during the offshore session.

At 0703 AEST on the Sydney Futures Exchange, the June share price index contract was 54 points lower at 4,637 points, on a volume of 8,413 contracts.

In economics news on Thursday, the Australian Bureau of Statistics was due to release the balance of goods and services data for March and retail sales figures for the same month.

The Australian Office of Financial Management was scheduled to auction \$1.2 billion of short-term Treasury notes.

In companies news, National Australia Bank Ltd was scheduled to release its first half results.

ANZ Banking Group Ltd chief executive Mike Smith was due to address Committee for Economic Development in Australia lunch.

Brambles Ltd was expected to release a trading update.

Santos Ltd is holding its annual general meeting.

Bougainville Copper Ltd is expected to announce a deal to develop liquefied natural gas in Victoria.

The Australian share market closed lower on Wednesday, following weaker offshore leads, but mining stocks recovered some lost ground from their heavy sell off that was sparked by the super profits tax proposal.

The benchmark S&P/ASX200 index closed down 63.1 points, or 1.33 per cent, at 4,674 points, while the broader All Ordinaries index finished down 61.3 points, or 1.29 per cent, at 4,692 points.

The ESBC immediately asked for more information and comment on that report from the company secretary of Bougainville Copper Ltd. , Mr. Paul Coleman.

05.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn On Bougainville

Bougainville polls ready to start all over

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Polling for the second ABG general elections start on Friday.

A total of 218 election teams have been set up and are ready to move to various locations.

All these teams will be in place tomorrow, including teams for Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul.

Polling booths in Port Moresby will be at Port Moresby, Boroko and Waigani from 10-14 May.

Polling booths in Lae will be set up at the Vele Rumana Building and at Eriku.

Team 218 will be stationed in Rabaul Town and Kokopo for people from the New Guinea Islands region.

05.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn On Bougainville

Momis wants to empower village governments

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Former Bougainville Governor and Presidential candidate, John Momis, says village governments should be more empowered so village people feel they have a greater say.

Mr Momis said all forms of village government should be welcomed and amalgamate so that they function properly.

He said that his government, if elected, would include all factions to address issues affecting Bougainville today. He said he was looking at weapons disposal, good governance and economic recovery if he becomes President of Bougainville.

On investment, Mr Momis said policies must be set to make sure investors are allowed to come to Bougainville and operate in partnership with the people of Bougainville.

He said no outside company will be allowed to operate on its own as it is happening in PNG.

Mr Momis said that there is no closed economy in the world and therefore Bougainville must allow investors to come under Bougainville's own policies.

05.05.2010

Source : Radio New Dawn On Bougainville

Buka people asked to support education

BY ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Buka islanders have been called on to make sure their children attend and complete their education.

The regional member for Bougainville in the national parliament told the people of Eltupan village on Buka island last Friday that Buka does not have copper or gold but can still contribute with the development using their educated children.

He said education and manpower is one area that Buka can contribute towards capacity building on Bougainville.

Mr Semoso also pledged to donate K5000 to the Eltupan Primary School.

He also promised to give another K5000 if the school maintains its student output this year.

Last year one student from the Eltupan topped all Bougainville schools in Grade Eight exam.

04.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Woman candidate dies

By Fabian Gatana

ONE of Bougainville's women candidates has died apparently from immense pressure — health officials in South Bougainville have advised.

Mary Bita, contesting the South Bougainville women's seat passed away last Thursday in her hometown, Buin. Her relatives said she died of a heart attack in the middle of her campaign program in Buin.

An electoral office yesterday confirmed Bita died last week and that they had removed her name from the candidates list. She was among six women contesting the same seat. The others are Rose Pihei, incumbent MP Laura Ampa, Monica Karako, Bernadine Kiraa and Jembo Matanie.

No further information was provided for this issue. Meanwhile, there are five women candidates throughout Bougainville contesting non-reserved seats.

They include Mary Mamatau for the Konnou constituency seat in South Bougainville up against incumbent MP

Wilfred Komba, Leo Paupau, Francis Sikiri and Willie Masiu. Lucy Madoi for the Kokoda Constituency seat in Central Bougainville against incumbent Rodney Osioco, Danny Palipal, Mellie Hakout and Philip Pinaung, Elizabeth Sukina for the Kopii constituency seat in South Bougainville against incumbent Michael Komoiki, Cornelius Hururo, Isaiah Tapiau and Paul Tansi. Marceline Kokiai under the Eivo/Torau constituency seat in Central Bougainville against incumbent Alphonse Pemuko, Cyril Sawa, Robin Naika, Lawrence Sirapui, Melchior Dare and Pius Mariten and Francesca Semoso under the Tsitalato constituency seat, North Bougainville up against Cosmas Sohia, Robert Sisika, Joseph Gatana, Philip Oris, Peter Keria, Francis Borgia Omi and John Bosco Ragu.

All up, there are 17 women contesting the reserved women seats in Central, South and North Bougainville. Six for south Bougainville, seven in north Bougainville which include Maryann Tousala, Elizabeth Burain, Roselyn Gatana, Cicely Kekun, Rachel Nanopa, Anastacia Lapointe and Hona Holan. Central Bougainville include Joan Jerome, Elizabeth Bade Sawai, Florance Molas Wangi, Rosemary Moses and Genevieve Korokoro. Polling starts next weekend.

04.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Tanis - happy with his achievements

By Fabian Gatana

INCUMBENT Autonomous Bougainville Government President James Tanis is a satisfied man —even if he does not get voted in again as the leader of the region because he said he has done a great deal in 13 months. Mr Tanis is one of the seven candidates contesting the top post. Other candidates in the running for president are John Momis, Robert Atsir, Reuben Siara, Sylvester Niu, Martin Miriori and only woman-contestant Magdalene Toroansi.

These are his achievements in his 13 months as the president of the ABG.

- * anguna landowners old and new agreement resolution to say yes to reconciliation and for the review of the BCA.

- * negotiations with Chris Uma, and a memorandum of understanding within the ABG and Me'ekamui "long wok wantaim" to make sure the election goes smoothly without any factions disturbing the election, and to support the BCA and to work on other peace-related programs in the ABG.

- * BEC decision to change the policy to arm ex-combatants to be used as employed constables to help with the rebuilding of Bougainville especially with factions, by peaceful means.

- * With the National Government was the broad-based draw down of powers and functions across the board with five completed and yet to be handed down by the National Government.

- * Administrative processes with IRC and ABG — trade and industry with ABG and the Education Division draw down and Coffee Industry Corporation with ABG and mining, third step to the process of draw down.

This is the most important which is the review of the BCA.

On the international level, he made a courtesy call on the Australian Government at the invitation of the Australian High Commissioner on behalf of the Foreign Minister of the British Government. These were powerful achievements.

ABG policies he approved under his leadership include the Bougainville investment policy and economic framework.

He also worked on legislation to strengthen democratic institutions. He received an award declaration as the human rights champion of Bougainville.

"I am still working on the policy for crisis-related grievances. I haven't finished it yet because of the elections." He also outlined his personal achievement.

"In general terms, there's been an increase in internal revenue, - confidence of the Japanese Government to build bridges because there's confidence in security, relations with churches, donors and NGOs and most difficult of all convincing Chris Uma to join the peace process," he said.

04.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Ready for a blasting...

UNITED STATES soldiers in Torokina have started building their campsite. By the end of this month they should be ready to detonate some world war two bombs that are being collected and stored for blasting. Chairman of the Torokina war relics committee Albert Magoi told the Post-Courier that the ammunition was being collected and kept in secured containers with his high-risk security firm providing 24-hour security for the operation.

Mr Magoi said that the project was on track. Residential tents have been raised, the



kitchen is set up, the blasting site has been allocated, and the airport is ready for use in Torokina.

The first blasting is being prepared and it is anticipated the incumbent ABG President James Tanis will detonate the first bomb blast when the US soldiers put their thumbs up for the operation to begin.

It is not known what is going to happen with the ammunition but the Post-Courier has been advised that a full report is due to be tabled shortly.

United States soldiers in their camp in Torokina (Bougainville)

03.05.2010

Source : The National

Bougainville women want say in Panguna mine negotiations

THE Bougainville Indigenous Women Landowner Association (BIWLA) wants to be involved in the negotiations for the re-opening of the Panguna mine.

The association is calling on the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) and Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) to include them in the negotiation process.

BIWLA president Joan Ona and her deputy Linet Ona, from Guava Village in the no-go-zone area where the mine is located, said the women own the land and resources in Bougainville but had never been considered for any decision-making in the past.

"Now that the prospect for re-opening the Panguna mine is high, we want to have a 50/50 representation with the men on any agreement and negotiations with all the stakeholders," Joan said.

"We must have a say in any decision-making at the political and economical level that would affect Bougainville in any way.

"We are not opposing the menfolk or threatening the negotiation on the re-opening and return of BCL.

"We welcome BCL, all we want is to have a woman's say in every decision made that would affect the very lives of Bougainvilleans," Linet said.

Joan claimed that BCL had done extensive damage to their environment, culture and land during the mine's production period that need to be compensated before re-opening and returning to Panguna.

She said one of the agendas in the re-opening negotiation with Government and the company should be the subject of association representation.

"We are a matrimonial society where women make decisions but in the previous cases, we have never been consulted and regarded as significant part of any decision.

"Now we want to have a say in any decision," she said.

BCL chairman Peter Taylor assured the company's annual general meeting last week in Port Moresby that landowner groups would be major stakeholders in the negotiations and be given considerable representation in any decision-making as it was crucial for the re-opening of the mine.

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Source : Post-Courier

Mobile scam takes Bougainvilleans by storm

By GORETHY KENNETH

A MAJOR mobile promotion milking money out of Papua New Guineans' pockets and promising them millions of kina has been found to be a scam.

In Bougainville, thousands of mobile users have been fooled since the mobile phone inception in the region and it is understood the alleged scam has spread throughout PNG. This is what happens - a message is sent to a mobile number, especially those holding Nokia phones and some of these messages read:

"CONGRATULATIONS! Your mobile number has won 170,000 Pounds in the on-going NOKIA MOBILE PROMO. For claims send email: nokiainc@london.com and call +447045772868." Sender: NOKIA UK; or

"CONGRATULATIONS! You mobile number has won \$250,000. For claims email nokiaincs@live.co.uk and Call +44-704-578-9561. Sender Dr. Alberto Torres.

The Post-Courier has emailed these email addresses and others presented late last year claiming millions of kina won from these promotions.

The receivers reply by sending the Nokia promotion details and a Nokia verification worksheet to fill in (the Post-Courier has done that). Once complete, they send an electronic specimen certificate and advise if this certain amount of money is sent through Western Union (they give a person's name) they will remit the money through the account number detailed in the verification form.

Cecilia Somankgo from Siwai, in South Bougainville received this message in November last year. She went to a nearby internet café, with assistance from some IT experts and communicated with this lot. She was asked to deposit an amount of K2000 into Western Union who promised the funds to be transferred within 96 hours of payment. It's been five months since she made the payment and her win has never been remitted. She is fuming. Another winner, a reputable public servant working with an important division in the Autonomous Bougainville Government also "won" \$250,000 from Great Britain. He came to the Post-Courier for assistance on email. All papers came in but he became suspicious when the promoters kept telling him to be silent about his win and asking him to pay K2000 first before the money could be remitted.

At that time, this paper and the divisional head (public servant named) called the British High Commission and was advised this was a scam and at the last minute the public servant did not make his payment.

We also contacted Nokia UK and spoke to a Dr Alberto Torres who claimed he was the director of this promotion.

03.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Officials get set for Bougainville polls

By Gorethy Kenneth

MORE than 118 polling teams and about 200 polling officials take their position this week to prepare for the polling day.

Polling officially begins this Friday, May 7, and some polling teams are ready to walk the mountains of Bougainville, those not accessible by road, days before the polling day to prepare themselves to set up their booths while some will build their residential tents.

And police, for the first time in Bougainville's election history, officially launch their election operations in Arawa today, an historical event to show the people of central and south Bougainville that police presence in the region is for real and will soon be effective. This is an initiative by the newly appointed Bougainville police boss Thomas Eluh who takes up the Commissioner position in the region shortly. Officials in Bougainville are now set to travel to some remote Bougainville areas where they will climb mountains, swim rivers and travel on the high seas in motorised dinghies.

03.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Atolls man joins race

By GORETHY KENNETH

WITH a sore heart, crying out to the suffering people of Carterets, nearby Fead, Tasman and Mortlock Islands who are allegedly starving, Bernard Tunim wants the best for his people.

The atolls candidate is contesting this year's ABG election for the sake of his Carterets islanders and for justice to prevail in the atolls.

"Carterets has been the most forgotten island of Bougainville. We have been treated as second-class people."

He said the little food that ABG or the disaster committee delivered was finished. He said those in authority were not concerned, including the National Government.

"I am concerned and believe that the almighty God has a solution for my people's situation," Tunim said.

He believes he can do more for his people and the others that come under the Atolls Constituency. The former clerk of assembly in the Arawa Parliament was educated at the region's only boys' high school, St Joseph's Rigu with four years seminary training in Fiji and four years at Bomana seminary college.

"I want the best for my people and I want to change the attitudes of our people. I want to echo change for Bougainville. The biggest part is putting a stop to begging."

Over a decade ago he attended the Human Rights Convention in Geneva where he spoke on the rights of women and children of Bougainville after the 10-year crisis.

"It was in 1994, I travelled to Geneva with a group of ABG officials and I succeeded in moving a motion among African countries for a peace-keeping force and a United Nation observer mission to come to Bougainville. It was endorsed unanimously," Mr Tunim said.

In 2007 he went to Australia on a speaking tour on climate change and spoke in five states and talked about the sufferings of Carterets and the need to immediately resettle the islanders. "This was included in many papers in PNG and Australian negotiations eventually securing K2 million for the Carterets resettlement which has not been carried out as yet." In 2009 Mr Tunim travelled to Copenhagen for the climate change conference and spoke about Carterets and the low-lying atolls of Bougainville.

03.05.2010

Source : Post-Courier

Cult story upsets chiefs

By FABIAN GATANA

HAHALIS chiefs in Buka have lashed out at reports in the Post-Courier that the Baby Garden Cult, currently active in Eltupan village, is directly related to what happened in Hahalis village in the 1960s. The article which described the cult as being like the infamous Baby Garden cult of Hahalis has brought outrage from chiefs and members of the Halia constituency.

Another Hahalis group, outraged at the mention of the Hahalis welfare society, demanded an apology from the paper and claimed there was no cargo cult in Hahalis.

Romeo Tohiana, a member of the Hahalis LLG and Mathew Pomis, the youngest brother of John Teosin, in clarifying the Hahalis people's stand on the issue, said that there was no connection between the cult movement practiced in North Bougainville and that which was active in Hahalis years ago.

"The cargo cult movement of Hahalis is history - long gone, and we don't want to be involved or associated with any cult movements which arise anywhere in Bougainville".

"If they think they are the saviours of Bougainville then let them do their own business using their own identity not associating themselves with us (Hahalis people)."

"There was never any dialogue between the Hahalis people and people from Eltupan to establish or revive any cult movement in Bougainville," Mr Tohiana said.

He said that Hahalis people were now actively involved in the church and were moving on from a past they would all like to forget. "The younger generations do not know much about the Baby Garden cult of the past and we would like to keep it that way," he said. Mr Tohiana added that a meeting with the leader and members of the cult movement would be scheduled to discuss putting an end to the movement.

03.05.2010 01:039 a.m. (Europe) / 09:39 a.m. (Sydney)

ESBC : SELL RIO and BUY BOC !

Australian tax plans may soar Bougainville Copper share price today!

"Australia plans to impose the world's heaviest tax regime on mining companies, cutting billions of dollars in profits for BHP Billiton Ltd. and Rio Tinto Group as part of the broadest tax overhaul since World War II." reports Bloomberg today.

Due to Labour plans Rio Tinto, BHP may crash today. Bougainville Copper Ltd. (BOC) is not concerned at all! The company based in Port Moresby (PNG) is not under Australian Tax Law! Also the promising prospect of re-opening the giant Panguna mine within the next five years (BCL Chairman Taylor's AGM statement last week) might help to soar BOC share prices again up to 1.80 A\$ (last Friday: 0.62 A\$) in the near future. This is a good opportunity for all investors who intend switch from RIO to BOC now.

Australische Steuerpläne können heute den Aktienpreis von Bougainville Copper in die Höhe schnellen lassen!

„Australien plant eine drastisch höhere Besteuerung von Minengesellschaften. Das würde die Profite von BHP Billiton und der Rio Tinto Gruppe in Milliardenhöhe schmälern. Diese Ankündigung ist Teil der umfassendsten steuerlichen Neuorientierung Australiens seit dem Zweiten Weltkrieg.“ berichtet Bloomberg heute.

In Folge dieser Ankündigung der regierenden Labour Partei könnten BHP und Rio Tinto heute erheblich unter Abgabedruck geraten. Hingegen ist Bougainville Copper von diesen Plänen nicht betroffen, da die Firma in Port Moresby, Papua Neuguinea, beheimatet ist und somit auch nicht unter australisches Steuerrecht fällt. Deshalb, aber auch wegen der vielversprechenden Aussichten, die Pangunamine binnen der nächsten fünf Jahre wieder zu eröffnen, könnte Bougainville Copper in näherer Zukunft wieder zu alten Höchstkursen vom um die 1,80 AUD

ansteigen. Die letzte Kursfeststellung am Freitag lag bei 0,62 AUD. Das ist eine gute Gelegenheit, von Rio Tinto Aktien auf Bougainville Copper umzusteigen!

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Source: Radio New Zealand International

New Bougainville President plans probe of Bougainville Investment Corporation

Posted at 08:35 on 30 June, 2010 UTC

The newly elected President of the autonomous Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville, John Momis, says he's planning an inquiry into a controversial local investment arrangement by Canadian company, Invincible Resources.

In 2008, Invincible was given a 70 percent shareholding in the agency set up to advance the province's economic development, Bogenvil Resource Development Corporation.

The BRDC, which aims to foster development in sectors such as mining, farming and fishing, has since been changed to Bougainville Investment Corporation (BIC).

It was planned that Invincible's majority stake in BIC would eventually be sold down, with the hope that Bougainvilleans will take majority control.

But the New Dawn news publication reports that Mr Momis has rejected outright the Invincible deal, describing it as void.

The new president says that he is sufficiently concerned that he is seeking cabinet approval for a full scale review into BIC.

He says it is not only illegal but impracticable for any government to attempt to make a contract that purports to tie the government's hands as to future policy.

30.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MONA ON

By Aloysius Laukai

Organizers of the Bougainville Mona Festival are gearing up for the next show scheduled for August this year.

In making the announcement, Organizer Chairman of the Festival Committee, LAWRENCE BELLEH said that prizes for this year would increase from last year.

He was talking on New Dawn FM talk back show this afternoon.

MR. BELLEH said that fundraising for this year's show has begun and it seems that his committee is getting a lot of support from companies and individuals to make sure that the Bougainville Mona Festival 2010 eventuates as planned.

He said that this Mona festival would be held for the first time at the BUKA show ground.

The three-day show will be held on 12th 13th and 14th August 2010 the National understands, that since the Buka show ground was built in 2006 no show has eventuated at this show ground.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PORORAN BAGARAP

By Aloysius Laukai

Islanders from PORORAN island on the west coast of Buka island have run out of food due to the deteriorating road system to their market venues in Karola and Kessa markets on Buka island. A chief from PORORAN island, PETER LUI, this morning told New Dawn FM that his people rely on food from these two markets but due to the bad roads markets goers have stopped going to these markets. He said his people sell fish at these two markets and buy garden foods from the market but have been going without garden foods lately due to the decline in market supplies at these two markets. MR. LUI also called on the National Emergency service to assist his people with food whilst the government moves to fix these roads to make accessibility to market easier for ordinary villagers. New Dawn FM understands these islanders make gardens on mainland Buka island but recently had problems with the landowners on mainland Buka resulting in them leaving their gardens. Main stable foods like Banana, Taro and Sweet Potatoes do not grow well on the island.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

100 DAYS MOVE

By Aloysius Laukai

The Bougainville Executive Council yesterday approved priority tasks that the ABG under CHIEF JOHN MOMIS intends to undertake in the next ONE HUNDRED DAYS.

The tasks approved under the umbrella of good governance highlighted the council's desire for a unified and economical Bougainville.

The tasks included continuous awareness on weapons disposal, awareness on the Bougainville constitution, awareness on ABG's policies and consultation meetings with faction and community leaders.

On the economic aspect the MOMIS government plans to establish an "economic recovery plan" for Bougainville.

The plan would include among others, the continuous Panguna Mine Consultations with the relevant stake holders with the view of re-opening the mine, consultations with landowners of the Manetai Limestone mine and Bougainville Fishing Venture.

Existing plans on Economic Development would also be revisited in the process.

President Chief Momis also said that his government would encourage the involvement of credible foreign investors on joint venture partnership with Bougainvilleans.

To achieve these goals, the Bougainville Executive Council has agreed to appoint a permanent chief administrator to drive the implementation of these tasks within the next one hundred days.

MR. MOMIS said that candidates for the chief Administrator's position will be selected in consultation with the National Government after an independent Human Resources Organization assesses the applicants.

Meanwhile a revised budget is now being done to accommodate the tasks within the next one hundred days.



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Source: Post-Courier

BRDC / Invincible Deal

Agreement disappoints Momis

BOUGAINVILLE'S master exploration and development agreement between the Autonomous Bougainville Government and Bougainville Resource Development Corporation (BRDC) known as the Kabui Model may face the

axe in the coming months.

ABG President John Momis yesterday announced that he had already looked at some confidential records/information documents on BRDC and was dissatisfied.

He said in a nutshell the BRDC Agreement did not represent the interest of all Bougainvilleans because it called for a private company to work with Bougainvilleans for the exclusive control of exploration for and exploitation of the mineral resources covering all of Bougainville.

It also calls for the company, Invincible, to have the exclusive rights to engage in other forms of economic activity across Bougainville.

The agreement called for the establishment of a K20 million trust fund to be supervised by a board of trustees, the accounting of the disbursement of these funds had never been regularised and there was no approved audit as to the uses of these funds including an amount of K5 million that was paid to the Bougainville Veterans Office and also called for payment to the ABG of \$US5 million or \$US1.250 million each quarter for the rights and benefits BRDC would receive under this contract.

“Since assuming the presidency two weeks ago I have had the opportunity of reviewing some of the official documents relating to this transaction.

“I am not satisfied that the arrangements are in the best interest of the people of Bougainville.

“I have concerns too that the agreement contravenes significant provisions of the Bougainville Constitution and provisions of parts of the Bougainville Peace Agreement and the PNG Constitution that implements it.

“As president and together with my colleagues in Cabinet we are dissatisfied with these developments,” Mr Momis said.

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Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville top cop gets tough on officers

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

MEMBERS of the Bougainville Police Service have been challenged to “shape up or ship out.”

This stern warning was issued by the chief of the Bougainville police, assistant commissioner Thomas Eluh while addressing a parade held at the Buka police station last Friday. Since taking over the reins in Bougainville, ACP Eluh has been working hard to instil discipline and build up a proper structure for the police on Bougainville with community support. Mr Eluh has been trying to reorganise each section of the police service which were believed to be working in isolation from each other. Mr Eluh warned policemen at the parade that those found chewing betelnut while in uniform would be suspended on the spot. He said he wanted all police vehicles to be pooled at the station after hours to avoid misuse.

Mr Eluh also said that punctuality was important for all officers in uniform and civilian staff.

He said those who could not cope with these directions should either shape up or ship out because there was no room for unproductive officers. Meanwhile, news of ACP Eluh trying his best to instill discipline and improve the image of his officers has been applauded by the people of Bougainville.

They said that for too long some BPS members had been tarnishing the good reputation of the Bougainville police. They added that it was about time police officers strictly abided by their responsibilities, which was to serve the people of Bougainville.

30.06.2010

Source: The National

BRDC / Invincible Deal

Momis rejects BRDC model

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

AUTONOMOUS Region of Bougainville President John Momis will order a full investigation into the deal with foreign firm Invincible that led to the establishment of the Bougainville Investment Corporation (formerly Bougainville Resource Development Corporation).

Momis said yesterday that the deal was not only illegal but not practical for any government to attempt to make a contract that purports to tie the government's hands as to future policy.

The president said he was concerned about these matters which strike at the core of Bougainville's efforts to revitalise and grow the economy.

He said he would seek his cabinet's approval to launch a full scale review of this deal and related matters.

Momis said in his inaugural speech that corruption would find zero tolerance in his government.

He warned that corrupt ministers, elected members, officials and investors could expect to face criminal prosecutions.

He said there were many unanswered questions and issues relating to the BRDC and Invincible deal, and the review or investigations would put these questions to rest.

After taking office two weeks ago, and studying documents presented to him concerning the development agreement between the ABG and the BRDC, Momis said he was not satisfied that the arrangement was in the best interest of the people of Bougainville.

He said the agreement contravened significant provisions of the Bougainville constitution and parts of the Bougainville peace agreement and the PNG Constitution.

He said, in essence, the agreement and its corresponding legislation bind the hand of the Bougainville government when it needed to urgently grow the economy and move towards fiscal self-reliance.

Momis said based on the documents provided to him, it seemed that BRDC was a company owned by four other companies or entities, namely:

1. AROB Equities Limited;
2. Bougainville Veterans Holdings;
3. Bougainville Pioneers Corporation Ltd; and
4. Invincible.

He said the agreement, in its substantive clauses, deal with exploration for and exploitation of mineral resources covering the whole of Bougainville.

The agreement also called for investments in other areas of economic activities including a gold melt assay facility, bio-diesel, fishing, cattle production and other proposals including a tourism project.

He said the people of Bougainville would be kept informed of the progress of the review of this deal.

29.06.2010

The Ministers of the Second Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG)



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Source: Bank of New York Mellon:

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ELECTION DVDS

By Aloysius Laukai

We have just completed two DVD's Documentaries for the ABG elections just completed.

DVD 1

Has pictures of Campaigns, Voting, Counting and comments by International Observers including Declaration and Swearing in of ABG President JOHN MOMIS and comments by former ABG President JAMES TANIS and also Return of Writs.

DVD 2

Covers June 15th Inauguration Day dances and Speeches by dignitaries who attended.

Size of each are more than 1 gb so it would be hard for us to send by Email as our lines are very slow.

We are selling them for K25 per DVD.

If anyone out there is interested please add extra K15 and deposit into our New Dawn FM account so that we can post you the DVD's.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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MOMIS ON BRDC

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS today issued a press statement concerning the much talked about BRDC and Invincible deals on Bougainville.

After taking office two weeks ago and after studying documents presented to him concerning the Master Exploration and Development Agreement between the ABG and the Bougainville Resources Development Corporation (BRDC), MR. MOMIS said that he was not satisfied that the arrangements are in the best interest of the people of Bougainville.

He said that he was concerned that the agreement contravenes significant provisions of the Bougainville Constitution and provisions of parts of the Bougainville Peace Agreement and the PNG Constitution that implements it.

He said in essence, this agreement and its corresponding legislation bind the hand of the Bougainville Government when it needs to urgently grow the economy and move towards fiscal self reliance.

MR. MOMIS said that based on the documents provided to him it seems that BRDC is a company owned by four other companies or entities.

1. AROB Equities Limited (FIFTEEN PERCENT SHARES)
2. Bougainville Veterans Holdings (NINE PERCENT SHARES)
3. Bougainville Pioneers Corporation LTD (EIGHT PERCENT)
4. Invincible (the majority shareholder with SEVENTY PERCENT Shares).

He said that the agreement in its substantive clauses deal with exploration for and exploitation of mineral resources covering the whole of Bougainville.

The agreement also calls for investments in other areas of economic activities including, a Gold Melt assay facility, Bio-diesel, Fishing, Cattle production and other possible proposals including a tourism project.

PRESIDENT MOMIS said that he was to review various advices which indicate that there might be adverse legal and constitutional aspects to the actions of the Bougainville Executive Council in approving the Agreement and the Bougainville Parliament in passing the Bougainville Resources Development Corporation (AROB) Limited (KABUI MODEL authorization act 2008).

He said that the people of Bougainville will be kept informed of progress being made as his government is also committed to transparency AND Awareness.

28.06.2010

Source: Radio New Zealand International

Bougainville women discuss land tenure issues

A group of women from the Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville is in Wellington to discuss land issues. The women will also look at the conflicts surrounding Bougainville's matrilineal tenure systems. The two-day conference organised by the Pacific Co-operation Foundation has attracted more than ten delegates from Bougainville, including Sister Loraine Garasu from the Nazareth Rehabilitation Centre and Helen Hakena of the Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency. Lynette Baratai-Pokas from PNG's Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights, is also talking. Discussions are focussing on land and resource utilisation and aim to identify the key contemporary challenges facing women accessing land in Bougainville as the province continues its recovery from the years of civil war.

28.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

POSITIONS VACANT

By Aloysius Laukai

To Bougainvilleans outside of Bougainville the office of the ABG President put out notice of vacancies that are available.

There are eight positions and applications can be made to the ACTING Chief of Staff PETER SOHIA at the President's office.

Applications will close at 4pm this Friday July 2nd.

New Dawn FM can assist anyone out there who wants to try these positions.

Please just email us on our primate email with your expression of Interest and provide in PDF forms your CVs.

Positions are as follows,

- 1 Chief of staff
- 2 First Secretary
- 3 Media Director
- 4 Research Officer
- 5 Protocol Officer
- 6 Personal Assistant
- 7 Official Driver
- 8 Official Security Guard

Over to you guys and ladies.....

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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MOMIS REJECTS BRDC MODEL

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Bougainville Government President, Chief John Momis today rejected outright the Invincible deal that led to the establishment of BRDC now changed to Bougainville Investment Corporation (BIC).

He said that his primary concern and point of view is that the 2008 BEC and parliamentary actions "fetter" decision making by future governments and in the courts of common law countries the contract is void.

MR. MOMIS said this is not only illegal but impracticable for any government to attempt to make a contract that purports to tie the government's hands as to future policy.

He said that the entire exercise might well have been “ultra vires”.

The ABG President said that he was sufficiently concerned about these matters which strike at the core of Bougainville’s efforts to revitalise and grow the economy that he shall seek his cabinet’s decision to launch a full scale review into this and related matters.

Chief Momis said that in his inaugural speech he made the following commitment to the people of Bougainville: “Corruption will find zero tolerance in his government.

All ministers, elected members, officials and investors take warning!

His government will establish an inquiry into the corruption of recent years. Where there is evidence of wrongdoing, he promised that there will be criminal prosecutions.

And any future corruption will result in immediate action”.

He said that there were many unanswered questions and issues relative to BRDC and Invincible.

The President said that it is against this background that he will seek to obtain the approval of the BEC to formally endorse a review of recommendations that will seek to provide answers to some of the questions that are in everyone’s minds.

He said that he intends to inform the public of some ten or so recommendations which he believes needs to be pursued to obtain answers.

MR. MOMIS said that he might have to seek outside professional assistance to provide swift recommendations as to the best options of determining how the government of the ABG should now proceed on this matter of BRDC and Invincible.

28.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NO CARGO

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville Police are warning the public in the West coast area of Tonsu to keep away from the Chinese ship that ran aground two months ago.

A message from the Buka Police Station Commander, Chief Sergeant Alex Gunan, people are warned not to go on board the MV LEEFENG and remove anything from the ship.

He said that those who have removed items from the ship, Bougainville Police dealt with them today.

The Buka Police Station Commander warned that persons removing items from the ship would be dealt with by Police.

He said Police were working on the documents concerning the fate of the vessel and do not want the people to go and disturb the process.

28.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ACP PUTS HIS FOOT DOWN

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville Police Chief ACP Thomas Eluh intends to improve the performance and credibility of the Bougainville Police Service.

And he has instructed all his Police Personnel to adhere to his latest instructions of face the sack.

ACP Thomas Eluh this week instructed that all Police members are not allowed to chew betel nut whilst in Police Uniform and anyone caught will be suspended.

He also instructed that all Police Cars must be pooled at the Police Station after hours to avoid the misuse of vehicles.

The ACP made these warnings at a police master parade last Friday.

The Bougainville Police Chief also stressed the importance of punctuality for both uniformed and civilian personnel adding that each and every member of the Bougainville Police Service must either shape up or ship out.

New Dawn FM understands that since Police Chief ELUH took office from outgoing ACP HUITONA TOHUA he has been trying his best to improve, discipline and build up a proper structure for the Bougainville Police Service as the service was losing community support.

28.06.2010

Source: Post Courier

BRDC / Invincible Deal

Committee tables controversial 'Kabui Model'

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE'S controversial "Kabui Model" - the Bougainville Resource Development Corporation (BRDC) parliamentary inquiry report is out and was tabled officially to the newly elected members in Buka this week. The report on the BRDC inquiry undertaken by the Devui committee, in the first house led by Alois Devui, with members Thomas Lugabai, Lawrence Belleh, Alfred Bakate and Michael Komoiki, was distributed to the second ABG House of Representative members during induction this week.

In May 24, 2008, the former Minister for Trade and Industry Joseph Watawi presented a policy submission of the BRDC Authorization Act which the Bougainville Executive Council approved as a Bill. The process in which the submission became a law was questioned and deemed illegal. An inquiry was set up in October 2008 and this week the report was tabled. There were more discrepancies uncovered in the report, especially the way it was made a law and of the 70/30 shareholdership and recommendations were detailed. The report strongly endorsed that the shares allocation of 70/30 be revisited, while at the same time urged the BRDC concept to be fully explained in all areas of the region, with no stones unturned.

"The administration is the implementer of decisions by ABG (including any matters involving BRDC).

"Those decisions that carry financial, economic, political and legal implications for the future of Bougainville and that also have direct impact on key sectors/divisions/departments."

28.06.2010

Source: Post Courier

Bougainville state of economy riles leaders

BOUGAINVILLE leaders Dr Alexis Sarei and Leo Hannett erupted on Friday afternoon at the presentation of the economy of Bougainville 2010 and beyond.

The presentation was done by the Bougainville Commerce and Trade Industry for the induction of the newly-elected MPs.

The presentation cited that Bougainville's economy in 2002 had a GDP of K97 million, per capita income of K555, 60 per cent of income was from cocoa, 28 per cent from wages and salaries (mostly government), 9.5 per cent from copra and 2.5 per cent from marine products like bechedemer.

This was for the estimated population of 175,000 and that Bougainville was still struggling financially. But they also presented that the 2010 GDP was estimated to be K250 million with a per capita income of K1136 per year.

Mr Hannett, who is Public Service Minister and also in charge of Police, CIS and Law and Justice, said that 20 years ago, in his time, they were 10 times better than what it was now.

He said that certainly the ABG was not doing enough to substantiate the economy of Bougainville.

Dr Sarei supported Mr Hannett and said that Bougainville had so much resources like cocoa, copra, marine resources and vegetables but blamed the ABG for not coming up with better ideas and not pushing enough for the benefit of increasing the economy of Bougainville.

The Commerce and Trade office defended their programs, saying that they had major plans to boost the economy of Bougainville this year and beyond.

25.06.2010

Source: Post Courier

PNG enjoying 'growth'

By ERIC TAPAKAU

PAPUA New Guinea is enjoying the growing economic climate because of the lessons it learnt during the “lost decade”, says Deputy Prime Minister Sir Puka Temu.

The so-called “lost decade” was when the nation’s economy floundered when the giant Panguna copper/gold mine was forced to close due to civil unrest and the Government then did not have anyway to sustain its economy as it relied heavily on the Bougainville Copper Limited operated mine.

Sir Puka added that after all the lessons learnt then, the nation was looking forward with much confidence to a brighter future and he gave 2002 as an example when the Somare Government first took office after the economic downturns.

“Counting 2002 as a year of positive growth, 2010 will be the ninth successive year of positive growth. Not only is this the first time this has happened in our history but it is also comparable with some of the long and sustained growth records of our near neighbours in Asia,” Sir Puka said.

“One of the more pleasing aspects of the growth since 2002 is the fact that it has not repeat not been led by the resources sector. Construction, manufacturing and agriculture have all been growing much faster than resources, where there are long time lags prior to development.” Sir Puka said returning to current economic prospects, most observers would anticipate at least another five years of positive economic growth to provide a record 14-year unbroken period of sustained growth.

“This should be guaranteed by the size and scale of the LNG project, now being built by ExxonMobil and its joint venture partners. The joint venture includes two of your prominent member companies, Oil Search and Santos, as well as the PNG Government itself,” he said. “Indeed some economists – our own Treasury holds a more sanguine view – are of the opinion the size of the PNG economy could double by the time LNG exports commence in 2014.

“Such an unprecedented level of growth should not be surprising. This project requires the ExxonMobil-led consortium to spend more than the current annual budget of the PNG Government in each of the four years leading up to the start of LNG exports.

“Already Australian companies, including many in this room, are becoming participants in this venture and others are eyeing other related opportunities. It is estimated that Australian companies, particularly those located in north Queensland, would win contracts for goods and services worth several billions of dollars.”

24.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BOUGAINVILLE IN RED ZONE

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville is said to be exposed to killer natural disasters due to its geographic location.

This was the message given by LAWRENCE ANTON who is a seismologist at the Port Moresby Geophysical Observatory.

In an interview with New Dawn FM yesterday, MR. LAWRENCE ANTON said that Bougainville is situated on the Pacific and the Solomon Plate which are subducting approximately ten centimetres every year.

He said the SOLOMON PLATE is the one subducting yearly.

MR. ANTON said because Bougainville has two active volcanoes, MT. BAGANA and MT. BALBI that have potential of creating earthquakes and tsunamis in the future.

MR. LAWRENCE ANTON is currently running a one week Disaster management workshop with his team at the Kuri village resort.

He said that there needs to be a lot of awareness to the people especially coastal villages to move at least 300 meters inland to avoid tsunamis that can occur anytime.

MR. ANTON also explained that two types of tsunamis can happen.

They are the local tsunami and the distant tsunami.

He explained that the local tsunami can happen locally which people must be made aware of.

MR. ANTON said that a local tsunami is very dangerous as there is no time to warn people to move inland in time.

Whereas there can be time to warn people of danger few hours before it occurs in a distant Tsunami.

24.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MINISTER TO WORK CLOSE

By Aloysius Laukai

The newly appointed Minister for Public Service, Law and Justice and member for Nissan, LEO HANNET has vowed to work closely with the Bougainville Police Service to make sure their performance is improved. He was supporting comments made earlier by the Bougainville Police Commander ACP THOMAS ELUH on the second day of the ABG member's induction workshop.

The workshop is being held at the Kuri Village resort and would end tomorrow.

Earlier, ACP THOMAS ELUH challenged the newly elected members to set good vision for Bougainville.

He compared Bougainville's Law order problems as a sinking ship out in the ocean.

MR. ELUH warned that without law and order and respect for the rule of law there will be no independence for Bougainville.

He said that if Bougainville wants to move forward then it must address the law and order situation on Bougainville.

24.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

WORK ON FUTURE

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS last night warned the new ABG Ministers of their task ahead.

After making their individual pledges of loyalty to cabinet with the Bougainville Senior Magistrate PETER TOLIKEN, the members were told that they were not alone but will be working as a team with their other colleague ministers including the President.

MR. MOMIS said that he wanted total commitment from all his ministers.

He explained that the Bougainville Peace Agreement was approved with no funding component making it very difficult to fund policy initiatives which the ministers would come up with.

MR. MOMIS however said that the future was bright despite these highlighted problems.

Meanwhile there is mounting pressure by Buka islanders to march to the ABG office.

Reports reaching New Dawn FM news desk is that the people were not happy with the allocation of ministries announced by the President last night.

One chief who wants to remain anonymous told New Dawn FM that MOMIS was voted for his own credibility and not within party lines and must not be dictated by so called party leaders.

24.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AGMARK SHOW ENDS

By Aloysius Laukai

The three-day NGIP AGMARK Trade show ended this afternoon with promises of having another one in two months time.

The show which attracted a lot of customers who came from as far as Buin was hailed a success and many ordinary village farmers requested that the information given during this show be distributed to a lot of farmers who missed out on this first show.

The AGMARK Buka Branch Manageress, CLARE TOBOEN thanked the people for making the three day show a success.

She said not one drunkard was seeing during the show which was a good sign on its own.

The AGMARK HARDWARE Manager, PETER NOKONDI also thanked the customers for their support.

He said stocks which were intended for the whole three days were in fact sold on the first day which showed that Bougainville was still the biggest client of NGIP Agmark in Papua New Guinea.

Meanwhile the NGIP AGMARK New Guinea Islands Manager, MICK SHIPPEY said that AGMARK will come with more stock in the next Trade Show.

He said that the main of the show was to market AGMARK 's other line of business apart from buying Cocoa.

24.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Momis names ABG Cabinet

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President John Momis raced with time to announce his Cabinet Ministers which he eventually did before close of business yesterday.

Yesterday was the deadline under the Bougainville Constitution to name his Cabinet - and Momis did so starting with confirming his vice president Patrick Nisira also taking over the Health Ministry, while Momis will be in charge of Inter-Governmental Affairs, Autonomy and Implementation.

His allocation of ministries was done on a regional basis - south Bougainville (three), Central Bougainville (four) and North Bougainville (five). All these proposed ministers were sworn in just before six o'clock yesterday afternoon and today they should be performing their full responsibilities. President Momis told reporters yesterday that he would announce the chairman and vice chairman of different committees at a later date.

He said another ministry, yet to be created, will also be announced at a later date. These ministers will be sworn in hopefully by the end of this week.

"Although the President is the president, in Cabinet, I will be operating as chairman and in the group I intend to adopt consultative and consensual method of reaching decisions...and of course we will not take votes unless people prefer to take votes," Momis said.

24.06.2010

Source: The National

Momis appoints ministers

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

PRESIDENT of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville John Momis yesterday appointed his 14-member cabinet, ensuring all three regions of the island were represented fairly.

In the allocations, five ministries went to North Bougainville, four to Central Bougainville and four to South Bougainville.

Momis kept the inter-government affairs and autonomy implementation portfolio to himself and gave away the finance, planning and treasury ministry to Albert Pungau, the new member for Motuna Huyono in Siwai. Second term member Wilfred Komba, member for Konnou, was appointed minister for trade and industry, while Newton Kauva, the new member for Makis, was appointed minister for peace, reconciliation and weapons disposal, a key portfolio in the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

Nicholas Darku, the new member for North Nasioi in Central Bougainville, was appointed minister for primary industry and marine resources, while Joseph Egilio is minister for culture and tourism.

Central ex-combatants representative David Sisito was appointed minister for veteran affairs and new member for Ioro, Michael Oni, is minister for natural resources.

Member for Tinputz Taunita is minister for works, transport and communications, while Teua member Joseph Nopei is the minister for local-level government and traditional authority.

Former regional member for Bougainville, Leo Hannett was appointed minister for public service, law and justice which covers CIS and police.

Vice president Patrick Nisira takes up the health ministry, while member for Mahari, John Tabinaman is minister for education.

The only female member given a ministerial portfolio was Joan Jerome, women member for Central, who is the minister for community, women and youth.

Momis' cabinet was sworn in last night by chief magistrate Peter Toliken.

On the inclusion of the former president James Tanis in the Bougainville administration, Momis said it was up to the former president to approach them.

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| <i>Portfolio</i> | <i>Name</i> |
| President Inter Government Affairs and Autonomy Implementation | MOMIS , Mr. John |
| Vice President | NISIRA , Mr. Patrick |
| Speaker | MIRIKI , Mr. Andrew |
| Public Service, Law and Justice | HANNETT , Mr. Leo |
| Finance, Planning and Treasury | PUNGHAU , Mr. Albert |
| Works, Transport and Communications | KETSIMUR , Mr. Carolus |
| Trade and Industry and Tourism | KOMBA , Mr. Wilfred |
| Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal | KAUVA , Mr. Newton |
| Primary Industry and Marine Resources | DAKU , Mr. Nicholas |
| Veterans Affairs | SISITO , Mr. David |
| Natural Resources | ONI , Mr. Michael |
| Local Level Government and Traditional Authority | NOPEI , Mr. Joseph |
| Health | NISIRA , Mr. Patrick |
| Education | TABINAMAN , Mr. John |
| Women and Youth | PIHEI , Mrs. Rose |
| Culture and Tourism | EGILIO , Mr. Joseph |

23.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TRIP SUCCESSFUL

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President, JOHN MOMIS hailed his trip to Port Moresby a success.

He told a news conference in Buka this afternoon that he managed to meet with the Prime Minister, Grand Chief SIR MICHAEL SOMARE and other leaders.

He said that he was able to meet Bougainville Community in Port Moresby who are also willing to assist the ABG Government.

MR. MOMIS said that he was able to have talks with the High Commissioners of Solomon Island, Australia, China on ways that their governments can assist the Autonomous Region.

He said that the office of Bougainville Affairs based in Port Moresby would also be used as the President's office in Port Moresby so that experts can be engaged to source funding and other assistance for Bougainville.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Sorry,

The ministers have been raised to full 14 late in the afternoon.

The inclusion of Joe Egilio as the minister for Culture and Tourism completes the number to full 14.

They were sworn in last night by Chief Magistrate Peter Toliken

Aloysius Laukai

23.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS NOT HAPPY

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG President, JOHN MOMIS this afternoon condemned the manner in which the former President's house was ransacked.

He told a news conference in Buka this afternoon that this type of attitude must be stopped and whoever responsible must be arrested and face the full force of the law.

MR. MOMIS said that after his election, he had directed the Administration to make sure that all assets held by former members must be returned and houses vacated.

He said if he does not set the standard on how we utilize Government assets and properties then there is no good governance.

MR. MOMIS said that his instruction was across the board and included the former Speaker NICK PENIAI who is still occupying the speaker's house.

On questions that he has been occupying one government house at Sohano, MR. MOMIS said that was a rundown house which he maintained himself when he was the Bougainville Governor but he can easily relinquish if he is refunded.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS APPOINTS HIS MINISTERS

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS this afternoon announced thirteen member ministries for the Autonomous Bougainville government.

Since his election he remained tight lipped until this afternoon.

The ministers were distributed based on Regional basis of Central, North and South Bougainville.

In the allocations, five ministries went to North Bougainville, four to Central Bougainville and three went to South Bougainville.

The ministries are as follows, second term member, WILFRED KOMBA the member for Konnou in Buin was appointed the minister for Trade and Industry and Tourism.

Albert Punghau the new member for Motuna Huyono in Siwai was appointed the minister for Finance, Planning and Treasury.

Newton Kauva the new member for MAKIS in Buin was appointed the minister for Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal.

Nicholas Darku the new member for North Nasioi in Central Bougainville was appointed the minister for Primary Industry and Marine Resources.

The Central Ex-combatants representative, DAVID SISITO was appointed the minister for Veterans affairs.

The new member for IORO, which covers the Panguna area, MICHAEL ONI was appointed the minister for Natural Resources.

Member for Tinputz Taunita took the Works, Transport and Communications.

Joseph Nopei the member for TEUA became the minister for Local Level Government and Traditional Authority.

The former Regional member for Bougainville, LEO HANNET was appointed the Minister for public service, Law and Justice which covers both CIS and Police.

The Vice President PATRICK NISIRA takes on the Health Ministry.

The member for MAHARI, JOHN TABINAMAN became the minister for Education.
The member for Rao and former communications minister in the PNG Government, JOSEPH EGILIO became the minister for Culture and Tourism
And one woman member was also appointed a minister.
ROSE PIHEI the women member for South Bougainville was appointed the minister for Community, Women's and Youth.
The President will look after Inter Government Affairs and Autonomy Implementation.
The President however did not announce the fourteenth member.
The ministers were sworn in this afternoon.
When asked he said he would announce the last minister at a later date.
On the inclusion of the former President JAMES TANIS in the Bougainville administration, MR. MOMIS said that it was up to the former President to approach them.
He said many companies have already enquired to engage him.

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Source: Post-Courier

ABG leaders learn rules

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Papua New Guinea Ombudsman Commission has carried out an induction for the newly elected members of the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

Yesterday all MPs were present at the ABG House of Representatives at Kubu for the familiarisation program undertaken by the commission in Buka.

Officials yesterday advised it was just an introduction while they waited for several other MPs that were out of Bougainville. President John Momis arrives from Port Moresby today after his first official trip to see the Prime Minister.

A full training for the MPs will be carried out today.

Included in the program will be:

- * AUTHORITY and structure of the ABG,
- * COMPOSITION of the legislature.
- * LEGISLATIVE structure,
- * FUNCTIONS of the Speaker,
- * CLERK of Parliament,
- * ROLES and responsibilities of the Clerk,
- * PROCEDURES of the House,
- * SERGEANT-at-arms,
- * PROCEDURES of making laws,
- * ROLES, powers, functions and responsibilities of the House,
- * PARLIAMENTARY committees,
- * PUBLIC Accounts Committee,
- * BILLS and.
- * DISCIPLINE.

23.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Mining firms fail to pay govt taxes

By ERIC TAPAKAU

PAPUA New Guinea would do better in delivering services to its citizens if effective mechanisms are ready to ensure that all mining companies paid their corporate taxes.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Mining, Lands and Physical Planning Sir Puka Temu said at the 30th anniversary of the Australia–Papua New Guinea Business Council dinner in Brisbane that “until such tax collections can be made the Government remains constrained in its ability to expand the provision of goods and services, including education and health, to the wider populace”.

Sir Puka said Bougainville Copper Limited played a special role as a world scale mine that began paying corporate taxes at a very early stage of its operation.

"This was unlike the case with most major capital intensive mining activities. For example, Ok Tedi first paid company tax in 1995, 11 years after it commenced production, while Lihir Gold has yet to pay company tax 13 years after first producing and exporting gold," Sir Puka said.

"Until such tax collections can be made the Government remains constrained in its ability to expand the provision of goods and services, including education and health, to the wider populace." He said for almost the first 15 years of PNG's existence as an independent nation it had to rely on export revenues and corporate taxes generated by a single mine – the Bougainville copper mine. Sir Puka said the Somare Government had learned there "were no magic formulas" to follow in Government and attempts to take short cuts to faster development only ended in more difficulty, as happened during the "lost decade" when projects such as Porgera, Kutubu and Lihir started up.

He said when the Somare Government took office halfway through 2002 the country was heading for recession.

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Source: Post-Courier

Bishops urge Bougainville for better

BOUGAINVILLE Catholic Bishop Bernard Unabali warned leaders and people of Bougainville this week to change their attitudes and urged them to promote a comprehensive balanced life formation for the betterment of Bougainville

"As I watched the declaration of Mr Momis beside James Tanis at Hutjena I was really proud, encouraged and I think all Bougainville felt the same that Momis recognised the good that the out-going government did in the last five years in his absence despite their problems and mistakes in the context of their times. And I think it was equally good that Tanis properly congratulated Momis and presented his intention to make sure that an on-going secure environment and working relationship for the good of all Bougainville is present," Bishop Unabali spelled out at the inauguration celebrations this week.

"...we have had a slow evolving (in our time necessary) situation of our people's adaptation to post-crisis life, slow implementation of peace agreement and drawdown of powers, economy recovery, winding down of crisis loaded spiritualities. It is wise to take enough time yet we must not be too slow because the world of today is a fast moving one. Our inaction will leave us outdated and it will be really hard to catch up. In some way, we as a church could be in this situation. The potential danger is there for this to happen forever," Bishop Unabali said. "I am confident that our pastoral desire to strengthen a comprehensive balance life formation at the communities, clans, Christian communities, through to the middle levels (schools, churches etc) and at the top (leadership, governments ect) will provide the necessary basis for success in the church as well as in society. Without this formation our people will proceed in great ignorance to their grave yard.

"But also I want to present an opportunity for the perspective of the church's contribution to the eventual situation of Bougainville today. The church by nature cannot apologise for what she does though necessary at times. And this is how we have really been the backbone behind the scene towards every success and struggle to this situation."

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Source: Post-Courier

BCL shares rise on mine rumours

By ERIC TAPAKAU

SPECULATION about reopening the Panguna copper/gold mine has resulted in shares of Bougainville Copper Limited hitting an all-time high of 80 cents (K2.02) on the Australian Stock Exchange.

This is the highest share price level reached since the mine closed 20 years ago.

The Australian Stock Exchange moved quickly to question Bougainville Copper Limited as to why there was a sudden surge in share prices and BCL said it was not aware of anything concerning the company which would explain why there had been a rise in the price.

New Bougainville Autonomous Government (BAG) President John Momis said in Port Moresby that he would like to see the mine re-opened but that would be done in close consultation with the landowners and the BAG.

Panguna landowners have also opened up for any discussions on the future of the mine which was once ranked among the top 10 mines in the world.

Awareness programs are being carried out in special mining lease areas to elect the executives of Panguna Landowners' Association, a body that would take up any matter with the ABG and the PNG Government on behalf of the Panguna landowners.

The Australian Stock Exchange sent a "please explain" letter to Bougainville Copper Limited after the company's shares suddenly rose from 65.5 cents at close of trading on Friday week to a high of 85 cents last Thursday. BCL was then asked to announce anything that might have caused a sudden rise in its share prices.

"Is the company aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced which, if known, could be an explanation for recent trading in the securities of the company?" the ASX asked in its letter to BCL.

BCL replied no and said, "the company is not aware of any reason for the price change. The company refers to its recent announcements made on May 14 (tax update) and on April 29 (chairman's address to the annual general meeting)".

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Source: Post-Courier

Landowners want Tanis

By GORETHY KENNETH

PANGUNA landowners have made a special request, proposing to Autonomous Bougainville Government President John Momis to appoint former president James Tanis in some capacity to assist his government. In a letter written and which will be presented to President Momis, the landowners have presented several issues as covered when they meet to discuss. The letter was signed by Chris Damana, (PLA - interim chairman), Michael Pariu, (PLA-interim deputy chairman), Maggie Clason (executive member), Wendelinus Bitanuma, (executive member) and Lawrence Daveona (executive member-Port Moresby)

"This is our special request to you Mr President. We are proposing that you appoint Mr James Tanis in some capacity to assist your Government. The most suitable position we believe very strongly is that you assign him to assist you in carrying on the reconciliation and arms disposal and disarmament process."

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Source: Post-Courier

Two die in Buka over weekend

By Alex Munme

TWO people are reported dead in separate incidents that happened over the weekend in Bougainville.

A man from Siwai was murdered early hours on Sunday morning at Kokopau, the start of mainland Bougainville, while the other person drowned when he was out diving at Malasang villiage about six kilometers out of Buka town.

Bodies of the two men were taken to the Buka Hospital morgue but the bodies was removed by relatives yesterday morning.

Buka Police CID officer Michael Kukubak confirmed these incidents but said he was not happy about the quick removal of the victim's body from the morgue by relatives as police needed a doctor's report in order to help establish a possible cause of the death.

Meanwhile, thieves broke into Nukumanu Holdings in the early hours on Saturday morning and stole two computers, two flat top screens, one laptop, and a digital camera.

General Manager of Nukumanu Holdings, Gideon Pinoa said thieves gained entry into the building through the back window that was not securely locked. After entering the main office they climbed over the partition wall which was left open to allow air con to spread out.

He said security was not a problem when he first came in 2004 but it is a real worry now for everyone.

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Source: The National

Sir Michael commits to rebuilding Bougainville

By JEFFREY ELAPA

PRIME Minister Sir Michael Somare yesterday reassured Bougainville President John Momis that the national government was committed to rebuilding and reconstructing the autonomous region.

Landowners' uprising, which led to the Bougainville conflict over 15 years, resulted in the destruction of many infrastructures.

Momis met with Sir Michael yesterday after arriving in the capital last Friday after he was sworn in as new Bougainville president, replacing James Tanis.

In yesterday's meeting, both leaders agreed that several areas in the restoration process should be addressed and given special attention.

Momis was accompanied to Morauta Haus by several members of his cabinet.

Before leaving for Bougainville tomorrow, they are also expected to call on several diplomatic corps.

However, Momis, in his inauguration speech at the University of PNG at the weekend, said the people of Bougainville were frustrated about things like the transfer of few powers, the failure of national government to pay the full restoration and development grants for 2010 and the slow progress in appointment of a chief administrator to fill the gap created over three years ago.

After meeting Sir Michael yesterday, Momis paid a courtesy call on the Solomon Islands and the Australian high commissioners.

Today, he would meet with the Chinese and the Japanese ambassadors.

Momis is also expected to meet with the managing director of Rio Tinto to discuss the possibility of re-opening the Paguna mine.

However, he told reporters in Port Moresby last Friday that re-opening the mine would depend on dialogue between the landowners and leaders of Bougainville.

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Source: The National

Momis warns Customs offenders

THE President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville John Momis has warned people who breached Customs and immigration laws that they will face the full force of the law when they are caught.

Momis was commenting on a Malaysian-registered vessel that was intercepted by the PNG Defence Force patrol boat in the Solomon Sea carrying oil siphoned off fuel tanks at Loloho, central Bougainville.

He said in the past two years, foreign vessels, including tankers, have been coming to Loloho under arrangements with certain individuals and groups in central Bougainville to remove scrap metals and now oil from Panguna, Arawa and Loloho.

"Although these maybe genuine business arrangements, the fact these items are exported without proper customs and immigration checks and clearance is a concern to the new government," Momis said in a statement. "Not only are these bought at a much lower price and later sold for higher prices, but the government is losing out on much needed tax which Customs officers have not been allowed to collect after being prevented from doing their duties by threats from those holding onto to guns.

"Bougainville welcomes credible investors but we will not allow 'cowboy' investors who think they can use the situation in Bougainville to make a quick buck and fly away.

Momis also warned Bougainvilleans to be cautious of such foreign business people and to let the government know if they are uncertain about the credibility of these foreigners.

Momis said there was a process for people who wish to do business in Bougainville and this process applies to everyone and must be followed.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NISIRA WANTS MORE

By Aloysius Laukai

The ACTING ABG President PATRICK NISIRA wants NGIP AGMARK to go into down stream procession of Bougainville's cocoa.

He was speaking at the opening of the three- day TRADE SHOW organized for the Agmark group of companies in Buka this morning.

MR. NISIRA said that AGMARK as been exporting Bougainville cocoa from Rabaul making Bougainville loosing out on Derivation grants.

The acting President said that the new Bougainville Government wants downstream procession so that value is added to Bougainville cocoa and also so that the farmers get good money for their sweat.

He also acknowledged AGMARK company for staying and assisting Bougainville even though the situation was tough.

MR. NISIRA commended AGMARK for staying on in Bougainville when insurance cover was non existent on Bougainville.

He said ABG would like to work with companies that take the risk to assist Bougainville.

22.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG PARLIAMENT CONNECTS TO AUSTRALIA

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Bougainville Parliament will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the New South Wales Parliament to work together.

An this morning a team from the New South Wales parliament did an induction workshop for the new ABG members at the Kubu parliament house.

The induction was on code of conduct for members of parliament.

The main aim of the workshop is to make aware the newly elected members of their roles and responsibilities as members of parliament.

This will make the members do their work within their capacity as members of parliament.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

EXPERIENCED LEADERS

By Tom Kathoa

The return of Bougainville's political heavyweights to active politics has been highly commended by other political leaders.

East New Governor, Hon Leo Dion and National Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology and Member for North Bougainville, Hon Michael Ogio addressing the inauguration at Kubu last week hailed the election of ABG President, Hon John Momis, Members Leo Hannett and Sir Alexis Sarei as a sign of maturity of Bougainville politics.

The two leaders said the election victory by these leaders is a sign of confidence in their capability in leading the Bougainville region to greater prosperity.

Momis, Hannett and Sarei were heavily involved in the fight for Bougainville to be free and separate from Papua New Guinea in the sixties.

These three leaders have won their respective seats convincingly.

Minister Ogio described the three leaders as the Three Wise Men in the Bible.

Bougainvillea Region is certain to excel to great prosperity under the guidance of these three leaders.

Meanwhile, President Momis said he will work closely with all sectors of the community, the churches, Meekamui Government of Unity, Council of Elders to make life better for everyone including the widows and youths.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TWO DEATHS

By Tom Kathoa

Bougainville Police is continuing their investigations into two separate deaths at the weekend. Reports reaching NEW DAWN news desk say that a man from Konga, Siwai was reportedly murdered in Buka while another is reported to have drown in Buka.

The body of the murdered man was brought to police yesterday, but was removed from the Buka Hospital morgue without the knowledge of police this morning.

At Malasang Village, Buka a young man of mixed Mortlock and Gogohe parentage drown while out fishing at the weekend.

Police named the drown person as Wybon Pais.

They are continuing their investigations into the circumstances surrounding these two incidents.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AGMARK SET

By Aloysius Laukai

NGIP AGMARK PACIFIC is set to display its services to the people of Bougainville starting tomorrow.

The company is displaying its products in a three day trade show at the Lankesa beach front, Buka town.

This is the first time for Companies to promote their products and services to the people of Bougainville.

AGMARK HARDWARE Boss, PETER NOKONDI told New Dawn FM last week that NGIP AGMARK will be displaying its own Cocoa Dryers, Drum Ovens, Motorbikes and Saw mills and other services that it can provide to the people of Bougainville.

They would also be providing information on the cocoa Pod Borer and how the company is addressing this problem.

New Dawn FM will be carry live broadcast for the Three day Trade Show.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ELUH CALL FOR UNITY

By Aloysius Laukai

Head of Bougainville Police, Assistant Commissioner for Police, THOMAS ELUH is appealing to the people of Bougainville to forget their difference and support the new ABG Government for the sake of Bougainville's future. He made this remarks in an interview with New Dawn FM at the weekend.

Commissioner Eluh said that the Bougainville elections just concluded has shown that the people can work together despite their differences and run a very peaceful, transparent and well managed elections.

He said that the election of a very experienced and recognised President is a plus in so may ways and the people should support him.

Meanwhile the ABG President JOHN MOMIS will announce his full cabinet this Wednesday.

According to the interview with New Dawn FM last week, MR. MOMIS said that under the law he has fourteen days to make appointment of ministers.

And also the ABG will for the first time utilize full fourteen ministries as required under the ABG Constitution.

MR. MOMIS said that Bougainville has to experience the full capacity of the Autonomy arrangement by going full with the ministries.

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Source: The National

Reopening of mine possible: Momis

By BOSORINA ROBBY

THE reopening of the Panguna mine in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville is a good possibility under the new regime, newly-elected president John Momis said last Friday.

"I want the mine to reopen. However, this issue will depend mostly on the outcome of consultation and consensual meetings between the landowners and the administration," he said in his first official trip.

Momis said the landowners would be consulted and their consent sought as this was the Melanesian way of decision-making.

"Realistically, this reopening will help generate money for the people to participate in the economy," he added.

Quoting from his inaugural speech, Momis said one of the plans was for the people to pay tax to enable the new government to develop their region and to work towards achieving full autonomy and fiscal self-reliance under the peace agreement.

"Although my plan is to eventually reopen the mine, the final say rests with the landowners," he said, adding that the only way his people would know and understand the new changes was for more awareness to be made regarding his principal tasks outlined in his inaugural speech.

He said with the massive awareness conducted, the people would be able to understand and participate in what the government was doing and be empowered.

Momis said the need for weapons disposal, full achievement of autonomy, democracy and good governance could only be achieved through information and awareness, as many lacked proper schooling.

He also said the new government would be looking at investments, seeking credible partnerships involving credible investments and credible resource owners.

"The credible donors are also welcome to Bougainville but all will have to work together to discourage stand alone organizations.

This will enable the region to develop a sufficient capacity to become subsidiary economic activities such as mining, etc.

"Otherwise spin-offs will flow out of people's pockets," he said.

Momis had arrived in Port Moresby for a weekend of official activities as the newly-elected president.

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Source: The National

Hundreds flock to mark Bougainville day

By JEFFREY ELAPA

HUNDREDS of Bougainvilleans living in Port Moresby packed the University of Papua New Guinea's Drill Hall to celebrate the sixth Bougainville Day over the weekend.

Newly-elected president of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville John Momis, who flew in from Buka last Friday on his first official travel, also celebrated the day with the Port Moresby community.

Momis also had a media conference at the National Coordination office of Bougainville Affairs upon arrival to outline his plans and later had dinner with Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare.

Momis will meet again with the prime minister today and diplomats from Solomon Island, Australia, China and Japan.

He will also meet with officers from Rio Tinto, the operator of the Panguna copper mine leading to the Bougainville crisis.

During the celebration, Momis thanked his people for their trust in electing him and said his government would stand on these five principles:

- * The unification of all Bougainvilleans;
- * Improving and developing the people's welfare through a new approach to economic development;
- * Securing Bougainville's political future under the peace agreement and implement autonomy and referendum on independence and achieving complete weapons disposal;
- * Promoting good governance and the rule of law; and
- * Building public awareness of the peace agreement and the ABG's policies.

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Source: Radio Australia – Pacific Beat

PNG customs seize oil tanker in Bougainville

Updated June 18, 2010 16:40:38

Authorities in Papua New Guinea have seized a foreign ship allegedly carrying oil stolen from abandoned fuel tanks in PNG's Autonomous Bougainville region. The fuel tanks were left behind by the Bougainville Copper mine, after a bloody civil war that forced the mine's closure in the 1990s. Customs Commissioner Gary Juffa says the oil tanker was transporting a large quantity of oil worth millions of dollars bound for Singapore. He says 20 crew members of the ship were arrested and charged for various customs offences including possessing pornography.

Presenter: Firmin Nanol

Speaker: PNG's Customs Commissioner, Gary Juffa

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18.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

THANK YOU BOUGAINVILLE

By Tom Kathoa

Bougainville Acting Electoral Commissioner, Mr. Raytamah Taravaru today commended the people of Bougainville for a successful and trouble-free election.

Mr. Taravaru said the second Autonomous Bougainville Government Election was trouble free because the people behaved well.

He said from the issue of writs right through to counting and declaration of winning candidates the commission did not receive any bad reports on the way the election was carried out.

He said the foreign election observers and people including the international community who followed the election instead highly commended the people of the region for their behaviour during the election.

Mr. Taravaru said the people of Bougainville have proven yet again to the outside world that we are capable of looking after our own affairs and conducting our own election.

He also acknowledged the contribution of the media, particularly New Dawn and Radio Bougainville for their live coverage of counting of votes, which were conducted in three different locations in the South, Central and North Bougainville regions.

He said radio played a very important role in informing the people of the results as counting progressed.

18.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ELECTION EVALUATION

By Tom Kathoa

The Bougainville Electoral Commission is to under take an evaluation exercise of its work and performance of the recently concluded ABG General Elections.

Bougainville's Acting Electoral Commissioner, Mr. Raytamah Taravaru in an interview with NEW DAWN said his office is now preparing for an evaluation exercise.

Mr. Taravaru said anomalies detected in the evaluation exercise would be of great help to the work of the commission.

Such information would assist the Electoral Commission improve the conduct of future elections in the region.

He said any changes to be made in the electoral laws would be passed on to the appropriate authorities such as

the House of Representatives.

He said the evaluation exercise would also take into account all the material assets used in the election. On the general conduct of the election, Mr. Taravaru said he is satisfied with the outcome of the election. Reports from various groups and individuals have nothing, but praise for the way the election was conducted. Mr. Taravaru said it is the people of Bougainville who made it trouble free and successful. Meanwhile, Mr. Taravaru said the electoral commission would settle all outstanding payments to its clients including service providers and counting officials. He also revealed that losing candidates would be paid back their nomination fees depending on percentage scored.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BOUG CELEBRATE

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainvilleans in Port Moresby will celebrate Bougainville day June 15th tomorrow. Since the inception of ABG in June 2005, Bougainvilleans in Rabaul, Lae and Port Moresby have been commemorating this day. And according to reports reaching NEW DAWN FM office the Port Moresby celebration would be attended by the ABG President JOHN MOMIS who is in Port Moresby. All Bougainvilleans and their families and friends would put up activities such as Bamboo band dances and Solomon dances to commemorate the day. This would be their first chance to meet the new President JOHN MOMIS.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG PRESSURED

By Aloysius Laukai

The New ABG President says he has no power to release the ship impounded by PNG Government authorities for illegally transporting oil taken from Loloho, near Arawa on Bougainville island. MR. MOMIS told New Dawn FM in Buka that he was getting a lot of pressure from those who have been selling oil from the now abandoned BCL Power House at Loloho on Bougainville island to ask the PNG Government to release the boat. The ABG President said that he has received a lot of threat on his life and also the same people have also threatened to destroy assets in Arawa if the ship is not released. He said that he could not do anything to release this ship as it was now in the hands of Customs officials as the organizers did not make proper clearance for their entering Bougainville. Meanwhile Customs Commissioner, Garry Juffa said that Customs officers on Bougainville cleared the ship under threat and they are looking at withdrawing them from Bougainville. New Dawn FM understands another ship load of Scrap Metals destined for the Philippines was also impounded at LAE some ten years ago after BCL made a court order to stop the shipment.

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Source: Post-Courier

Customs board, impound oil tanker off Rabaul



Customs and police officers who boarded the Malaysian registered tanker, MV UVP Sjorg, supervise her crew members being transferred from the vessel, suspected of illegally taking oil from Bougainville.

The oil is from the former Loloho power plant which powered the now dormant Bougainville Copper mine.

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Source: Post-Courier

Customs board, impound oil tanker off Rabaul

By PETERSEN TSERAHA and SIMON ERORO

AN oil tanker suspected of transporting heavy fuel oil unlawfully siphoned from fuel tanks in Loloho, Bougainville has been impounded.

Customs and PNG Defence Force Navy operations nabbed the tanker 400 nautical miles out of Loloho on Monday in a special operation codenamed Steady.

PNGDF vessel HMAS Seadler intercepted the oil tanker and escorted it to Rabaul where customs officials and police boarded the vessel to investigate before it sails back to Port Moresby.

The tanker's Asian crew members have been arrested and charged for being in possession of pornographic and other contraband materials.

The Malaysian registered tanker MV UVP Sjorg was in Loloho for almost three weeks loading oil, which was used by the Loloho power station in the 1980's to power the Panguna mine and the whole of Arawa town.

The vessel was closely monitored by Bougainville police, but it was loading under very tight security provided by armed locals who kept watch on the vessel.

This was the second shipment of crude oil out of Loloho, and there is heated debate over the activities of the tanker between ex-combatants.

PNG Customs Commissioner Gary Juffa said the vessel had been detained in the port of Rabaul while Customs investigate the legality of the shipment. He said a search of the vessel by the team found significant amounts of pornography and other contraband.

"My officers have confirmed that the oil tanker entered Papua New Guinea without reporting its arrival in advance as required under the Customs Act and Maritime Transport laws," Mr Juffa said.

He alleged that the vessel illegally loaded the siphoned heavy fuel oil without authority and attempted to depart without properly reporting its cargo as required under the Customs Act. Mr Juffa said the Customs officers in Bougainville were believed to have cleared the vessel under duress and it is believed that Customs is contemplating withdrawing its officers to Buka as the officers' situation on the main island becomes untenable.

He confirmed that the oil tanker was chartered by a Singaporean company under an agreement with a company alleged to be operating in Bougainville. Customs is investigating the matter with police and PNGDF officers.

"PNG has laws to protect its citizens and these laws must be followed and respected. Foreign elements have on far too many occasions taken the liberty to ignore our laws," Mr Juffa said. He warned foreigners to respect PNG's sovereignty as a nation when travelling into its territory and not whenever they felt like it and operating with little concern for the laws because such behavior could no longer be tolerated.

He said the risk posed by foreign elements that illegally travelled in and out of PNG, especially in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, was becoming unacceptable.

18.06.2010

Source: The National

Customs detain oil tanker and crew

By ELIZABETH VUVU

AN OIL tanker laden with K40 million worth of suspected stolen crude oil was detained in Bougainville by PNG Customs Service and PNG Defence Force last Thursday.

The HMS Rabaul's crew of 21 Asians were also nabbed and taken to the Kokopo police station for questioning. Two of them were arrested and charged with possessing pornographic materials and the others were released and placed under arrest on the vessel.

The two – Kyau San Tun, 47, and Nyunt Lwin, 46, both from Yangon, Myanmar, – appeared before the Kokopo District Court yesterday.

Kyau pleaded guilty to having 52 CDs containing indecent pictures and Nyunt admitted to possessing 10 CDs containing pornography.

Magistrate Dessie Magaru fined them K1,500 each in default 10 months jail.

Customs commissioner Gary Juffa told The National yesterday customs and defence force, under Operation Steady, intercepted the tanker which entered PNG waters without reporting its arrival.

"The vessel, chartered by a Singaporean company, is believed to have been illegally loaded with siphoned heavy fuel oil from Bougainville's Loloho and attempted to depart without declaring its cargo," he said.

"We also believe the Singapore company is working with a company operating in Bougainville. We are in the midst of our investigations.

"Those responsible will be charged in court accordingly upon completion of our probe with the police and defence force under the Customs Act and Criminal Code," he added.

Juffa said customs officers in Bougainville were believed to have cleared the vessel under duress and "we are contemplating withdrawing our officers in Buka only as the officers' situation on the island becomes untenable".

"Foreign elements have on far too many occasions ignored PNG's laws. The risk posed by them, especially in Bougainville, cannot be tolerated.

"We and other agencies will vigorously step up border security," he added.

The crude oil is believed to have been loaded onto the vessel 18 days ago.

It is believed the oil was stockpiled for the Bougainville Copper Ltd but was left there in reservoirs during the Bougainville crisis.

The vessel could not be tugged closer to the wharf as it was too heavy for docking.



18.06.2010

Source: The National

Sir Michael helps Bougainville

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

PRIME Minister Sir Michael Somare on Tuesday committed funds for impact projects throughout the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Speaking at the swearing-in of ABG's new parliamentarians on Tuesday in Buka, Sir Michael said that funds would be allocated to seal the Buka ring road and the road starting from Kokopau in North Bougainville to Buin in South Bougainville.

Sir Michael said funds would be made available starting next year under public investment programme funds. He also said funds were made available for the submarine cable for PNG Power to light up Kokopau town and other parts of North Bougainville.

Sir Michael said he was also very pleased with the conduct of the Bougainville elections and congratulated the people for their co-operation.

He said the people of Bougainville had shown other provinces in PNG that elections could be trouble-free.

Chief Justice Sir Salamo Injia conducted the swearing-in ceremony of the second house of the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

Dignitaries and ambassadors from foreign missions – Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Britain, China and Japan witnessed the ceremony.

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Source: The National

Bougainville seaman recalls sea trips

BOAS Mamaot is about 70 to 80 years old and lives on Yameng Island off western Buka in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Yameng is an island adjoined to Petats Island by a coral reef and used to be a busy plantation during the colonial days.

Everything fell apart during the Bougainville crisis and, these days, the islanders from nearby Petats have resorted to using the fertile soil to grow their food crops as well as cash crops such as cocoa.

Chief Mamaot is the guardian of the island and he lives with his wife Tahai at Yameng just to ensure that nothing goes wrong on the Island.

Mamaot used to be a seaman who worked aboard vessels owned by the Bougainville company which owned ships, plantations and stores around Bougainville in the 1950s and 60s.

"Olgeta Nambis ples blo Papua na New Guinea em mi bin go raun na lukim pinis na mi go pinis long Australia tu. Wanpla hap tasol long Australia mi no bin go long em, Tasmania bikos emi kol tumas na mi bin les long go," (I've been to all the coastal ports of Papua and New Guinea, and I have visited many Australian ports during my career as a seaman.

(The only place in Australia that I have never been to is Tasmania because it was too cold and I refused to go), Mamaot recalled.

The elderly man spends his days at Yameng Island making canoes, paddles, axe handles and other handicrafts that the islanders need to help them with.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Some News on IRC Corporate Update (IRC - 1st Page)

By Aloysius Laukai

In 2009, the Company raised US\$ 6,323,500 in two tranches, initially through the help of a new shareholder, Clarion Finance Pte Ltd ("Clarion"). Clarion was also promised a position on the Board of Directors by then President of IRC, Lindsay Semple. The purpose of the funding was to move the biodiesel project along on Bougainville under the guidance of the expanded Board of Directors.

On April 5 and April 6, 2010, Lindsay Semple resigned as President and Director of the Company and Philip Rali resigned as a Director respectively. Nico Civelli was subsequently appointed to the Board of Directors representing Clarion which holds approximately 25% of the shares of the Company.

At the end of April 2010, the biodiesel plant, which was originally supposed to be producing bio fuels by May 2010 in Arawa, was still in containers in transit. There was no advance planning whatsoever and therefore the containers were stuck in ports for a considerable amount of time resulting in additional storage fees which could have easily been avoided. Following Mr. Semple's and Mr. Rali's resignations, it was discovered, that neither IRC nor Bogenvil Resources Development Corporation (AROB) Ltd. ("BRDC") held the title to the land where the biodiesel refinery is being put in place and where a considerable investment had already been made by the Company. Lindsay Semple represented to the Board previously that a 20 year lease was in place. This problem is currently being addressed and an update will be provided at a later date. The total cost of the biodiesel project in Arawa has also substantially increased. The original budget was \$3 million. The current estimated cost may be as high as \$8 million.

The communication from IRC management in Bougainville did not include full details of expenditures made or the complete status of the various projects which were previously approved by the Board of IRC. This led to some decisions being made based on incomplete and incorrect information.

In early 2010, Clarion invited officials from Bougainville and the BRDC team to Singapore for meetings and to exchange ideas on how to move forward. It became evident that there was a total lack of communication between the Company's president in Vancouver, Mr. Semple, the Board of Directors, the officials in Bougainville and the shareholders.

In March 2010, Clarion planned a tour by an investors' group to Bougainville which included some institutional fund managers from New York. Mr. Semple strongly advised that it was not safe on Bougainville due to "security issues" and consequently the fund managers cancelled their trip.

A subsequent fact-finding trip to Bougainville was organized on behalf of key shareholders. Messrs. Semple and Rali did not appear receptive to the idea of investors reviewing the status of investments of their own. On this trip, details of past business practices by Messrs. Semple and Rali were discovered.

IRC has a terrible reputation and was famous for over promising and not delivering. Over the last five years many projects were started or promised but none of them were finished or run successfully.

[Click here to watch the related video report "Bougainville - Killer Deal" !](#)

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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Some examples include the closed assay & melt lab or the three fishing boats that were delivered to the island in 2007 but were never put to use and now are in terrible condition. The local authorities in Bougainville initially did

not even want to speak to our representatives. They pointed to Mr. Semple's record of failure in business dealings in PNG and how he left outstanding bills and contracts unfulfilled in the past and they claimed they were seeing the same pattern on Bougainville

Security was never a problem on that trip. Representatives from Panguna Metals (www.pangunametals.com) were met which holds the contract on behalf of Bougainville Cooper Limited ("BCL") to clean up and dismantle their mine. They employ locals on Bougainville as well as expatriates from Australia and UK. Our own team also met tourists, businessmen from Australia, Japan, USA, and New Zealand travelling on the island in safety. The team was welcomed everywhere and an open dialogue was started between with BRDC, government officials and other interested parties about the current status of IRC projects on the island. Indotan Inc. ("Indotan") has initiated litigation against the Company for breach of contract. Mr. Semple was asked by the Board if he was a shareholder of a member of the board of directors of Indotan. Initially Mr. Semple stated he was not a director but later recanted and said he could not remember if he still was a director and claimed he had no beneficial ownership in the outcome of the lawsuit. It was discovered by Company counsel that Mr. Semple is a director of Indotan with significant shareholding. The cost to date to defend this lawsuit is approximately \$150,000.

On a conference call with the largest shareholders Mr. Semple promised to reimburse IRC for the cost of the cattle operation (\$175'000.00 at least) within 30 days after the call but this money was never paid back, this was an unauthorized expenditure by the management without board approval.

Another example of wasteful expenditure is the money expended on assisting the drafting of the new mining law. The board of IRC has been made aware by the Department of Mines in PNG that the World Bank, Department of Mines in PNG and the Department of Mines in Bougainville have had a budget in place of several million dollars and have been working together on a new mining law for the past 2 years. This was never disclosed to the Board of IRC. IRC has paid over \$ 300,000.00 to Counsel in Vancouver who has been working on the same legislation, but obviously not in coordination with the government or the World Bank.

On April 29th, an IRC Country Manager for Bougainville was appointed by the Company and is now based in Arawa overseeing all projects. In spite of past difficulties, the Company does continue to hold valuable assets:

- The Net Smelter Royalty of 0.5% on any mineral developments on Bougainville
- A communications centre in Arawa
- An assay and melt lab in Arawa
- Three vessels equipped for fishing
- A biodiesel plant awaiting assembly

After these assets were acquired, there was no proper management and supervision put in place to ensure that the full values of these assets were realized.

Go Forward Plan

Despite difficulties in the past, the current Board of Directors firmly believes that the value in the assets of the Company can be maximized for the benefit of its shareholders. Thus, the Board has developed the following strategy going forward:

1. Change of name: IRC is seeking shareholder approval at the upcoming AGM for a change of its name to Bougainville Investment Corp. ("BIC").

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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2. There are no plans to take the Company public at this time. The Company is reviewing and considering strategic alternatives to maximize shareholder value. Such alternatives may include the sale of assets (such as the bio diesel plant), the spin-out of assets to new entities and the separate funding or sale of such entities.

3. The Company requires additional financing. The Company proposes to undertake a financing to raise approximately \$ 850,000 at \$0.05 per share with proceeds to be used to finish the biodiesel plant and upgrade existing infrastructure. All shareholders have the opportunity to participate in this financing. If you interested in participating please contact the Company.

4. The Board will carefully investigate prior activities to see if there is any basis to recover funds spent improperly or without approval.

After careful review of the facts discovered above, the Board firmly believes in the projects as outlined above and sees opportunities to increase shareholder value.

You may direct your questions to either David Parry in Vancouver (dparry@araxenergy.com, cell +1 604 889 2188) or Nico Civelli in Zurich (civelli@niconsult.ch, cell +41 79 605 2123).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours very truly,

Invincible Resources Corp.

By: "David Parry"

David Parry

Director

By: "Nico Civelli"

Nico Civelli

Director

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SANSARO WILL OPEN

By Aloysius Laukai

Good news to the road users of Buin and Siwai and South Bougainville as a whole.

The Prime Minister Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare this week also announced the allocation of FOUR MILLION KINA to clear up the Landslide that cut off the road access to Buin on SANSARO PASS.

Prime Minister Grand Chief said that road access and reducing the hours of travelling for the people of South Bougainville was also paramount.

New Dawn FM understands this road is the short cut route to Buin from Arawa and was cut off since 2007.

This road has bridges over all rivers unlike going through Panguna which have many wet crossings.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BRDC COMING

By Aloysius Laukai

Meanwhile, Bougainville Resources Development Corporation has since changed its name to BOUGAINVILLE INVESTMENT CORPORATION.

And have also changed its Board Members and is more determined to develop business projects on Bougainville. Its website says that it is now concentrating on the green sector in PNG and Bougainville by developing a bio-diesel plant, running a state of the art communication centre and an eco friendly Gold Sluicing and buying facility as well as sustainable fishing in partnership with the people of Bougainville.

Also recently New Dawn FM released the news that the former Board members, LINDSAY SEMPLE and PHILIP RALI had resigned from the board and that they had accepted their resignation.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

INVESTIGATE BRDC

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG President JOHN MOMIS has vowed to investigate the Invincible deal that led to the former ABG approving the establishment of the Bougainville Resources Development Corporation (BRDC).

He told a news conference at the Kuri Village resort that his government will investigate these deal and correct it in the best interest of Bougainville.

MR. MOMIS said that under his leadership there will be no standalone outside investments as what is happening in Papua New Guinea.

He said any overseas company who want to invest in Bougainville must be properly screened before they enter Bougainville.

MR. MOMIS said that for all these to eventuale his government would put in a policy to address these.

The ABG President also said that companies that are invited by Bougainville companies to operate as their partners on Bougainville would also go through the same screening process to make sure that credible companies enter Bougainville.

He said Bougainville will allow investors to invest on Bougainville but have to partner with Bougainvilleans. MR. MOMIS also said that Bougainville will not allow outsiders to operate canteens, kaibars and other businesses which Bougainvilleans can operate.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AGMARK READY

By Aloysius Laukai

AGMARK PACIFIC Bougainville's main cocoa buyer will be staging a three-day Trade Show at the Lankesa beach front starting Monday next week.

AGMARK will be using this show to display products and advertise various divisions within the NGIP AGRMAK Group.

The Manager for the AGMARK HARDWARE and one of the main organizers of the show, PETER NOKONDI said that the show the first of its kind on Bougainville and welcomed the people of Bougainville to attend this show.

He said they will also display Sawmills, Chainsaws, plantation tools, and also carry out awareness on the Cocoa Pod Borer.

MR. NOKONDI said that there would be special prices for their products and persons who want to buy are also welcomed.

New Dawn FM will be carrying out live Broadcast to support the NGIP AGMARK show in Buka next week.

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Source: Post-Courier

Tanis leaves ABG on unsavoury terms

By GORETHY KENNETH

OUTGOING Autonomous Bougainville Government president James Tanis (pictured) yesterday officially said goodbye to colleagues and friends including leaders before leaving for Nagovis, his home.

Mr Tanis left Buka for Central Bougainville at lunch time yesterday with the assurance he would be around if needed for any work.

When asked by the Post-Courier yesterday what he was in for, especially after he could not muster the votes to win the Speaker's post he said: "Back to the village to join my family and people."

He would not elaborate on the latter. Yesterday concerns were raised by the public at how Mr Tanis was treated during the inauguration celebrations at Kubu House of Representatives, the House he led for 18 months.

He was treated as just another ordinary person and was not accorded the treatment he deserved. He was not given the opportunity for an outgoing speech and official hand over to Mr Momis and was not provided a seat at the members' stage, instead he joined the crowd watching from outside the ceremonial arena.

Parliamentary services staff, when asked why he was treated that way, said there was so much to do in a short time and he may have been overlooked. Mr Tanis has now officially retired to his Nagovis village.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TANIS GOES OUT SILENTLY

By Tom Kathoa

Outgoing President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government, Mr. James Tanis silently vacated the high

office of Bougainville to return to his home in the hills of Nagovis, South Bougainville.

Mr. Tanis was defeated by the new President, Ambassador John Momis for the highest political job of the region.

The former president made another attempt to remain in the parliament house when he contested the Speaker's post, but to no avail.

He was defeated by the current speaker, Hon Andrew Miriki 21 votes to Tanis 19 votes.

The four candidates for the speaker's post were, Mr. Tanis, a former National Parliament Clerk, Mr. Simon Pentanu, Mr. Marceline Getsi and Speaker Elect, Andrew Miriki.

After the election of the speaker, Mr. Tanis said he was not interested in the job, but was persuaded by some ABG Members who promised him their support and votes but he has now realized that such members were not genuine and honest with him.

At the official swearing in of new ABG Members yesterday, Mr. Tanis was not even accorded the opportunity to be seated with the invited guests on the official dais, but was left to mingle with the crowd.

The former president said his defeats have made him stronger and wiser in dealing with his life and those around him.

He said he is now a relieved and happy man that all the worries of having to lead the region has been transferred over to the new president.

Meanwhile, officers of the former president were found themselves without jobs when supporters of the new president took over their positions.

The officers were NOT given any notice or instructions on their future except to say that all the positions would be advertised.

The logical thing is to keep these officers and advertise their positions for the public to apply for.

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Source: The National

Buka man swaps homebrew for cocoa

SAMUEL Tarere in his late 30s is from Petats Island off west coast Buka.

He was one of those guys who produced and sold homebrew for some years but all that changed for the better when he kicked homebrew out and got married.

In 2005, with his wife Susan and two of his young in-laws identified only as Dougie and Sam, he began to plant two hectares of cocoa trees at the adjoining former colonial Yameng Island plantation.

His hard work paid off handsomely and today all his cocoa trees are now bearing cocoa pods in abundance.

Tarere later bought a mini cocoa dryer from a friend in Haku and he has been using that to dry his beans but due to the abundance in his blessings, he needs a bigger cocoa dryer as his harvests are increasing and he is also buying wet beans from other farmers in Petats.

"I've applied for some financial assistance from the office of MP for North Bougainville Michael Ogio to help me build a bigger cocoa dryer and I am confident that they will assist me when they read this story," Tarere said.

He would like to encourage other young people on Petats, involved in illegal activities like marijuana and homebrew to quit the illegal stuff and go back and cultivate the land.

16.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

14 MINISTERS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Bougainville Government will have 14 ministers according to the ABG President JOHN MOMIS. This afternoon the ABG House of Representatives first sitting passed a bill to increase the number of ministries from 13 to 14.

Under the Bougainville Constitution the ABG maximum ministry is fourteen this means the ABG has reached its maximum with these latest bill.

The bill introduced by PRESIDENT MOMIS was read 3 times so that it met the legal requirement for the passing of this bill.

MR. MOMIS told New Dawn FM afterwards that as he had announced yesterday to put more emphasis on Weapons Disposal, Good Governance and Investments he wants to make sure that Ministers once appointed would concentrate on their portfolios.

He said that from previous experience ministers had several other portfolios thus making them not concentrating on their main roles.

On the appointment of ministries, The President said that he was required by law to make the appointment within 14 days from the date of his swearing in.

This means that he can make the appointments before or on the 23rd of this month June.

The first house was also post phoned to a date to be set by the Speaker.

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Source: Post-Courier

New ABG president keen on moving forward

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government John Momis has laid down his governing plans for the next 100 days. Sworn in recently and celebrated yesterday during the ABG inauguration celebrations attended by Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare, Mr Momis has vowed to lead his government in achieving five consequential issues detailed as:

* THE first is unification of all Bougainvilleans;

* THE second is to improve and develop the people's welfare, through a new approach to promoting economic development;

* THE third is to secure Bougainville's political future under the Bougainville Peace Agreement. This means fully implementing autonomy, preparing for the referendum on independence and achieving complete weapons disposal;

* THE fourth is to promote good governance and the rule of law, and in the process end corruption; and

* THE fifth is building public awareness of the Peace Agreement and the ABG's policies.

"Over the next 100 days my government will unfold specific plans and policies on growing the economy. We will also re-visit existing plans, our focus will be partnership for the enhanced welfare of Bougainville," Mr Momis said yesterday.

At the same time Bougainville is frustrated about such things as the few new powers transferred to the ABG, the failure of the National Government to pay the full restoration and development goals for 2010 and the slow progress in appointment of a new chief administrator to fill the gap created over three years ago.

"But I look forward to the future with confidence. I know that Bougainville will emerge strong, prosperous and united. That this dream of the people of this great land," Mr Momis said.

"We in this government are only the instruments for the fulfillment of that dream. We will work to achieve it.

"Now the task of governing begins. I will undertake the task in partnership with all ABG members. We Bougainvilleans need a clear understanding of the way forward on the burning issues confronting us. In the period since the conflict ended, and in particular, over the ABG's first five years, we have laid the framework for many things to happen. The choices by the people in the election mean the way forward for the next five years will in some ways be different from what has been done in the past five years. The 'Momis Way' will be a new way. But I do not come with a long and complicated agenda. I see my government as having five principal tasks.

"Let us consider the progress on autonomy. Bougainville is the only region of PNG which has a unique autonomous character. However, we are yet to achieve true autonomy. Corruption will find zero tolerance in my government. All ministers, elected members, officials and investors, take warning! My government will establish an inquiry into the corruption of recent years.

"Where there is evidence of wrong-doing, I promise that there will be criminal prosecutions. Any future corruption will result in immediate action."

16.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

ABG speaker retains seat in tight vote

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government Speaker Andrew Miriki retained his seat with 21 votes as the Speaker, two points ahead of outgoing president James Tanis who contested the job.

Miriki won at the second elimination from three other candidates James Tanis, Marceline Getsi and Simon Pentanu.

Kongara MP Dominic Itta was the first to nominate James Tanis as soon as nominations of the Speaker were open. Kokoda MP Joseph Bausina seconded the motion. Konnou (South Bougainville) MP Wilfred Komba stood up again to nominate Andrew Miriki while Motuna/Huyono member Albert Pungau seconded his motion. Robert Hamal Sawa nominated Marceline Getsi and Nissan MP Leo Hannett seconded the motion while Terra MP in Central Bougainville Robin Wilson nominated Simon Pentanu, seconded by Rau MP Joseph Egilio. At first vote, Miriki scored 16, James Tanis 14, Simon Pentanu 7 and Marceline Getsi 3. Getsi was eliminated and at second count Miriki had 19 votes, Tanis 15 and Pentanu 6. Pentanu was eliminated and at last count Miriki had 21 votes and Tanis 19. Clerk of Parliament Robert Tapi, assisted by the National Parliament clerk yesterday announced Miriki as the Speaker of the ABG for the next five years.

Mr Tapi also announced the appointment of regional representatives in the ABG House and they are Hagogohe MP Robert Sawa for North, Terra MP Robin Wilson for Central and Konnou MP Wilfred Komba for south.

North Bougainville MP Michael Ogio also had the privilege to sound a point of order once Miriki took the chair to make announcements. Ogio raised concerns that Miriki was not allowed to take the chair until sworn in legally. Parliament was adjourned indefinitely until further notice of the sitting date.

16.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

New members sworn in

By GORETHY KENNETH

YESTERDAY was a public holiday because of the inauguration of Bougainville's second Autonomous Government.

Buka town was flooded with people from South, Central and North Bougainville and remote Kakarapaya villages in the mountains of Wakunai down to Tinputz and all the way to the tip of North Bougainville — Lontis.

Schools, shops and major businesses were closed. People came as early as seven o'clock but the town had been full since the weekend. They came to witness and celebrate the swearing in of their new elected members. Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare arrived in the Falcon jet to a red carpet show at the Buka airport just after 9:30am and rubbed shoulders with national MPs of Bougainville, smiling and congratulating them for the peaceful but victorious election of new president John Momis.

Planning Minister Paul Tiensten was already there at the weekend to deliver and show his support to the newly elected government. International dignitaries, termed as friends of Bougainville, came from as far as China – the best friends of Mr Momis and his First Lady, Elizabeth. Australian High Commissioner to PNG Ian Kemish, British High Commissioner David Dunn, New Zealand Government executives, Chinese Ambassador Qui Buhao, representatives from the Japanese Government, European Union and the United Nations were present, Solomon Islands High Commissioner Bernard Ba'atanisia, Singapore consul and long-time businessman Henry Chow, Spain's consul Camillus Narokobi, a New Guinea Islands team led by ENB Governor Leo Dion and former ACP-EU secretary general Sir John Kaputin who was also given the honour to speak at the ceremony.

There were traditional singing groups. The highlight was when Mr Momis was hoisted and carried to the arena by his Buin people. The day ended with a special dinner hosted by the Bougainville leaders and newly elected ABG president Momis.



Traditional Inauguration Ceremony of President John Momis in Buka on Tuesday June 15th, 2010

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NO MINISTRY

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG President JOHN MOMIS would announce his ministry tomorrow. He could not announce the ministers today as there was no time due to today's swearing of members of the ABG House.

President JOHN MOMIS was sworn in last week with his vice president PATRICK NISIRA and the women member for Central JOAN JEROME.

The elections of the Speaker were done late in the afternoon.

15.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PRIME MINISTER COMMITS

By Aloysius LAUKAI

The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare today committed funds for in pact projects throughout Bougainville.

Speaking at the Swearing in of ABG's new Parliamentarians today in Buka, GRAND CHIEF SOMARE said that funds would be allocated to seal the Buka ring road and the Road starting from Kokopau in North Bougainville and right down to Buin in South Bougainville.

He said funds would be made available starting next year under public Investment Program or PIP funds. CHIEF SOMARE also said that funds have be made available for the Submarine Cable for the PNG POWER to power Kokopau town and other places in North Bougainville.

SIR SOMARE was very pleased at the conduct of Bougainville elections and congratulated the people of Bougainville for making it happen again.

He said the people of Bougainville have shown other Provinces in PNG that they run elections with no problems at all.

Today's swearing in of ABG second House was performed by the chief justice of Papua New Guinea. It was also witnessed by dignitaries and ambassadors of foreign missions, like Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, United Kingdom, China, Japan and some other countries.



ABG President John Momis cordially welcomes PNG Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare

15.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FIRST MEETING

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Bougainville Government today held its first meeting and elected its speaker for the second ABG House.

MR. ANDREW MIRIKI the current speaker was re-elected for a full five year term today.

At the start of nominations three nominations were made for the outgoing President JAMES TANIS, former National Parliament clerk SIMON PENTANU and the current speaker.

After the second elimination only JAMES TANIS and ANDREW MIRIKI were voted through a secret ballot and ANDREW MIRIKI was voted as the speaker again.

Mr. MIRIKI became the speaker after the by election of the ABG President in 2008.

The position was left vacant when the former speaker NICK PENIAI resigned to contest for the President's seat won by JAMES TANIS.

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Australian Securities Exchange (ASX): CLOSED due to H.M. the Queen's Birthday !

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Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation - Late line

Abandoned mine threatens environmental disaster

Reporter: Liam Fox

The Australian owners of an abandoned mine in Bougainville say it is too dangerous to return to repair leaking fuel tanks.

Transcript

LEIGH SALES, PRESENTER:

It's been 20 years since a bloody civil war forced the closure of the Panguna copper mine on the island of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea.

The mine's infrastructure has been slowly decaying ever since.

The fuel tanks that fed Panguna's power station are now leaking oil not far from the sea.

Some are warning of an impending environmental disaster but the mine's Australian owner says it's only a minor spill.

It wants to return to Bougainville to clean up but says it can't because the island is still too dangerous for its workers.

PNG correspondent Liam Fox reports.

LIAM FOX, PNG CORRESPONDENT:

Deep in the Bougainville jungle are the remains of what was one of the world's biggest copper mines. Panguna is now a wasteland of rusting equipment and dilapidated buildings. Operations ground to a halt 20 years ago when the resentment felt by local landowners towards the mine sparked a decade-long civil war. Thousands died during the crisis and the mine has been slowly decaying ever since.

It's a similar story on the coast at Panguna's old power station. These fuel tanks haven't been maintained for two decades. Now they're leaking oil, lots of it and it could get worse.

RON BLENKIRON, SOUTH PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL:

There's a crack down through there. This is about a 20 mill thick at the bottom, but these cracks will still open up in an earthquake.

LIAM FOX:

Thick, heavy fuel oil coats the ground. A black lake lies next to the tanks. From here, it's only a stone's throw to the ocean. This pit only metres from the water is the last barrier preventing oil from leaking into the sea.

RON BLENKIRON:

During the wet season when we first came here, this pit was basically full of water and the oil was about 50 mill from running into the sea, so it was pretty close. You're living on the edge of a catastrophe here the whole time. It's pretty nasty stuff.



LIAM FOX:

Ron Blenkiron from South Pacific Environmental says the leaking oil isn't the only potential hazard here, up the road are the remains of a storage area for chemicals used in the mining process.

RON BLENKIRON:

We won't take you any further into there, but these are really nasty stuff. You can't go in there without full breathing apparatus and chem suits. This is really nasty.

LIAM FOX:

Mr Blenkiron has written to the mines, Australian owner Bougainville Copper Limited or BCL, and offered to clean it up. For a price of course, but BCL has declined.

RON BLENKIRON:

I believe that BCL is morally responsible to clean up.

LIAM FOX:

Steven Tibo is working for South Pacific Environmental and the company it's formed with some local landowners.

STEVEN TIBO, SOUTH PACIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL:

My people we live on the coast, marine life, so this oil is a concern.

LIAM FOX:

But back in Port Moresby, BCL isn't so worried.

PETER TAYLOR, BOUGAINVILLE COPPER LTD CHAIRMAN:

There is what I call a relatively minor oil spill that's been contained by the safety systems that were put in place, the bund. And really it seems to me it's just a case of going and cleaning that up.

LIAM FOX:

Bougainville Copper says vandals caused the spill and much of the oil has already been stolen. It says New Zealand peacekeepers removed any toxic chemicals from the area in 1997. The company says it wants to clean up the spill, but more than a decade after the war ended, it still believes Bougainville is not safe for its employees.

PETER TAYLOR:

Unfortunately, there are few people, and I think they're now well and truly in the minority, who refuse to allow us access and some of these people unfortunately have got guns.

LIAM FOX:

So why not use South Pacific Environmental, who are already on the ground?

PETER TAYLOR:

We have done some research to try and find out what their credentials are and as far as I can see, they have no experience in actually doing any sort of environmental remediation work.

LIAM FOX:

Bougainville Copper is hoping to return soon and clean up the mess itself. The historic hatred local villagers felt towards Panguna is dissipating. Many now want the mine reopened to fund their long-held desire for independence from PNG.

CHRIS DAMANA, PANGUNA LAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION:

We want Bougainville to get its own money, find its own funds and to run its own affairs.

PETER TAYLOR:

The landowners are now approaching the company saying, 'We'd like you to come back.'

LIAM FOX:

It might not be too long before BCL is back in Bougainville.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

UNITE WORK

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS has assured newly elected member of the ABG House of Representatives that he would have time for each and everyone of them.

He said he will lead the team as their Chairman but would regard them as equals as they represent their constituencies.

MR. MOMIS was speaking after his swearing-in ceremony yesterday at the ABG House.

He promised the members that their people's needs and aspirations will not be neglected.

The new members this morning had a briefing with the Clerk of Parliament, MR. ROBERT TAPI to prepare them for Tuesday's Swearing-in CEREMONY.

The ceremony would also coincide with the first sitting of the second ABG House.

The speaker would also be elected at this meeting.

According to the Bougainville Constitution, the speaker must be nominated by the members representing the three regions but must be an outsider or must not be a member.

Meanwhile intense lobbying is taking place between the three regional camps for Ministries and the post of the speaker.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO DEMANDS CHANGE

By Aloysius Laukai

Regional member for Bougainville FIDELIS SEMOSO wants the ABG to assist the people who are struggling to make ends meet daily.

MR. SEMOSO said changes and development that are currently taking place is due to the industrious effort by Bougainvilleans with no help from their government.

He was speaking at the swearing in ceremony of the ABG President, JOHN MOMIS ,his deputy PATRICK NISIRA and caretaker government member and women member for Central, JOAN JEROME.

MR. SEMOSO said that the ordinary citizens of Bougainville did not benefit at all from any ABG government assistance in the last five years.

He said that bigger task of delivering goods and services to the people starts after all celebrations die out.

MR SEMOSO warned that unless there is an immediate shift the people will simply ignore the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HOLIDAY

By Aloysius Laukai

The management of Buka Urban Town Council would like to remind the general public in Buka town are reminded that the Buka Town market will close for two days next week.

Monday 14th June and Tuesday 15th June 2010 has been declared as public holidays to commemorate Queen's birthday and Inauguration day for ABG on Tuesday.

Buka town market will re open on Wednesday June 16th, 2010.

And a circular from the Acting Chief Administrator, PATRICK KOLES says that all government services would cease operating on these two days but as usual all emergencies and essential services would continue as normal.

Meanwhile, Groups from Central and South Bougainville would be converging into Buka town at the weekend for the inauguration ceremony for the ABG second House on Tuesday June 15th, 2010.

Many diplomats and outside visitors are also expected to attend the ceremony on Tuesday.

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Source: Post-Courier

Momis names caretakers

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government president John Momis yesterday appointed and announced his caretaker government after he was sworn in.

Halia constituency member Patrick Nisira, who retained his seat, is the vice president and Central Bougainville women leader Joan Jerome was appointed the leader in charge of women's affairs in the region.

This appointment is tentative until next Tuesday.

Soon after the inauguration ceremony Mr Momis will announce his Cabinet members, including the Speaker.

His New Bougainville Party executives said yesterday there were names earmarked for ministries for constituency and members to take up ministries but could not detail the latter.

Meanwhile, the lobbying for the Speaker's position continued yesterday with names popping up, which include Nick Peniai from South Bougainville, Simon Pentanu from Central, and several names like Thomas Anis, Marceline Getsi and Peter Sohia from North Bougainville. There were also wide speculations of former president James Tanis being offered the Speaker's post but according to the parliamentary services of ABG, the Speaker would have to be nominated and later voted in the House of Representatives by the newly-elected members, including president Momis.

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Source: Post-Courier

Old hands, new ideas

By GORETHY KENNETH

TWO former premiers and allies of newly-elected Bougainville president John Momis are back in power with new ideas to bring the region forward and put the House back in order.

Leo Hannett, now 65, and Dr Alexius Sarei, 76, are Bougainville politicians who first came to prominence in the 1970s.

Mr Hannett was the premier of Bougainville from 1981-1985 and in 2002 was the region's regional member until unseated by current MP Fidelis Semoso.

According to records Mr Hannett was Bougainville's best deliverer in terms of commerce and trade in early government days and Dr Sarei was heavy on development for Bougainville but could only do so much.

Their leader now, president Momis, is Papua New Guinea's constitution icon, was the former governor, former Bougainville Transitional Government leader and until late last year, ambassador to China.

Mr Momis, and his New Bougainville Party dominate the assembly with new MPs including Mr Hannett and Dr Sarei, who both served as premiers of the province in the 70s and 80s.

But Mr Momis believes the older men can still bring new direction to the struggling province.

He comes back as Bougainville's president at the age of 71. This week Mr Momis said these "old timer" leaders will help him bring his government forward. He claimed that the outgoing leadership had ideas that were outdated and people had rejected those ideas, and especially rejecting the issues of corruption, mismanagement and political misdemeanor.

"We want new ideas. New blood doesn't necessarily mean that people possess new ideas."

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Source: Post-Courier

United States committed to fight crime

UNITED States is committed to helping fight crime in Papua New Guinea, says US Ambassador to PNG, Teddy Taylor.

Mr Taylor said crime was a crippling factor for this country and US wanted to help empower our nation.

He was speaking at a two-day training and law enforcement assessment in Port Moresby recently.

Police, Immigration and Civil Aviation security services were given a refresher course to boost their job descriptions.

James Ink from the Immigration Customs enforcement attaché with US State Department provided the participants with an overview of the US Customs and Immigration security measures last Thursday.

Mr Ink also provided case studies and lessons to be learnt from them.

Major issues that were covered were human trafficking and weapons proliferation.

Lee Gitschier, assistant regional security officer at the US Embassy, said Papua New Guinea was part of transnational crime.

It was, he said, a source, transshipment and destination country for contraband.

"We held the seminar so that our counterparts in PNG would have a better understanding of how to combat crime in these areas.

"We were very lucky to have James Ink as he is highly respected in his field," said Mr Gitschier.

US ambassador Taylor said his country was committed to providing security assistance to PNG.

"We are here to help," said Mr. Taylor.

"If Papua New Guinea's constabulary, immigration or customs authorities need information, especially if the crimes have a nexus in the United States, we will send agents here to investigate and assist our local counterparts in their investigations."

The US embassy convened the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC).

Participants included security professionals from embassies, high commissions, corporations and non-government organisations.

Mr Taylor said: "OSAC is a valuable resource.

"Many of our colleagues only read about crime in the daily newspaper.

"Many have been given a law enforcement assessment of the country.

"We wanted attendees to gain a better understanding of the challenges that the law enforcement community in Papua New Guinea faces to better enable them to draw up their own security plans," Mr Taylor said.

The US embassy plans to invite Mr Ink to return to the country to conduct additional workshops and seminars,

particularly on human trafficking.

“This was one of the areas of greatest concern to Papua New Guinea security professionals,” said Mr Gitschier. “We want to be able to provide more comprehensive assistance to our colleagues here.”

Both workshops were conducted at Lamana Hotel in Port Moresby.

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Source: Post-Courier

Flower lover from Bougainville

By Alex Munme

PLANTING and looking after trees, plants, flowers and orchids is an introduced hobby or profession in Papua New Guinea.

Some form of training is required in order to possess the skill or knowledge to be a forester or an orchardist. This is a story of a man with very limited education, no formal training no workshops attended but is good at his business as he goes around in Buka town selling his plant seedlings, flowers and orchids. Where did he get his plants and flower knowledge from?

Peter Stone Sirikas is from Takemari village, Nagovis in Bana district of Autonomous Region Of Bougainville. At the age of 12 Peter attended Popei Primary School from 1960 to 1963. After completing standard four he was employed by Arawa plantation as a tractor driver.

It was at the Arawa plantation when Colin Bob who was the Aropa airport inspector introduced Peter Sirikas to his flower garden. With keen interest this new gardener took up his job which he did every week-end when he was not driving. Mr. Bob told Peter that in Australia they make a lot of money by selling plants and flowers. This remark was well taken by Peter throughout the years.

Peter left Arawa plantation to go back to school and completed his grades five and six in 1968 and 1969 but this time at Kuraio Primary School.

After completing his standard six Peter went back and was employed by his former employer at the Arawa plantation. He continued with his week-end duties at Colin Bob's flower garden looking after and maintaining it. It wasn't long before CRA came in and bought Arawa plantation in 1969 not to take up the business but to clear the area to build the township of Arawa.

The following year CRA and BCL began their operation in 1970. Peter was employed by Bougainville Copper Limited not as an operator but to beautify the mining townships of Panguna and Arawa.

It was through his interest and commitment in his job as a gardener which saw Arawa town becoming one of the beautiful and admirable towns in those days.

Unfortunately this self taught orchardist or gardener could not remain in his job with the mining company.

In 1974 Peter decided to go home with the knowledge, skill and experience gained to set up his own project.

In 2000, while going into forestry Peter Stone Sirikas applied for a K5000 funding from AusAid to extend his forestry and betelnut projects. He was referred to as a drunkard and his application was not approved in full reducing the amount to just K1000.

This money was not enough for him to implement his plan to extend his project. Peter's brilliance finally saw him coming up with an alternate plan of how he could best utilise the limited funds. He knew the money was given for a purpose and he must spend it on the project.

Peter bought three pigs for three feasts to be hosted at different days in the village. On the day of the first feast, the villagers cleared the bush and planted different kinds of trees, betelnut and cocoa seedlings in return for the feast.

This covered an area of four hectares. He did the same with the other two pigs and his project extended to a total of almost eight hectares.

In 2001 Peter Stone Sirikas established a nursery to grow various plants, palm trees, shade trees, flowers and orchids in Buka town while he was working for Buka Urban Council.

He retired from Buka Urban Council to concentrate on his plants and flower selling business.

His current selling price is between K10 to K30 per plant and so far has sold to Lady Semoso wife of the Regional member for Bougainville, Cosmas Sohia, Geetow Ltd, Kute Ltd, Buka Urban Council, and Ralph's Bakery.

He is maintaining a total of 2000 plants, flowers and orchids in his nursery just next to the Buka airport. While talking to Peter I asked how he looks after and maintains his nursery he replied, “Mi pispis long ol” (I urinate on the plants) ... to motivate plant growth and encourage the weak ones to grow healthy, a knowledge passed onto him by Mr Bob while working for him some years back.

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Source: Post-Courier

City leaders challenge Act

By FRANK RAI

Local community leaders including prominent businessmen in Lae City, are continuing their campaign against the passed Environment Amendment Bill.

The leaders say the bill was rushed through parliament on May 28 and the leaders want the Government to withdraw the bill on indications that disaster would hit PNG, if resource owners were barred from battling environmental disputes.

They claimed the bill was controversial in nature but politicians went ahead to pass the bill, alleging there were clear indications of politicians having hidden agendas behind the Ramu nickel mine in Madang.

"This would obviously trigger civil unrest if resources owners are barred from battling environmental issues in court. The Bill had already built frustration among the resource owners and we are calling on the Government to recall the bill," local businessman Fred Wak said.

Mr Wak on behalf of the other leaders said the Government would come up with genuine reasons for the bill but still resource owners will fight "tooth and nail" for better environmental plans from developers.

He said PNG had experiences of massive environment destruction caused by previous mining companies in Misima, Ok Tedi and Bougainville copper mine, noting that people would not allow this to happen to their environment.

"The Environment Amendment Act passed last week is a clear indication of politicians deliberately selling the country offshore. Parliamentarians have sold Papua New Guinea to foreigners," Mr Wak said.

He called on the Government to recall the amendment. "Environment and land are one. You cannot distinguish land from environment which means that the bill has restricted indigenous rights to their own land," Mr Wak said.

"When the Government sells our environment, it is selling our land. Our environment is on our land where it feeds our people with fish, fresh food and vegetables, firewood, water, fresh air and river," Mr Wak said.

He said our flora and fauna, savanna grassland, mangrove and beautiful mountains will go down the hands of those who only care to exploit resources and not to protect.

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Source: Post-Courier - Miscellaneous

Take care!

PM's (Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare) congrats and welcome to John Momis for taking over as Bougainville President included the interesting last line, urging him to "take care in terms of security as he embarked on this difficult mission". Yep, still a few hurdles to leap before "normalcy" is back for all Bougainvilleans.

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Source: The Economist

Bougainville's new president

Halfway to freedom

A new president will find it hard to halt violence in the south

Jun 10th 2010 | *Canberra*

THE tiny, troubled island of Bougainville has a new president, John Momis, after an election at which over three-quarters of incumbent MPs lost their seats. This was the second election for the autonomous government on Bougainville, an arrangement agreed on as part of a peace deal that ended a decade of civil war on the island in 1997. That deal is scheduled to culminate in a vote on independence from Papua New Guinea (PNG), to be held sometime between 2015 and 2020.

Mr Momis is widely seen as favouring integration with PNG, unlike his main adversary, James Tanis, the president since 2008, who was formerly a fighter with the pro-independence Bougainville Revolutionary Army. Enthusiasm for secession is not waning among the island's 200,000 people. But it was not a big election issue, because of mounting confidence that PNG will honour the autonomy arrangements and hold the promised referendum.

Rather, the vote reflected frustration with the poor performance of the Buka-based government in recent years. The 71-year-old Mr Momis—once a Catholic priest, a long-serving member of Papua New Guinea's parliament, and most recently its ambassador to China—is one of the country's leading elder statesmen. He easily defeated his younger adversary, winning even in Mr Tanis's native central region and in the restive south.

Mr Momis faces some difficult choices. He needs to decide what to do about Panguna, once one of the world's largest copper mines but now a vast deserted hole in the jungle. Controversy over sharing the profits of Bougainville Copper Ltd (BCL), a subsidiary of Rio Tinto, a mining giant, from Panguna led to the mine's closure in May 1989, and sparked the civil war.

Some on Bougainville are fiercely opposed to reopening the mine. But over the past five years public opinion has swung against them. The revenue is seen as vital to the survival of the autonomous government, and as underpinning the shift to independence. More than 1 billion tonnes of gold and copper are buried beneath the ruined mine. Mr Momis has talked about attracting Chinese investment, but others on Bougainville now favour the return of BCL, hoping the old adversary might assume responsibility for past problems.

In the unstable south, some 14 armed militia groups still openly carry arms. Roughly 1,500-2,500 weapons are in circulation, although that number includes some very old and home-made rifles. During the campaign, a militant leader, Chris Uma, worryingly threatened to "walk away" from the peace process if Mr Tanis was defeated. Violence in the south has diminished under Mr Tanis's presidency, down from 20-30 deaths a year in 2006-08. On the campaign trail Mr Momis condemned Mr Tanis for condoning "warlords" in the region. But continued progress towards reconciliation and disarmament will not come easily.

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Source: Radio Australia - Pacific Beat

Bougainvilleans welcome election of President John Momis

Updated June 10, 2010 16:28:55

The people of Papua New Guinea's autonomous region of Bougainville have welcomed the election of the former provincial governor, John Momis as their new President. Mr Momis won the presidential election with more than 40,000 votes defeating the incumbent and nearest rival James Tanis who polled about 16,000 votes.

Presenter: Caroline Tiriman

Speakers: Helen Hakena, director of Leitana Nehan development agency in Bougainville; Sir Peter Barter, former PNG minister for Bougainville affairs.

[Listen here !](#)

10.06.2010

Women often have a considerable influence on their husbands. Elizabeth Momis is the wife of the newly elected President of Bougainville, John Momis. Please read here what Mrs. Momis said a couple of years ago in an interview of Pacific Magazine upon the [Role of Women in Bougainville](#) !

[Find out more about "Land and Women - The Matrilineal Factor" in a study of the Pacific Island Forum that was published in 2008 !](#)

Frauen haben oft einen beachtlichen Einfluss auf ihre Männer. Elizabeth Momis ist die Frau an der Seite des soeben gewählten Präsidenten Bougainvilles, John Momis. Bitte lesen Sie hier, was Frau Momis vor ein paar Jahren in einem Interview mit Pacific Magazine über die [Rolle der Frauen in Bougainville](#) gesagt hat !

[Mehr zum Thema "Land and Women - The Matrilineal Factor" in dieser Studie des Pacific Island Forums aus dem Jahr 2008 !](#)

10.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CARETAKER ANNOUNCED

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS was sworn into office by Bougainville's Chief Magistrate PETER TOLIKEN at the Parliament house this morning.

He now takes over the reign to rule over Bougainville as the President of Bougainville for the next five years. Immediately after he was sworn in office, he made two appointments one for the Vice President and a member of the Caretaker government the women member for Central, MRS. JOAN JEROME.

The former Works minister and member for HALIA, PATRICK NISIRA was appointed as the Vice President for the next five years.

PRESIDENT MOMIS however did not announce allocation of ministries to the two caretaker members including himself.

The announcement will be made sometimes today.

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Source: Post-Courier

Momis has big plans

PRESIDENT-elect for the Autonomous Bougainville Government John Momis has big plans for Bougainville once he takes office officially next Tuesday.

Today he will be sworn in and will appoint his care-taker government.

This will include a vice president and a woman cabinet member until June 15, when a full Cabinet will be sworn in with the Speaker.

Yesterday Mr Momis met with his council members to discuss the path to the future for Bougainville. One of the issues discussed was to take all Government vehicles back into the (provincial transport board) pool and review all Government houses later returned to the ABG.

Mr Momis detailed his immediate tasks and three of them are good governance, weapons disposal and economic investment.

He also said the issue of law and order, education and health would encourage a good investment climate so that foreign and Bougainville businesses and the people would benefit in the long run.

He also said that standalone foreign businesses would be stopped in Bougainville and a new regime which would encourage a joint venture partnership with Bougainvilleans would be introduced so that people were not just resource owners but benefit owners as well. "Foreigners have the expertise. We need to have generative revenue, one that will create income for the people," Mr Momis said.

He said his government would have a full consultative approach with the people of Bougainville in order to find alternatives for young people who are excessively engaged in alcohol and drugs.

"We have to set a standard. My government will have a full consultation with people. We need to have constant consultation. But first of all we will address the issue of weapons disposal...we will have to find alternatives for these youths who are still holding onto guns.

"We need to look at music or sports to enhance their skills," Mr Momis said.

He said he had a big dream for Bougainville in terms of health, education and agriculture investment for the betterment of Bougainville.

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Source: Post-Courier

Tanis exits as happy man

By GORETHY KENNETH

OUTGOING president James Tanis is happy that he has done so much in his 14-months in office. But he assured newly-elected president John Momis that he stands ready to help him.

"I will be available if called upon to help or assist. But I will not step on your toes and await your call if I am needed," Mr Tanis said.

In his outgoing speech during declaration this week, Mr Tanis clarified to the packed Hutjena Hall crowd the issue of threats being labelled on him against Mr Momis during the counting operation.

He brushed aside these issue saying that he never had any intentions on such instead said in 1997 he was Mr Momis' saviour and in 2003 he became his (Momis) friend.

"I will have to clarify that it was never my intention to do such a thing.

"I was Mr Momis' saviour in 1997 and I became his friend in 2003," he said.

When asked outside the hall what he meant in his statement he said that it was a long gone story.

Mr Tanis said that in 1997 he had rescued Mr Momis who was held captive in Guava and in 2003 when Momis had a running battle with late president Kabui,

He said he stepped down from being vice president of the BPC to be the mediator.

Tanis also said that he would never have contested against Mr Momis but because he only came in as a president through the by-election they both had to contest against each other. He thanked the people of Bougainville for voting him in during the by-election and the 17,000 people who voted him in this second ABG elections and advised he would still be available to provide any support or assistance in the current government. Mr Tanis retires to his Nagovis village to live the simple life he lived before he became the president.

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Source: New Dawn on Bougainville

2nd Autonomous Bougainville Government House of Representatives

CONSTITUENCY: CANDIDATE - PARTY

01 Kongara: Dominic ITTA - **BPC** BPC retained seat

02 Torokina: Steven SUAKO - **Independent** ousted William EPOTA

03 Atolls: Frank PASINI MARENA - **New Bougainville Party** ousted Pais TEAHU

04 Kokoda: Joseph BAUSINA **New Bougainville Party** ousted Rodney OSIOKO

05 Nissan: Leo HANNETT - **New Bougainville Party**

06 Bolave: Lawrence UAKAI - **Independent** ousted Tony SIONA

07 South Nasioi: John KEN - **New Bougainville Party** ousted Alfred BAKATE

- 08 Rau: Joseph EGILIO - **New Bougainville Party** ousted Thomas KERIRI
- 09 Taonita/Teop: Micah MOSE - **Independent** ousted Joseph GIOTEVA
- 10 Lato: William LAVABUA - **Independent** ousted Michael OTOROA
- 11 Baba: William SIRAMAI - **Independent** ousted Thomas PABAKUMI
- 12 Taonita/Tinputz: Carolus KETSIMUR - **New Bougainville Party** ousted Aloys DEVUI
- 13 Teua: Rev.Joseph NOPEI - **New Bougainville Party** retained seat
- 14 Terra: Robin WILSON - **New Bougainville Party** ousted Leo REIVASI
- 15 Mahari: John TABINAMAN - **New Bougainville Party** retained seat
- 16 Ramu: Thomas PATAAKU - **Independent** retained seat
- 17 Suir: Luke KARASTON - **Independent** retained seat
- 18 Eivo /Torau: Melchior DARE - **Labour Party** NBP ousted Alphonse PEMUKO
- 19 Motuno/Huyono Albert PUNGHAU - **Independent**
- 20 Kopii: Philip KUHENA - **Independent** declared & ousted Micheal KOMOIKI
- 21 Selau: Terry MOSE - **Independent** ousted Joseph WATAWI
- 22 Ioro: Michael ONI - **Independent** replaces Dr. Benedict PISI (†)
- 23 Konnou: Wilfred KOMBA KAKAI - **New Bougainville Party** retained
- 24 Haku: James L BEANI - **Independent** ousted James TENEVI
- 25 Halia: Patrick NISIRA - **Independent** retained
- 26 Lule: Paul MITU - **Independent** ousted Joseph KINAMI KAIMA
- 27 Hagogohe: Robert HAMAL SAWA - **Independent** retained
- 28 North Nasioi: Nicholas E. DAKU - **Independent** Lawrence BELLEH did not re-contest
- 29 Peit: Dr Alexis SAREI - **Independent** ousted Jeffrey NABUAI
- 30 Makis: Newton KAUVA - **Independent**
- 31 Tonsu: Ezekiel MASSAT - **BPC**
- 32 Paubake: Joseph BUIA - **Independent**
- 33 Tsitalato: Cosmas SOHIA - **New Bougainville Party**

Central

34 Woman leader elect: Joan JEROME - **New Bougainville Party**

35 Ex-Combatant leader elect: David SISITO - **New Bougainville Party**

South

36 Woman leader-elect: Rose PIHEI - **Independent**

37 Ex Combatants: Michael LAITA - **Independent**

North

38 Woman leader: Elizabeth BURAIN - **Independent**

39 Ex Combatants: Franco HOPPING - **Independent**

Presidential Seat

40 **John MOMIS - New Bougainville Party** ousted James TANIS

09.06.2010

Source: New Dawn on Bougainville

BUKA CLEANATHON

By Aloysius Laukai

The Buka urban Council is embarking on a big cleanup of Buka Town on June 11th, 2010 in two days time. The purpose of this cleanathon is in preparation for the ABG Inauguration that will be held at the ABG Parliament House, KUBU.

The cleanathon will include Hutjena, Kubu, Airport, Main Town Centre, Mangrove and Kokopau township. The management of Buka Urban Town Council is requesting all residents of these areas to assist with the clean up.

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Source: New Dawn on Bougainville

NO GOING TO PNG

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President elect, JOHN MOMIS says that it's the people of Bougainville who can decide to remain with PNG or become a separate nation through the guaranteed referendum.

He said no one person can pull back Bougainville to PNG as there is double entrenchment in the Peace agreement.

MR. MOMIS was replying to questions by Newman during a news conference at Kuri village resort yesterday. He said in the last five years we have not done much to build our own capacity To raise our own funds and try to cut off from this handout syndrome. MR. MOMIS said Law and Order and Good governance were prerequisite for any draw down of powers from the National Government. He said Bougainville at this stage does not have the capacity in terms of manpower and funds to request for more powers. Because of this we need to do more to build our own capacity he said.

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Source: New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS ACTS FAST

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG President Elect JOHN MOMIS is moving fast to clear outstanding cases within the Bougainville Administration. After the return of writs this morning he quickly met with the Acting Administrator PATRICK KOLES and his officers. He would be sworn into office tomorrow where he is expected to announce his caretaker government Ministers. The swearing in ceremony would be held at the ABG Parliament house at TEN AM.

Meanwhile the outgoing Speaker ANDREW MIRIKI has also set the date for the first ABG meeting to June 15th, 2009. The first sitting for the second House would start with the swearing in of newly elected members. The ceremony would be held at the ABG Parliament House in KUBU, Buka island.

09.06.2010

Source: New Dawn on Bougainville

WRITS RETURNED

By Aloysius Laukai

Writs for the ABG Second General elections were returned to the outgoing ABG Speaker, ANDREW MIRIKI at the ABG Parliament house this morning. In handing back the writs the Acting Electoral Commissioner; REITAMA TARAVARU said that he was satisfied with the conduct of the second ABG general elections. He thanked everybody that were involved in the election including candidates, their supporters, electoral officials, counters and scrutinizers for making this election a success. MR. TARAVARU said that he was happy that they have also met the deadline of returning the election writs. Meanwhile the outgoing Speaker, ANDREW MIRIKI after receiving the writs for the 33 member seats, three regional women seats and three ex combatants seats and the seat of the President thanked the electoral commissioner for a job well done. MR. MIRIKI also thanked the voters and the people of Bougainville for a peaceful election which has positive comments from International Observers who have been closely monitoring the elections. He said that the five year term of the members of the first House of Representatives ends today. The outgoing speaker said that he also leaves the office of the speaker feeling satisfied which achievements recorded during his short term in office. He also thanked the outgoing President JAMES TANIS and the outgoing members of the Bougainville first House of Representatives for laying the foundation of the Autonomous Bougainville Government. He said that they had distinctively served their first term and as pioneers, they have laid the concrete foundation of the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

09.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Semoso ends exciting political era

By Gorethy Kenneth

OUTGOING deputy speaker and former North Bougainville women's member for the Autonomous Bougainville Government Francesca Semoso (picture) has had an exciting five years in politics. But she feels there is a lot to be done in the region to change the mindset of Bougainvilleans to start having confidence in women in politics and start voting for them to serve in Parliament.



Semoso, who stood down from the women's seat to challenge all men in the Tsitalato seat, also hopes the second Autonomous Bougainville Government corrects the past mistake of allocating different funding for reserved seats for women and ex-combatants separate from the constituency members' allocated budget.

"I knew the risk that I was taking when I put my hand up to contest a non-reserved seat. But it was not about winning this seat. It was about change, to change the mindset of the people, that we women are also ready and capable of contesting and challenging men in every possible aspect," Semoso said.

"It was an exciting five years for me though. I never really had or faced big problems, the only hurdle and a major one I had was the financial difficulties. You see, people expected to see, feel or smell projects. There was no money so I could do only a little at a time but was not enough," she said.

"Finance was my biggest hurdle. The women seat or the ex-combatant, we represent the regions so we should have a budget different from that of constituency seat or for single constituency members," Semoso said. "In that way we can have a little bit more to assist and help our women in communities."

But Semoso also said she had done myriad things for Bougainville as a women leader.

"I was able to bring to the outside world the positives of Bougainville.

"I was able to establish ABG with parliaments of the Asia Pacific and especially for the women of Bougainville," she said.

09.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Lobbying on for role

By FABIAN GATANA

BOUGAINVILLEANS are intensively lobbying for the Speaker's position.

Autonomous Bougainville Government president elect-John Momis is faced with a huge difficulty of choosing one.

During the campaign, polling and counting the New Bougainville Party executives had marked Nick Peniai as their choice for a Speaker.

Mr Peniai said he was adamant he would win the position. He was Speaker for three and a half years and was changed after a by-election, when Joseph Kabui died.

But the story is different in North, where Momis polled the most, with 19,341 votes.

The North Bougainvilleans want a Speaker to come from their region to compensate the win and their votes.

Outgoing North Bougainville ex-combatant MP Marceline Getsi is also lobbying for support for the Speaker position.

09.06.2010

Source: The National

Momis victory

By REUBEN KALAUNG in Buka

FORMER Catholic priest, national politician and ambassador John Momis has won the Bougainville presidential election by an overwhelming majority.

Momis polled 43,047 votes, or 52.35% of the total votes cast in the second Autonomous Region of Bougainville general election.

Incumbent James Tanis could only muster 17,205 votes.

The declaration was made yesterday at the Hutjena counting centre in Buka by the regional returning officer George Tarala. Mothers and children were seen celebrating openly when the declaration was heard on NBC Bougainville at 2.30pm yesterday.

Momis was escorted by police to the counting for the declaration and signing of the writs.

He was met and welcomed by Tanis at the counting centre.



Buka: Defeated President James Tanis assists the signing of writs ceremony of President elect John Momis.

Momis was accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth, to witness the signing of the writs which will be returned tomorrow.

He told a packed crowd that his win was for the people of Bougainville.

While expressing his gratitude to the outgoing president, Momis promised to continue the work done by the previous government.

He said the administration, under his presidency, would work towards completing the arms disposal programme in the autonomous region.

He added a lot more needed to be done in that area.

Momis said his government would also look at other ways of generating revenue to finance much-needed public service and public infrastructures.

He also plans to build up investors' confidence within the region and offer opportunity to generate wealth for all Bougainvilleans.

"Bougainvilleans must be able to sustain their own living.

"They must be able to pay for their children's school fees, food, vehicles and such," Momis said during his speech at Hutjena.

He thanked all Bougainvilleans for respecting the democratic process of election in this second election.

Tanis thanked the voters for their support and pledged to work closely with the president-elect for a smooth transition of powers.

A total of 40 declarations were made over two weeks – the presidential seat, seats in 33 constituencies and seats for ex-combatants and women.

The elected leaders will be sworn in next Tuesday as members of the second Bougainville house of representatives.

09.06.2010

Source: The Australian

71-year old wins key PNG role

By Rowan Callick, Asia-Pacific editor

ONE of Papua New Guinea's most experienced and popular politicians has returned from the wilderness, aged 71, to win decisively the presidency of the autonomous - but aid-dependent - province of Bougainville.

John Momis, who was a priest from 1970 to 1993 and remains a devout Catholic, will now have to steer the province - still recovering from the 12 years of civil war that ended a decade ago - through crucial challenges.

These include a push, championed by the previous provincial government, to re-open the Bougainville copper mine, still 53 per cent owned by Rio Tinto, which helped trigger the civil war, and a referendum on independence that is likely to be held in 2015.

Mr Momis says his first priority will be to search out and dispose of the large numbers of weapons still circulating in the province since the war.

James Tanis, the former rebel fighter who was unseated by Mr Momis at the election, said during the campaign: "There has been a growing opinion that the bottom line is independence.

"If this mine funded PNG independence in 1975, then it can fund Bougainville autonomy and independence."

Mr Momis was a key drafter of PNG's constitution, and was elected to the national parliament in 1972, becoming deputy prime minister 25 years ago.

He quit five years ago to contest the Bougainville presidency, but lost the election, and then served as ambassador to China.

If Bougainville opts for independence, it will become, with a population of about 200,000, the fifth-largest of what would be 15 island nations in the Pacific.

But Mr Momis is not only a strong supporter of decentralisation, he is also a staunch PNG nationalist.

The new Bougainville assembly, to meet next Tuesday, mostly comprises newcomers, but also includes former premiers Leo Hannett and Alexis Sarei.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TANIS ACCEPTS DEFEAT

By Aloysius Laukai

The outgoing ABG President JAMES TANIS this afternoon accepted defeat at this year's polls.

Speaking at the declaration ceremony, MR. TANIS said that he accepted the people's wish to choose another leader.

He said that he was happy to work with the new President although he will not be in leadership role.

MR. TANIS said that Bougainville was very important and all leaders must work together to make sure its aims are achieved.

He said his task as the President was to make sure that the Election was funded and allowed to proceed with not much problems.

MR . TANIS also congratulated the people of Bougainville for showing the world that although we have internal problems we can run elections with no problems.

He said that the war on Bougainville ended ten years ago and nobody should talk about fighting on Bougainville.

08.06.2010

The New ABG President: Hon. John Momis



08.06.2010

Source: Radio Australia Pacific Beat

John Momis declared Bougainville President

Updated June 8, 2010 16:43:33

Papua New Guinea's autonomous region of Bougainville has declared former governor, John Momis as the newly elected President. Mr Momis has won the presidential election with about 40-thousand votes while the runner up, outgoing president and nearest rival James Tanis polled about 16,000 votes. He says weapons disposal and reviving the economy are among his top priorities.

Presenter: Firmin Nanol

Speaker: John Momis, newly declared Bougainville President

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08.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

INVESTMENT GOOD

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President Elect JOHN MOMIS has welcomed investment on Bougainville. He told a news conference this afternoon that investment on Bougainville will be welcomed on a partnership basis.

MR. MOMIS said BOUGAINVILLEANS must benefit from their resources and not just resource owners. He said all Investment would be allowed on a joint venture with Bougainvilleans and no company will be allowed to operate as a one hundred percent outside company.

MR. MOMIS said that Bougainvilleans need to raise funds so that there is food on the table, there are monies for School fees and to enjoy life and the government under his leadership will develop a policy to assist them. He said his immediate task is to create good governance, weapons disposal and economic recovery for Bougainville.

Writs will be returned tomorrow and swearing in for the new President would be on Thursday.

After swearing in the new President would then announce a caretaker Ministry for the next two weeks.

The inauguration ceremony would be held at the KUBU Parliament House on June 15th.

08.06.2010

Source: Radio New Zealand International

Momis claims Bougainville leaders dumped over corruption

Posted at 03:36 on 08 June, 2010 UTC

The man likely to assume the leadership of the autonomous Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville says the outgoing administration was corrupt and that is why it has been dumped by voters.

The outcome of the presidential race is due to be declared tomorrow when the writs are to be returned, but a former governor, John Momis, has what seems an unassailable lead.

His party, New Bougainville, has also been swept into power with less than a quarter of the current MPs retaining their seats.

Mr Momis says the MPs have been dumped because the people had become disillusioned with an administration that ignored massive misappropriation and other corrupt practices.

"I will adopt a zero tolerance approach to corruption and mismanagement because this is precisely what the people are demanding and if we are going to attract foreign investment and foreign aid we have to tackle the problem of corruption and mismanagement."

08.06.2010

Source: Abendblatt (Germany)

Rohstoffe

Aurubis verzeichnet deutlich steigenden Kupferbedarf

8. Juni 2010, 08:24 Uhr

Hamburg. Europas größter Kupferhersteller Aurubis in Hamburg registriert angesichts der Konjunkturerholung in Europa eine steigende Kupfernachfrage. Der Bedarf nehme über mehrere Industriebranchen hinweg stark zu, sagte Vorstandschef Bernd Drouven gestern am Rande einer Kupferkonferenz in Hamburg. Die Erholung bei vielen Kunden in Elektroindustrie, dem Maschinenbau und der Automobilindustrie sowie der unverändert hohe Kupferbedarf in China hatte das Geschäft von Europas größter Kupferhütte zuletzt angekurbelt.(dpa)

08.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CARS POOLED

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President elect JOHN MOMIS says all government vehicles will be pooled after work as of Thursday this week.

He said no public servants would be allowed to keep government vehicles after work as it was in the past.

MR. MOMIS made these comments during a news conference after he was declared this afternoon.

He said ABG has no money and cannot afford to spend monies on unnecessary expenses.

MR. MOMIS said vehicles that are on the road after hours with no good reasons will be pulled off from drivers by Police.

The National understands this would be the first time to pool government vehicles on Bougainville.

Many government vehicles in the past were seeing driven by wives and children of public servants.

08.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS DECLARED

By Aloysius Laukai

Former Bougainville Governor and PNG Ambassador to Beijing, CHINA, JOHN MOMIS has won the Bougainville elections.

He was declared winner by the Provincial Returning Officer GEORGE TARALA just after two pm this afternoon.

JOHN MOMIS reached the and in fact went over the absolute majority required in the first count only.

MR. MOMIS polled a total of 43,047 votes to win the highest post in Bougainville.

The runner up outgoing President JAMES TANIS polled 17,205 votes.

The absolute majority required was 41,112 votes.

Just after his declaration, MR. MOMIS thanked the people of Bougainville for having faith in his leadership.

He told those gathered that he will work with all factions of Bougainville and his government will be an inclusive government.

MR. MOMIS said that his first task is to create good governance, remove all weapons and raise the economy of Bougainville through investments.

He said Bougainville needs to move forward and raise it own funds as donations and grants from donors and the Papua New Guinea Government will dry up soon.

07.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Oldies back in power

By Fabian Gatana

Counting is about to come to an end in Buka, while Central and South Bougainville have completed theirs already.

Some of Bougainville's old-timers have "come home" ready to take on the second Autonomous Bougainville House of Representatives.

Leo Hannett, declared as winner in the Nissan seat, is ready to take on what he preached in his platform and that is "to provide strong, honest and transparent leadership". He will be sworn in on June 15.

Sam Tulo, who contested the Haku Constituency seat, did not make it to the top. He was the fifth to be eliminated out of the 20 candidates who stood for this seat.

Dr Alexis Sarei, a longtime "green card" holder of the United States, returned home to stand for elections to serve

the people of Peit and Bougainville.

Former provincial Communications Minister Carolus Ketsimur won his Taonit Tinputz seat and is now bracing for a new Bougainville.

Former national MP Joseph Egilio, member for Central Bougainville, who was unseated by another former national MP under the same seat Sam Akoitai, will be a leader for the next five years, until the third house elections in 2015.

For these leaders, their "master" is John Momis who is leading by a huge margin in the presidential candidate race.

Momis, if declared soon, will be their top position holder, and it is very likely they will be given ministries in the second ABG House.

07.06.2010

Source: Radio New Zealand International

Bougainville's Itta keeps seat, credits links to voters

Posted at 05:16 on 07 June, 2010 UTC

One of the few Cabinet Ministers to retain his seat in the elections for the autonomous Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville says it's because of the strong links he maintained with his electorate.

Final results in the poll are due with the writs to be returned on Wednesday.

Of the seats declared so far the bulk has gone to newcomers, with just three Cabinet Ministers returned.

Dominic Itta, the Agriculture Minister in the outgoing Government says most of those who lost their seats had ignored their constituencies.

"But as for me, myself, I had to visit my constituencies, even if there was no money, even if there was nothing I could offer them I would just go and talk to them and clarify how it is in the government system. So the people who have been removed they have been shown to be incompetent or they have shown that they have not much interest for the people."

Dominic Itta in Bougainville.

The former Bougainville governor, John Momis, has established a huge lead in the race for the presidency.

07.06.2010

Source: Radio Australia News

Technical difficulties delay Bougainville result

Bougainville President James Tanis is trailing in the vote, according to unofficial results. [ABC]

Last Updated: Mon, 7 Jun 2010 16:20:00 +1000

Election officials in the autonomous Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville have had to delay announcing the results of the presidential election following technical difficulties with the counting machines.

So far, unofficial results put the former governor of the Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville, John Momis, ahead of the incumbent president James Tanis.

Radio Australia's reporter in Bougainville, Aloysius Laukai, said on Monday they were still waiting for the results of the third round.

"There was some problem with the machines and they started again this morning and they are eliminating the third elimination and this will be declared this morning," he said.

07.06.2010

Source: Radio Australia Pacific Beat

Bougainville election result delayed by technical problems

Updated June 7, 2010 09:08:48

The result of the Bougainville elections in Papua New Guinea is due to be announced today.

Unofficials results had put the former governor of the Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville, John Momis, ahead of the incumbent president James Tanis.

Mr Momis is also the former PNG ambassador to China.

Presenter: Geraldine Coutts

Speaker: Aloysius Laukai, Bougainville Reporter

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LAUKAI:

John Momis, a former governor is leading with 41,778 and the president James Tanis is on 17,106.

COUTTS:

Ok so will we actually hear officially today the results from the election?

LAUKAI:

Yeah we should find out the declaration for the final constituency in Buka this morning. I was at the counting centre and there was some problem with their machines and they started again this morning and they're on the third elimination and there is declaring this morning by 8 o'clock.

COUTTS:

Why do you think Mr Momis has managed after his absence in China as the ambassador to come back and take this lead?

LAUKAI:

It's because of the wishes of the people, they want good leadership that was not provided in the past. So they want Momis to come back and lead the team of Bougainvilleans, to take it into the next step that they're looking at the referendum.

COUTTS:

Is the inference there then Aloysius that Mr Tanis isn't regarded as a good leader?

LAUKAI:

Yeah he's a good leader, but according to the votes the people opted for Mr Momis to lead for the next five years.

COUTTS:

And Mr Momis also says that some of his priorities are as you say strong leadership but better education and health, what's he promising there?

LAUKAI:

At the moment what he's promising is good governance and to make sure that there's law and order before anything can happen, before development or economic activities can really work on Bougainville.

COUTTS:

And has Mr Momis said anything about the Panguna mine opening has he made any public comments?

LAUKAI:

He hasn't made any public comment but I covered one of his campaigns in Arawa and the supporters were talking about opening the mine and they were talking about revisiting the Bougainville Copper agreement with the national government and BCL to reopen the mine so that it can support the economy of Bougainville.

COUTTS:

He's also told one of the independent observers of the elections who's now left Bougainville that he thinks that the Panguna mine should open. But why do you think he's been reluctant to say anything public? Is that out of consideration for how sensitive that issue still is?

LAUKAI:

Yes because he has to talk with the landowners, he hasn't faced them because he came just before the elections. But he's thinking of talking with the landowners and then if they agree then they can look at opening the mine.

COUTTS:

And will everyone be happy with Mr Momis or are there factions that aren't happy with the fact that he might become the next president?

LAUKAI:

Yeah a lot of people have been commenting on Momis, they were just looking a bit suspicious of Momis. They were saying that they could bring, if Momis wins it could bring them back to PNG, but looking at the votes the people have spoken, the voters they want Momis to lead.

COUTTS:

Ok and just briefly what time today do you think we'll get a definitive result Aloysius?

LAUKAI:

It could be after lunch, by the way things are going it could be after lunch. And Momis is in Moresby and he'll be arriving at 11 o'clock this morning and maybe he'll come straight to the counting centre.

07.06.2010**Source: Post-Courier****Nine retain seats in ABG elections**

By GORETHY KENNETH

CONSTITUENCY seats have all been declared and elimination is now being done on women and ex-combatant seats in North and South Bougainville.

The presidential seat ballot papers for Central and South will be brought to Buka to be recounted for the declaration.

More than 85 per cent of the leaders declared from the region are new members while only nine members from the last house have retained their seats.

Those that retained their seats were;

- * Dominic Itta – Kongara Constituency
- * Thomas Pataaku – Ramu Constituency
- * Wilfred Komba – Konnou Constituency
- * Ezekiel Massat – Tonsu Constituency
- * Patrick Nisira – Halia Constituency
- * Luke Karaston – Suir Constituency
- * Pastor Joseph Nopeii – Teua Constituency
- * Michael Komoiki – Kopii Constituency
- * John Tabinaman – Mahari Constituency

Ex-combatant and women candidate seats in all three regions have also been replaced except for North and Central where these two women leaders – Magdalene Toroansi left the seat to contest the top post and Francesca Semoso vacated the north women's seat to contest her Tsitalato constituency seat. The list of the second ABG house is on page 5.

07.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville Elections Results Update

NEW DAWN STOPS

By Aloysius Laukai

New Dawn FM will stop its live broadcast for the ABG Elections counting tonight and New Dawn FM will close at midnight tonight.

And the management of NEW DAWN FM would like to thank FRANCIS SIPERAU for making it possible for New Dawn FM to carry out this two weeks broadcast.

New Dawn FM however will continue to update its website with the latest news on the events leading to the swearing in ceremony which again will be broadcasted live from KUBU ABG House.

New Dawn FM also acknowledges the various comments it received from Bougainvilleans across the globe during the last two weeks.

Posted at 09:09 PM

- 1 Kongara retain Dominic Ita
- 2 Torokina Steven Suako
- 3 Atolls Frank Pasini Marena
- 4 Kokoda Joseph Bausina
- 5 Nissan Leo Hannett
- 6 Bolave Lawrence Uakai
- 7 S/Nasioi John Ken
- 8 Baba William Silamai
- 9 Lato William Lababua
- 10 Taunita/Teop Micah Mose
- 11 Taunita/Tinputz Carolus Ketsimur
- 12 Teua retain Rev Joseph Nope
- 13 Mahari retain John Tabinaman
- 14 Ramu retain Thomas Mauroko Pataku
- 15 Rau Joseph Egilio
- 16 Terra Robin Wilson
- 17 Suir retain Luke Karaston
- 18 Eivo/Torau Melchior Dare
- 19 Motua Huyono Alberth Punghau
- 20 Kopii Philip Kuhena
- 21 Selau Terry Mose
- 22 Konnou retain Wilfred Komba
- 23 North Nasioi Nicholas Daku
- 24 Haku James L Biani
- 25 Ioro Michael Oni
- 26 Halia retain Patrick NASIRI
- 27 Hagogohe retain retain Robert Hamal Sawa
- 28 Peit Dr Alexis Sarei
- 29 Tonsu retain Ezekiel Masatt
- 30 Tsitalato Cosmas Sohia

- 1 Central Bougainville Joane Jerome
- 2 South Bougainville Rose Pihei
- 3 North Bougainville

Ex-Combatant Members

- 1 Central Bougainville David Sisito
- 2 South Bougainville
- 3 North Bougainville

President Seat

Posted at 09:07 PM

The last constituency TSITALATO has been declared this morning.
COSMAS SOHIA won the seat left vacant by the jailed former member HILLARY LARIS.
Francesca Semoso came second.
They are now eliminating the Regional seats for Women and Ex Combatants.
Seat for the President will be declared by lunch time tomorrow Tuesday.
New Dawn FM will cease covering the counting as of 12 midnight tonight.

AL

Posted at 02:14 PM

06.06.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

MOMIS SET TO WIN

By Aloysius Laukai

It is certain that the former Ambassador to China JOHN MOMIS is set to lead Bougainville for the next five years.
After count 118 in North, Count 112 in Central and Count 122 in South **Momis is on 41,778** whilst the current
ABG President JAMES TANIS is on 17,106

The rest are as follows, Robert Atsir 4357

Reuben Siara 7057

Martin Miriori 5602

Sylvester Niu 1663

Magdalen Toroansi 2973

In the Tsitalato seat. Counting has been completed with Cosmas Sohia leading.

They are now on the 3rd elimination.

We will update shortly with the figures.

Posted at 09:29 PM

Tsitalato seat after count 6,

John Bosco Ragu is leading with 300 votes

Cosmas Sohia second with 237

Francesca Semoso 182

Robert Sisika 140

Philip Oris 114

Peter Keria 67

Francis Borgia Omi 15

Joseph Gatana 81

There is no suspension this morning.

Counting will continue until Tsitalato seat is declared today.

We will continue to update you on the Regional Seats and the Presidential seats until all seats are declared
hopefully by tonight.

AL

BUKA

Posted at 07:04 AM

05.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

LEADER DISMISSES RUMOR

By Aloysius Laukai

A rumor that there was a plot to assassinate ABG Presidential candidate JOHN MOMIS by supporters of ABG
President JAMES TANIS has been dismissed as untrue by a leader in Central Bougainville.

The newly elected ABG member for South Nasioi MR. JOHN KEN confirmed to New Dawn FM yesterday (Friday) and assured all Bougainvilleans that those who have made such comments were not associated with either President James Tanis or former BRA Commander Ishmael Toroama. He said these have tarnished the reputation of President James Tanis and Ishmael Toroama. He said whoever made these threats were not genuine about the peace on Bougainville which both leaders are a signatory to the Bougainville Peace Agreement. Mr. Ken added that he was working on a strategy for both parties to come together and sort out their differences and continue to work together for the good of all Bougainvilleans. MR. JOHN KEN was a chief village court magistrate for Arawa for ten years and is of Bougainville and New Ireland parentage. He contested against ISHMAEL TOROAMA and several others in the South Nasioi constituency and won.

05.06.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections Results Update**

THIRTY SEATS DECLARED

By Aloysius Laukai

A total of 32 seats have been declared as one final seat remains to be counted in the ABG second General Elections 2010.

In South Bougainville they are counting the last constituency of Baubake whilst winners for the LULE and MAKIS seats have been declared.

For the Makis seat a newcomer NEWTON KAUYA has unseated the former Communication Minister, JEFFREY NABUAI and for the LULE seat the winner is a former commerce officer, PAUL MITU.

MR. MITU has unseated sitting member JOSEPH KINANI.

In North Bougainville, DR.ALEXIS SAREI has won the PEIT seat left vacant by LAWRENCE BELLEH who decided not to contest in this year's election.

DR. SAREI mastered absolute majority on count one and was declared without any eliminations.

Counting for the TSITALATO seat will be done tonight.

Counting for the TONSU constituency has been completed and could be declared anytime now.

Tonsu electorate is currently held by the VICE PRESIDENT IZIKIEL MASSAT.

Posted at 05:39 PM

PEIT UPDATE

BY AL

DR. SAREI is still leading after count 5

DR is on 1139

Steven Trevor Nobi is second with 144

Gabriel Katun 141

Tsingoli Sawa 88

Posted at 01:47 AM

05.06.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections. Results Update**

NORTH WOMEN SEAT UPDATE

By Aloysius Laukai

Elizabeth Tangji Burain is still leading since counting started for the North Bougainville seats.

Burain is on 7371

Anastasis Lappointe is catching up with 5896

Maryann Tousala 4154
Hona Holan 4086
Roselyn Gatana is on 3195
Posted at 01:44 AM
PEIT COUNT
By Aloysius Laukai

After count 4
Dr. Alexis Sarei is leading with 527
Steven Trevor Nobl 67
Jerome Tsingoli Sawa 50
Simon Kekero 9
Henry Masangki Sinei 6

Posted at 01:41 AM

05.06.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
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EX COMBATANTS UPDATE

By Aloysius Laukai

Ex combatants in North Bougainville, FRANCO HOPPING has now taken over the lead from Francis Boisivire who has been leading from count 1.

Franco is on 4930,
Francis Boisivire 4854
Peter John Barik 4305
Korana Ratsi 2538
Ben Malatan Korus 2637
Eddie Mohin 2133
VINCENT VAGASI 2402
Sitting member Marchelin Getsi Laris 2539

Posted at 01:37 AM

05.06.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
Elections. Results Update**

PRESIDENT UPDATE

by Aloysius Laukai

As of 1.30am John Momis is on 32441

**James Tanis 15749
Reuben Siara 6472
Martin Miriori 4964
Robert Atsir 4050
Magdalen Toroansi 2727
Sylvester Niu 1561**

Counting in Buka is now on Peit Constituency with just two more constituencies left that is Tonsu and Tsitalato.

In Buin they should be on Makis and Baubake the last last constituencies not yet counted.

Posted at 01:31 AM

05.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CONDOLENCE

By Aloysius Laukai

Former Bougainville Governor, Ambassador JOHN MOMIS this afternoon sent his condolences to the family and relatives of the late ISAIAH MOROKO who passed away in Buka this week.

MR. MOMIS told New Dawn FM from Port Moresby today that he was sad to hear of his untimely death. He said that MR. MOROKO was Bougainville's own Chief Pilot who made Bougainville proud with his career. MR. MOMIS said that MR. MOROKO had contributed his life to development of Bougainville and its people.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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NOT MY WIN

By Tom Kathoa

The re-elected Member for Hagogohe Constituency, Hon Robert Hamal Sawa has dedicated his election victory to the Youths and people of his constituency.

Speaking soon after his election victory, the Member Elect said his win is Not for himself and family, but for the people of Gogohe and Bougainville as a whole.

Minister Sawa in his speech also urged all educated people of his constituency and the candidates to join him in his vision to bring about development to the constituency.

Directing his speech to his challengers, the member asked for forgiveness for any harm and political differences caused during the campaign period and join hands in ensuring that the people receive services they rightly deserve.

He said as an elected leader, he would serve not only those who voted for him, but all the people of the constituency.

Minister Sawa is currently the Minister for Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal in this government.

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04.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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PEACE MINISTER GETS HOME

BY Tom Kathoa

Minister for Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal in the Autonomous Bougainville Government, Hon Robert Hamal Sawa has retained his Hagogohe Constituency seat.

The Minister had to face a field of five candidates to defend his seat which he did successfully with a convincing win.

The re-elected Member for Hagogohe Constituency was declared winner with a total of 1,184 while in second place is Peter Sohia with 1126 votes by the Regional Returning Officer, Mr George Tarala at lunch time today.

In third place is candidate, Mr. Gerald Hanet.

He joins a small team of current ABG Members who have been re-elected by their people to represent them in parliament for the next five years.

He teams up with two colleague ministers, Hon Dominic Itta, and Hon Patrick Nisira minister for Primary Industry and Works respectively.

The re-elected Member for Hagogohe polled 1071 preferential or popular votes before heading into the elimination process to determine the winner. The Member elect faced one-time politician cum public servant, Mr. Peter Sohia to fight it out in the finale contest for the position of Member for Hagogohe. In the finale count, Member Elect, Hon Robert Hamal Sawa collected a total of 1184 votes to Mr. Sohia's 1126 votes.

04.06.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville future at risk

By SIMON ERORO

PNG Customs has detected what appears to be an increase in illicit foreign activities in Bougainville involved in smuggling and other activities over the recent years without consideration to the sensitive situation on Bougainville.

PNG Customs commissioner Gary Juffa said this yesterday while raising concerns about the growing security concerns on the island of Bougainville.

Mr Juffa said the Customs intelligence had reported a significant increase in the illicit movement of goods and people into and out of the island of Bougainville, posing increasing threats to the security of Papua New Guinea's borders and communities.

"It has come to the stage where I am seriously considering withdrawing all Customs services from Bougainville and concentrating on the borders of PNG as my officers' safety and wellbeing has been threatened seriously by armed elements," Mr Juffa said.

Mr Juffa said, "There is no means for Customs to protect its officers and no means to enforce the law. The disarmament process does not seem to have had any effect and increasing reports of armed groups cropping up in Bougainville are a grave concern for my office." He said his officers had been threatened and intimidated in many occasions and he was refusing to allow his officers and their families to continue to live there in fear of their lives and safety. Mr Juffa has threatened to withdraw from Bougainville if nothing was done soon on the elements who continued to threaten his men. "I will have no choice but to withdraw. I am saddened to see there is a regression of the situation on Bougainville and there appears to be no control of the situation. I am concerned about the effects on the rest of PNG and the security risk posed by smuggling of contraband and illicit movement of people," Mr Juffa said.

He said Customs had taken measures to ensure any attempts to breach the border laws will be detected and dealt with.

The call comes amid reports of the smuggling of scrap metal, fuel and other equipment from Bougainville by foreign companies, a problem which has grown to a point where armed elements were organising foreign companies to enter Bougainville as they please.

04.06.2010

**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
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MOMIS LEADING

By Aloysius Laukai

Former Bougainville Governor JOHN MOMIS is extending his lead in all corners of Bougainville. As of 3am MR. MOMIS was leading with 30265, whilst JAMES TANIS was coming second with 15160, ROBERT ATSIR 3903, REUBEN SIARA 6366, MAGDALEN TOROANSI 2684, MARTIN MIRIORI 4524, SYLVESTER NIU 1531

Posted at 03:57 AM

04.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville Elections Results Update

27 in

By Aloysius Laukai

A total of 27 seats have been declared since countings for the ABG general elections a week ago. Out of the 27 only seven former members have retained their seats whilst the rest are new comers.

Also two ABG ministers have also retained their seats. They are DPI Minister DOMINIC ITTA and Minister for Works PATRICK NISIRA.

The counting is moving towards the next Minister, ROBERT HAMAL's seat of Hagogohe and the Vice President EZIKIEL MASATT's seat of Tonsu

Posted at 02:24 AM

04.06.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville Elections Results Update

MINISTER RETURNS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Works Minister and member for Halia has retained his seat.

He was declared by the ARO for Buka FRANCIS TOMMY at 00.25 am.

MR. NISIRA led the counts from count 1 and never looked back.

Mr. Nisira reached the absolute majority just after three eliminations.

He polled 1764 whilst the runner up Damian Kora mastered 512

Just after PATRICK NISIRA was declared the runner up DAMIAN KORA congratulated the member elect and called on the losing candidates and their supporters to accept the wishes of the people.

He said that he would work with the member elect to develop Halia and Bougainville as a whole

Posted at 02:12 AM

03.06.2010

Source: Radio Australia Pacific Beat

Brij Lal observes Bougainville Election

Updated June 3, 2010 17:33:00

Results from the Bougainville elections are expected in around a week's time. The Assembly consists of 40 seats one of which is reserved for the President. At the moment the front runner for the top job is John Momis with the incumbent James Tanis second. Each candidate has announced their intention to reopen the Panguna copper mine which was closed during the 10 year long war in the province.

Presenter: Geraldine Coutts

Speaker: Professor Brij Lal from the Australian National University]

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LAL: I mean there are some problems understandable in the lines of communication difficulties, infrastructure and so on, but my sense was that first of all there was commitment on the part of people to make it work and the second thing was very clear to me as I travelled from Buka to Arawa, to South - Siwai area, out in the bush, former combatants, the BRA were participating in the elections. I mean there are some members of BRA who were standing outside, but by and large, people wanted to make it work and you had the sense that they wanted to go forward. I think on the whole, one would say that the elections were fair and free. I talked at length to Mr James Tanis, the president as well as to John Momis, both of them said to me as far as they are concerned the process was working and they have full confidence. So I think this is very, very important development and more important, it is a very important election, because in 2014 there will be a vote under the peace agreement between Bougainville and Papua New Guinea to determine whether Bougainville will become independent or not.

COUTTS: John Momis, who is one of the candidates and at the moment counting is still in progress. He's ahead of James Tanis. But you spoke, as you just mentioned, to Mr Momis and he has ideas and feelings about the mine in Panguna?

LAL: Well, I think it is point - that which ever part wins, whoever is president, this is an issue they will have to deal with. Panguna mine was of course a conflict from 1988 to 1998. My sense is that having talked to both these gentlemen, that they will look at ways of reopening the mine. Because if Bougainville is to have an autonomous existence, it will have to have a strong financial base and in the present circumstances, that will only come from the Panguna mine. I think that Mr Tanis is likely or he has told us that he would like to open the mine, but may be a renegotiated deal with the former Bougainville Copper Limited, the BCL and I think it would be fair to say that John Momis is looking at other sources, including China. He talked about getting China involved in commercial agriculture, he talked warmly about their expertise and skill the Chinese have. Whoever wins the mine will I think at a time reopen, but by whom I think is something that is unclear at the moment.

COUTTS: It's not surprising I think that John Momis is speaking warmly about the Chinese. He has just spent the last year or so there as the ambassador and he also has a personal connection to China?

LAL: Yes, I was surprised. He received it very graciously at his house in Sohano and he talked about his ancestry. He says my grandfather was Chinese in the area around Buin which is southern Bougainville and he said when he went to China, he went to his "ancestral village" and it was a very moving experience for him. I think he is well, you know he was ambassador to Beijing, so they are both personal connection, but also his own direct professional involvement as a diplomat.

COUTTS: Now what role did he think that the Chinese can play in the running of Panguna?

LAL: He was not specific. This was the last days of the campaign. The question was asked by one of the members of our group about Chinese practices in mines and resource exploitation in other parts of the world, including Africa, but he was very circumspect in his comments, but giving the impression that if he won, that he would certainly not rule China out.

COUTTS: Now there are some in the pack that feel that both Sir Michael Somare and John Momis, who attract a venerable status now probably should stand aside for someone younger like James Tanis?

LAL: Well, this is one of the problems in the Pacific, not only Papua New Guinea, Bougainville, but remember also Fiji with Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara. I suppose there is a sense that some of these people feel that they are indispensable to the destiny of their countries. John Momis is now in his 70s, Sir Michael Somare is again of the same vintage. Yeah, I think this is a human trait, you don't want to give up power. You feel that you are indispensable. You feel you have a lot to contribute. But my sense was again just looking at the candidate for presidency, in Bougainville, a number of younger people, including a woman candidate for president was a surprise. You see the difficulty in Bougainville is again the legacy of the last ten year conflict between 88 and 98. I mean schools were destroyed, children did not go to school, infrastructure was hobbled. So you are now really getting a new cadre of leaders and may be in four, five years time they will have the necessary experience and skill to take on leadership positions in their country.

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
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SOUTH UPDATE

By Aloysius Laukai

We have some reports from our team in Buin

Ex combatants for South Bougainville the sitting member BEN PAURA is leading with 3949 votes. PETER NAGUO is on 1675, TOMMY DISSING 1615, JOSEPH BAKOI 1494, PAUL PILATUS NAMESI 1390, MICHAEL LAITA 2229, JOSHUA KANGKU 2385

Women/s seat for South, BERNARDINE KIRAA 5824, JEMBO MANGUNG MATANIE 3270, MONICA KARAKO 1173, Sitting member and Minister for Women Youth and Sports LAURA AMPA 1057 and the leader, ROSE PIHEI on 8321.

For the Presidential seat for South Bougainville only after count 91.

Robert Atsir is on 533, John Momis is still leading with 9767, James Tanis is on 5998 Reuben Siara 2328, Martin Miriori 826, Sylvester Niu 221 and Magdalen Toroansi 609.

In North Bougainville counting is still on Halia constituency. With declaration sometimes tonight. They have just completed the counting on count 11 for Halia.

Counting has also started on the Hagogohe constituency.

Central Bougainville is yet to declare the Ex Combatants seat and give the final figures for the seat of the President.

We will update you on the total progressive figures for the Presidential seat from all regions later tonight.

Posted at 08:41 PM

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
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MEKAMUI WOULD ACCEPT PEOPLES WISH

By Aloysius Laukai

The Mekamui group in Panguna today promised to accept the wishes of the people of Bougainville.

One senior Mekamui official Blaze said that the MEKAMUI group will work with the ABG to create total peace and unity on Bougainville.

He said that his group had opened up the roadblock to both the election officials and International Election Monitors as part of their commitment to work with the ABG.

The group this afternoon visited the Hutjena counting centre and said that they were satisfied with the conduct of election throughout the region.

Meanwhile the Acting Electoral Commissioner REITAMA TARAVARU

Thanked the Mekamui group for honouring their commitment through the MOU signed just before the elections.

He said this has made possible for all the people of Bougainville to express their democratic right to vote for their leader.

Posted at 04:12 PM

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
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COUNTING UPDATE

By Aloysius Laukai

Three more seats have been declared in the counting for the ABG elections 2010.

In Central two seats were declared this morning, One for the NORTH NASIOI seat held by ABG's Finance

Minister MATHIAS SALAS was won by a Agriculturist NICK DARKU.
And the first women's regional seat for Central was also declared this morning.
JOAN JEROME won this seat left vacant when the former member, Magdalen Toroansi decided to run for the Presidential seat.
Only the Excombatants seat for Central is remaining to be declared in Central Bougainville.
In Buin the LULE seats going through the elimination process and could be declared this afternoon.
In the North, The Haku seat was this morning won by JAMES L BEANI who polled 1056 votes.
MR. BEANI had to survive 18 eliminations to win this highly competitive seat.
20 candidates contested this seat.
Runner up was MR. PAUL KEHONO who polled 751 votes.
They had to eliminate the sitting member JAN TENEVI to find the final winner.
The count is now on count 8 for the HALIA constituency.
After count 7, sitting member PATRICK NISIRA is leading with 1,095 Damien Kora is coming second with 223 votes.
The others are Christopher Kabobo 166, Bowen Ragu is at 60, Alex Sila 53, Leo Soli 41, Martin Giris Sarei 16, Cletus Harepa 14, Paul Hatera 8 Alphonse Ratsi 5
Borger Semoso Samu 4.
The next seat to be counted is Hagogohe...their ballot papers are already at the counting centre.

Posted at 03:26 PM

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**Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville
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HALIA ON

By Aloysius Laukai

After count 6, in the seat of Halia, The sitting member PATRICK NISIRA is leading the race with 941 votes, Damien Kora is second with 164 votes,
Paul Hatera 8, Businessman Cletus Harepa 13, Martin Giris Sarei 14, Alphonse Ratsi 4, Bowen Ragu 55, Leo Soli 39, Borger Semoso Samu 2, Christopher Kabobo 142 and Alex Sila 39

For the Haku seat they are still in the elimination process.
Out of the 20 candidates only 4 are still in race with 17th elimination
The figures are Januaerius Tenevi sitting member is on 692, James Biani 777 and Paul Kehono is on 641.
Declaration anytime this morning.
In Central, The women's seat was taken this morning by JOAN JEROME with 8,706 and the runner up Rosemary Duruinu Moses mastered 8237
We will update shortly with other seats shortly

Posted at 07:15 AM

03.06.2010

**Source: Post-Courier
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Momis leads, Treasurer ousted

By GORETHY KENNETH

Autonomous region of Bougainville Government Treasurer Mathias Salas has been ousted — the latest in the string of first MPs voted out.
He has been unseated by Nicholas E. Daku, an agriculturalist from Toborai village in Kieta, central Bougainville.
North Nasioi is the constituency that also includes the region's former capital, Arawa. Daku became the 24th person to be declared as of 9pm last night. Trade Minister Joseph Watawi has also been unseated by a pastor,

Terry Mose.

The others include:

- * Kongara, Dominic Itta (retained)
- * Orokina- Steven Suako (new)
- * Atolls- Frank Pasini (new)
- * Kokoda- Joseph Bausina (new)
- * Nissan- Leo Hannett (new)
- * Bolave- Lawrence Uakai (new)
- * South Nasioi John Ken (new)
- * Rau -Joseph Egilio (new)
- * Taonita Teop Micah Mose (new)
- * Lato-William Lavabua (new)
- * Baba-William Siramai (new)
- * Taonita Tinputz-Carolus Ketsimur (new)
- * Teua- Joseph Nopei (retain)
- * Terra- Robin Wilson (new)
- * Mahari- John Tabinaman (retain)
- * Ramu-Thomas Pataaku (retained)
- * Suir- Luke Karaston-retain
- * Eivo/Torau-Melchior Dare (new)
- * Motuna/Huyono-Albert Punghau (new)
- * Kopii-Philip Kuhena (new)
- * Selau-Terry Mose (new)
- * Ioro-Michael Oni (new)
- * Konnou-Wilfred Komba (retained) and
- * North Nasioi-Nicholas Daku.

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Source: The National

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Momis looks set to win

FORMER Papua New Guinea ambassador to China John Momis, is confident of becoming president of Bougainville.

As of last night, Momis was leading incumbent President James Tanis by a comfortable margin.

When The National went to press, Momis polled 25,134 votes to Tanis' 13,875 votes, a difference of over 11,000.

The five other candidates were not polling well enough to pose any threat to the two.

He told Radio New Zealand that barring any foul play, he would win because he had wide support.

Momis said once elected, he would get straight to work to ensure Bougainville moved away from dependency on aid, and ensure weapons disposal was completed quickly.

"I have a two-pronged approach to reconstruct the economy of Bougainville. One is to find ways and means of enabling the people to raise income for themselves and their families.

"We must not be made to be dependent on the government.

"The other approach will be to find ways and means of enabling the government to go into big projects which would involve joint venture businesses with good credible foreign partners, to generate revenue for the government."

He said his government would use the increased revenue to provide badly needed services like education, health and infrastructure.

"Bougainville is rich with natural resources in many, many areas. That is something that we must do. We can't be forever dependent on handouts," he said.

He said the Tanis government had failed to tackle the problem of weapon disposal in a meaningful way, and that would be one of his first priorities.

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Source: Post-Courier

Outsiders stealing BCL properties

By GORETHY KENNETH

MUCH of the Bougainville Copper Limited properties in Central Bougainville have been stolen over the years by "outsiders," who sell the properties as scrap metal and make millions out of it.

It is alleged this arrangement with certain locals with those abroad had not been benefiting the true landowners at large. Bougainville Copper Foundation boss Paul Coleman said this in an interview with the Post-Courier. He also advised that BCL's position on bio-remediation and salvage of scrap metal was only to be given to legitimate landowner groups and to those with proof of expertise. "Much of BCL properties has been stolen over the years, a loss to the company and its shareholders and a loss to those landowners who could claim to have a legitimate place in the salvage process," Mr Coleman said. BCL believes that it is in the best interest of the people from the area to seize where possible any scrap shipped from Bougainville and prosecute those involved in theft, in any jurisdiction. BCL has stated that when it has access to the area, its first concern will be safety and environmental concerns. BCL is in a position to apply the best resources for this purpose. "Also, BCL's position in regard to bio-remediation and salvage of scrap is to only give approval to legitimate landowner groups and then only to those who provide proof of expertise to be able to do the job properly and who agree to a portion of the profits going towards landowner reconciliation."

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Tom Kathoa at 05:27 AM local time Bougainville

SLOW START

Counting of votes for the second Autonomous Bougainville Government general election is now on its tenth day. A total of 21 constituencies have been declared since counting began on Saturday the 22nd of May 2010.

Counting is being conducted in three different locations within the three regions of Bougainville, North, South and Central.

Counting in the Central region is expected to be completed by tomorrow, Wednesday and when that is done counting officials would return to Buka to assist their colleagues in Buka to complete the remaining ballot boxes before the official date for the return of writs

Officially the election writ has to be returned on the 9th of June and with its fast approaching, election officials have been asked to speed up the process in order to complete the job in good time before the 9th of June.

There are four more constituencies yet to be counted in South Bougainville, One in Central and Six in North Bougainville.

Counting for the Haku Constituency in Buka, North Bougainville started immediately after the declaration of the Selau Constituency this morning, but by four o'clock this afternoon there was still no figure registered on the screen.

The Haku Constituency is traditionally known as the most competitive constituency in Bougainville with a large number of contestants vying for the position.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Elections Results Update

Posted by Aloysius Laukai at 05:26 AM local time Bougainville

BUIN CHECK

The Acting Bougainville Electoral Commissioner, REITAMA TARAVARU this morning flew into Buin to physically check why there was delay in posting counting results from the Buin Counting Centre to the main Central Tally room in Buka.

This has raised concerns by both candidates and the public why results were not coming especially for the Regional seats of the Women's, Excombatants and the Presidential seat.

Last night the Bougainville Regional member, FIDELIS SEMOSO also questioned the Commissioner why the Returning officer for South Bougainville had changed the method of counting in South Bougainville. Meanwhile, four cabinet ministers in the out-going Autonomous Bougainville Government have lost their seats to new comers.

The ministers ousted are the Minister for Consumer Affairs and Member for Selau Hon Joseph Watawi who lost to Terry Mose, Health Minister and Member for Atolls, Taihu Pais who was defeated by businessman, Mr. Frank Pasini Marena.

The other ministers to who lost their seats are the Education Minister and Member for Lato, Hon Michael Otoroa and the Minister for Local Level Government (LLG) and Member for Motuna Huyono, Hon Jonathan Ngati. The only ABG minister to retain his seat is seat is Primary Industry Minister and Member for Kongara, Hon Dominic Itta.

Several other minsters including the president and his Vice President are still on the race as counting continues in their respective constituencies.

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Source: Post-Courier

16 new MPs take up posts in Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

SIXTY per cent of the members declared so far in Bougainville's second autonomous government elections have unseated incumbents.

And about 50 per cent of these new members belong to the New Bougainville Party - one that also accommodates longtime politician John Momis, who is leading with a huge margin on the presidential seat.

So far, 20 constituencies have been declared and from these, only four have retained their seats while 16 are new members.

Those that retained their seats are the Kongara seat won by Dominic Itta, in Central Bougainville, Pastor Joseph Nopeii for the Teua seat in North Bougainville, Luke Karaston (Suir) and John Tabinaman (Mahari).

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Source: minesite.com – Minews

That Was The Week That Was ... In Australia

By Our Man in Oz

Minews. Good morning Australia. More election doldrums for you?

Oz. Yes, and no. The market was certainly flat, but the election campaign picked up speed, as the conservative Liberal and National Parties squeezed past Labor in the latest opinion polls, published on Saturday. We've got three weeks to go before the August 21st vote, so anything could happen. For the mining sector, which has been harshly treated by Labor, the latest newspaper polling is a breath of fresh air, which might be reflected in prices on Monday.

Minews. The polling should also boost the mood at next week's Diggers & Dealers forum.

OZ. It will, especially as Diggers is all about the juniors. It's juniors that have been howling the loudest about the quick fix put in place by our recently imposed Prime Minister, Julia Gillard. The complaint, which has now become serious enough to merit the re-launch of damaging television and newspaper advertisements by the mining industry, is that the fix pleased only BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto and Xstrata, and did nothing at all for smaller companies. Those ads, plus a flood of leaks from within her own political party, have sparked some feisty headlines. "Honeymoon ends abruptly for Julia Gillard" was one such, featuring in this Saturday's Financial Review.

Minews. All very interesting, and potentially market moving, but let's get to last week's action.

Oz. If you insist, though it was a case of modest movement in both directions, with only a handful of stars, and few names we've never heard before. Overall, the ASX added a tiny 0.75 per cent last week. The metals index was up even less, by a mere 0.6 per cent, and the gold index lost two per cent as the gold price retreated. After we closed it was a different matter though, as gold then climbed back over US\$1,180 an ounce. The Aussie dollar followed, and took a peek above the US90 cent mark.

The best sector last week, or at least the one that generated the most news, was copper, where the Sandfire (SFR) situation simmered, Rex Minerals (RXM) reported a pot of copper even bigger than Sandfire's, Resource and Investment (RNI) hit a fresh 12 month high, and a company only the oldies remember, Bougainville Copper (BOC), reclaimed a spot in the headlines.

Minews. How interesting. Movement at Bougainville must surely be another indication of a revival in the entire copper sector.

Oz. Precisely. For the past month copper has been the metal watched most closely down this way. Interest has been strong on the back of a combination of discovery news, the price moving back over US\$3.20 a pound, and the steady decline in the global stockpile of the metal. In the case of Bougainville, which is actually a non-trading arm of Rio Tinto, a move up from A71 cents to a 12 month high of A87 cents over the past week earned the

company a speeding inquiry from the ASX. There was no fresh news, just a belief that copper mining might re-start on the Papua New Guinea island of Bougainville. Work there stopped just over 21 years ago after the outbreak of a small civil war. Any re-opening at Bougainville will require a total re-think in how the copper is mined, plus new processing and transport facilities, so it will not be a small lift.

Elsewhere among the copper companies, Rex was the big news, as it reported a maiden 700,000 tonnes of copper, plus 650,000 ounces of gold, at its Hillside project in South Australia, a total that piped Sandfire's Doolgunna discovery by roughly 50,000 tonnes of copper. The big difference, however, is that Hillside is a bulk, low-grade discovery averaging 0.7% copper. Doolgunna is a high-quality orebody averaging 5.5% copper. On the market, Rex rose by A29 cents to A\$1.91, copping a speeding inquiry on the way, after what appears to have been a spot of early trading by someone a little too well informed. Sandfire did less well, slipping A16 cents lower to A\$4.84. It was also in the news because it refused to offer a board seat to OZ Minerals (OZL), which raided Sandfire's share registry three weeks ago.

Other copper movers included Resource and Investment, which rose to a 12 month high of A51 cents, before easing to close on Friday at A47.5 cents. Talisman (TLM), another Doolgunna player, added A16 cents to A90 cents. Equinox (EQN) put on A7 cents to A\$5.04. OZ rose by A1.5 cents to A\$1.23. Redstone (RDS), which is exploring the Tollu project in central Australia, rose by 3.5 cents to A26 cents after it reported encouraging assay results, including 18 metres at 2.7% copper from a depth of 180 metres.

Minews. Let's finish with the base metals. Then over to iron ore and gold, please.

Oz. Panoramic (PAN) was the best of the nickel companies, putting in a rise of A15 cents to A\$2.46, but that was probably more because of a new gold exploration deal in Alaska. Western Areas (WSA) was second best, up A6 cents to A\$ 4.85 after it announced the first shipment of concentrate from its Forrestania operations. After that it was downhill, although the falls were fairly modest. Mincor (MCR) slipped A3 cents lower to A\$1.98, and Independence (IGO) fell A11 cents to A\$2.60.

Zinc companies had a mixed time of it. Perilya (PEM) added A3 cents to A43.5 cents after reporting strong June quarter production numbers. Kagara (KZL), added A6 cents to A65 cents, while Terramin (TZN) was stady at A61 cents, and Blackthorn (BTR) was also flat, closing the week out at A67 cents.

The performance among the gold companies was mixed, trending down. Among the handful of risers Kingsgate(KCN) added A5 cents to A\$ 9.78 after it announced a big resource upgrade. Silver Lake (SLR) rose by A8 cents to A\$1.88. Alkane (ALK) continued its revival with a rise of A2.5 cents to A35.5 cents, but did get as high as A40 cents on Tuesday. Argent (ARD), which we rarely hear from, added A3.5 cents to A23.5 after it announced the acquisition of the Bullant project near Kalgoorlie from Barrick Gold.

Gold fallers included Dominion (DOM), down A18 cents to A\$ 2.22, after it warned of a reserves downgrade, Medusa (MML), down A21 cents to A\$3.88 despite solid June quarter production report, and Resolute (RSG), down A10 cents to A77.5 cents, also in the face of good production numbers. Kingrose(KRM), fell A4.5 cents to A90.5 cents as investors wait for news of the first gold pour at its Sumatran mine. Perseus (PRU) fell A25 cents to A\$ 2.09.

Iron ore stocks also had a mixed week. Giralia (GIR) was the star, putting in a very impressive rise of A22 cents to A\$ 2.41 after it announced a resource upgrade at its McPhee Creek project. Also better off, Mt Gibson (MGX) rose A7 cents to A\$1.66, Grange (GRR) rose A5.5 cents to A56 cents, and Fortescue (FMG) rose A8 cents to A\$4.29. Territory (TTY) was A3 cents better off at A26.5 cents as the market factored in a more positive outlook for the company. On the negative side, Atlas (AGO) fell A4 cents to A\$2.01, BC Iron (BCI) fell A4 cents to A\$1.64, and Gindalbie (GBG) fell A1.5 cents to A97 cents. Iron Ore Holdings (IOH) fell another A3 cents to A\$1.30, meaning the company has more than halved in value since hitting a peak of A\$2.71 on March 11th, and all because of a failed sales agreement with Rio Tinto.

Minews. Fuel stocks now, please, coal and uranium.

Oz. Let's look at uranium first, because the US\$4.25 a pound rise in the spot uranium price during the week triggered quite a lot of renewed interest in the sector. Price moves were not large but almost all uranium companies ended in the black. The two losers were Energy Resources (ERA), which slipped A24 cents lower to A\$13.78, after poor production numbers, and Extract (EXT), which dropped A7 cents to A\$6.69. Among the risers, Berkeley (BKY) continues to build on interest in its Spanish uranium projects, and added A16 cents last week to A\$1.28. Energy and Metals (EMA) rose by A3.5 cents to A23.5 cents, Alliance (AGS) was up A1.5 cents to A34.5 cents, and Bannerman (BMN) gained A1.5 cents to A38.5 cents.

Coal companies were weaker across the board, but not by too much. Stanmore (SMR) slipped A3 cents lower to A87 cents. Whitehaven (WHC) was off by A13 cents to A\$5.42, Coal of Africa (CZA) dropped A9.5 cents to A\$1.83, while Kangaroo Coal (KRL), which we took a look at midweek, fell by A3.5 cents to A14.5 cents. The only coal play to rise was Bathurst (BTU), which has plans for the Buller project in New Zealand. It added A4.5 cents to A25 cents.

Minews. And specials to close.

Oz. Orocobre (ORE), one of the local lithium stocks, jumped A27 cents higher to close at A\$2.05 after it was included in a new exchange-traded lithium fund. Galaxy (GXY), the other local lithium favourite, added A6 cents to A\$1.15.

Minews. Thanks Oz.

31.07.2010

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30.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG PR MAN

By Aloysius Laukai

One of Bougainville Administration's senior officer has been appointed as Public Relations officer for the Bougainville Administration.

Former Regional Commissioner JAMES TORAWA's appointment was announced this week by the Acting Chief Administrator, RAYMOND MASONO.

MR. MASONO said that the main job for the Public Relations officer is to ensure that work of the Chief Administrator and the Bougainville Administration is effectively communicated to the public through the media. One of its duties would be to liaise with Radio Stations to organize radio coverage of the work of the office of the chief administrator and to assist in disseminating information on issues of interest/concerns within the whole of Bougainville administration.

The office will maintain close and professional working relationship with other media organizations.

New Dawn FM understands that the number five goal of the ABG President JOHN MOMIS is more awareness on the work of the ABG and its administration.

30.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO DELIVERS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Regional member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO today called on the Education division on Bougainville to immediately look at reforming the Education system on Bougainville. MR. SEMOSO said that the new system which looks at the quantity and not the quality is failing in imparting quality education to the students.

He said he would like the Education reform on Bougainville go back to the Village Tokples System which made the school children speak English at Elementary Schools.

MR. SEMOSO said for Bougainville to move forward it must make sure that its students who are future leaders get quality education.

The Regional member said that he was sad to see today's Grade 10 students unable to speak English.

MR. SEMOSO was speaking at the Opening of a Double Classroom at the Sohano Primary School this morning.

He had contributed FOUR THOUSAND KINA towards this classroom.

And at today's opening, MR. SEMOSO presented another TEN THOUSAND KINA to the Sohano Primary School.

29.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SAFETY FIRST

By Aloysius Laukai

A construction Manager Xavior Tsiwa today called on the people of Bougainville to maintain safety standards and measures at work places.

He was talking on New Dawn FM talk back show this morning.

He said that most construction companies were not adhering to safety requirements at workplaces.

MR. TSIWA said that it was a requirement for Employers to make sure that their employees are in safety gear at work especially construction sites.

He said Safety Boots, Gloves and Glasses are a must at construction sites which are supposed to be off limits to the public.

MR. TSIWA said that he would be running courses on safety at work places for both the Employers and the Employees to attend.

He said that prevention and minimising the risk of having accidents at work places is a must for everybody.

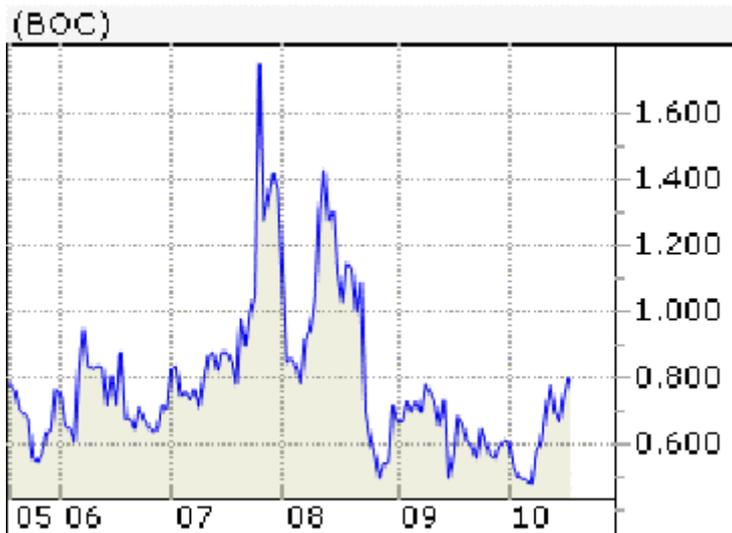
MR. TSIWA said that because there is no fire Station in Buka, building owners must be made aware of the type of Fire Extinguishers they need to quell any fire that may occur.

29.07.2010

Source: ESBC

Still 120% to gain until the 2007 high !

Noch 120% bis zum Jahreshoch 2007 !



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Source: Bougainville Copper Limited

Excellent figures and promising outlook in BCL's 2010 Half Year Report !
Hervorragende Zahlen und viel versprechender Ausblick in BCLs
Halbjahresbericht 2010 !

29.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville not ready for referendum: Momis

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

BOUGAINVILLE is not yet ready to go for a referendum to decide its political future, that's the view of the Autonomous Bougainville Government President Chief John Momis.

And he has warned that if Bougainville is not prepared to go for a referendum, it will be seen as a "failed state" or "banana republic".

Mr Momis said though it is clearly stipulated in the Bougainville Agreement that Bougainville should go for a referendum between 10-15 years, with that time frame starting from the formation of the first House of Representatives, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done.

According to that timeframe Bougainville now only has five years left when the referendum now scheduled to be held between 2015-2020.

One of the issues highlighted by the president that still needs to be immediately addressed is improving the capacity building for Bougainville.

Mr Momis said capacity building is the first major issue that Bougainville needs to address before it can consider other outstanding issues.

However, he said this cannot be carried out at the moment due to lack of money to fund the exercise.

One of the contributing factors pertaining to lack of funding is because Bougainville has not been raising enough revenue.

Other areas pointed out by Mr Momis that still need to be addressed are fiscal self reliance and weapons disposal.

On the issue of weapons disposal, Mr Momis said if it is not adequately addressed, no investors will be willing to come and do business in Bougainville.

Meanwhile, Mr Momis is appealing to Bougainvilleans to support the ABG Government.

"This government is not for Momis, it is the government for the people of Bougainville," he said.

"If you cannot support us then who will you listen to?"

29.07.2010

Source: The Australian / The Wall Street Journal

Goliath fights back against David in PNG mine battle

A HUGE resources boom that has been hidden behind Australia's mining success stories is under way in Papua New Guinea.

Billions of dollars have been pouring into Australia's closest neighbour to explore, study and develop massive deposits, chiefly of gas, copper-gold and nickel-cobalt.

As an Australian colony almost a century ago -- when the young Tasmanian Errol Flynn was prospecting there -- its income derived chiefly from mining. It was the lure of gold traces in fast-flowing rivers that led the first outside explorers to "discover" the populous Highlands, in the 1930s.

Since independence in 1975, the controversies over the Bougainville and Ok Tedi copper mines have significantly shaped Australians' knowledge of PNG.

And now, it is undergoing a boom as never before -- a boom led by Australian geologists, mining engineers, environmental experts, drill rig technicians, construction supervisors and others.

North Queensland's prosperity is riding, to an extent, on this PNG surge in resources, which provide 75 per cent of the country's export receipts.

But the boom is facing an unexpected threat, exacerbated severely by the government's stringent overreaction, which risks dividing the country and turning landowner groups against deals that promised to enrich them.

The core issue is new legislation that seeks to protect resource companies from any challenge to approved projects, including both legal action and protests. This has already been passed by the parliament -- whose scrambled and controversial adjournment, to protect the government led by Michael Somare from a no-confidence vote, means it will not sit again until November.

It was approved last month by 73 votes to 10 in parliament, but has not been ratified.

The legislation, in the form of amendments to the Environment Act, shelters resource projects from all litigation over the destruction of the environment, labour abuse, or landowner exploitation.

The amendments were driven by China's Metallurgical Construction Corp, the developer of the \$1.8 billion Ramu Nickel mine, which is 8.56 per cent-owned by Brisbane-based Highlands Gold.

Injunctions were won by Ramu landowners to put on hold the completion of the pipeline intended to slurry waste from the mine, once it is operational, out to sea off Madang.

Mount Hagen-based lawyer Tiffany Nonggorr, who represented landowners in obtaining an injunction from judge David Cannings said: "There are grave environmental concerns. MCC must find an alternative to dumping the mine waste into the bay. The mine's proposal is just too risky. This injunction is a massive victory for us, definitely a David and Goliath struggle." Goliath fought back, with the support of the Somare government.

Ms Nonggorr responded that, as a result of the new legislation, if an oil company had a catastrophe such as BP's off the US coast, "they would escape all liability for environmental damage".

The amendments give the director of the government's environment and conservation office wide-ranging discretion to award certificates granting exemptions to resource developers from state requirements. Deputy Opposition Leader Bart Philemon, a former treasurer, said the new legislation protected the interests of investors at the expense of the resource owners and of the environment.

Port Moresby Governor Powes Parkop said it delivered "almost absolute power to the government" on such matters.

But Sir Michael, defending the legislation, said: "We cannot get mining going while this is in court. The Prime Minister's Department has been held to ransom by (the judiciary). The government will lose a lot (of money)".

However, he has granted the Ramu project an unprecedented 10-year holiday from paying taxes.

The group that obtained the interim injunction is now seeking to make it permanent. This would trigger the need for a total reconfiguration of the project, which has always been predicated on dispersing its tailings in the ocean, which requires some preparatory blasting at the Basamuk reef.

The injunction was taken out by four people living on the Rai Coast. They claim that the discharge into the sea risks causing irrevocable damage to their lifestyle, which depends heavily on marine life.

Although the legislative amendments have been passed, they have not been ratified. So for now, the legal process continues to take precedence. Last week, a hearing with three judges decided 2-1 to keep the injunction in place.

Greg Anderson, the executive director of the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum, said on Monday that the controversial cause of the challenge to the Ramu Nickel mine -- its deep sea tailings placement -- had already been deployed in PNG by the gold mines at Lihir, Misima and Simberi without arousing controversy.

He said that Ramu Nickel had suffered from "a long, orchestrated campaign" of opposition that now threatens the whole project, on the verge of the completion of its construction.

"It's really causing major problems for us," he said. "Everybody in the industry is watching the issue with great interest.

"If such a major project -- for which the state has issued the required permits following the proper process -- is blocked, that will lead to ramifications for any economic activity in the country."

A core argument contributing to the injunction has been that the construction comprises a "public nuisance". But, Mr Anderson asked, "how can you build anything without causing a degree of nuisance?"

The conflict that caused the closure of the Bougainville copper mine was not, fundamentally, triggered by such environmental issues about the mine itself, Mr Anderson said. And now, the newly elected government of Bougainville is seeking to negotiate the reopening of the mine.

The Ok Tedi mine, whose original tailings dam collapsed, has been operating highly profitably since BHP-Billiton left in the wake of the resulting controversy that mired it in the courts.

The community groups in the area are now voting on whether to extend the mine's life beyond its planned closure in 2013. The pipeline from Ramu Nickel's mine site down to the refinery on the coast is now complete, and ready for commissioning. But concerns about the effects of the challenge on the completion of the Ramu Nickel project are underlined by the size of the other new projects on the move in PNG.

Besides the \$16.5 billion ExxonMobil liquefied natural gas project under way, piping the gas down from the Southern Highlands to a liquefying plant near Port Moresby, there are promising gas finds in Western Province, and an onshore project in Gulf Province led by InterOil.

The Frieda River copper-gold project led by Xstrata is due to move soon to full feasibility mode, and the Wafi project -- also copper-gold -- is not far behind, also in Morobe. These are each likely to become \$4-\$5bn ventures.

The latter is owned by Newcrest and Harmony, which are commissioning the Hidden Valley gold-silver project.

Marengo Mining is proceeding with a feasibility study at Yandera, a copper-gold deposit not far from Ramu Nickel -- for which the most likely solution for tailings, would be to hitch a ride on the Ramu Nickel pipeline, if it is finally allowed to operate.

Mr Anderson said: "All our members are watching the developments over Ramu Nickel very carefully. Deep sea tailings disposal will become a growing issue."

29.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SCHOOL NEEDS HELP

By Veronica Hannette

A local school Balil Primary School on Nissan Island is faced with a lot of problems ranging from infrastructure, staffing and financial problems.

Because of this, the School's Headmaster, Mr. Joseph Semi is urgently appealing to the authorities like the education division other stakeholders and the general public for support.

Mr. Semi says student's attendance is very poor; the number of student intake has drastically dropped from its first enrolment a common practice at the school.

The Headmaster also revealed that his school is also facing a teacher shortage, with poor curriculum materials. Mr. Semi attributed the lack of proper curriculum materials to the high cost of transportation as these basic government services are brought in by boats.

The principal is pleading to authorities to seriously and urgently look into the matter as this can spoil our future leaders

29.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

RUMINA OBITS

By Tom Kathoa

One of Bougainville's radio personality, Aloysius Rumina passed away in Buka this week. The late Rumina joined Radio Bougainville under the old Department of Information Extension Services (DIES) in the early seventies after completing his education studies at the Malaguna Technical School in East New Britain. The late broadcaster made his way to becoming Manager of the NBC Provincial Radio Stations. He served in East and West New Britain Provinces, New Ireland and Bougainville during his time with the NBC. The late Rumina had one of his leg amputated due to diabetes. He leaves behind a wife several children and a number of grand children. His body was laid to rest today at Pipisu in the Hagogohe Constituency.

29.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO IS STATE MINISTER

By Tom Kathoa

The failed move by the opposition to topple the Somare Government was a blessing in disguise for Bougainville and provinces not represented in cabinet. The Autonomous Region of Bougainville is among some provinces that benefited from the national opposition's attempt to move a vote of no confidence in the current Somare led government. Bougainville has four members in parliament and the region was rewarded with the elevation of the Regional Member, Hon Fidelis Semoso to State Minister. Hon Semoso was Vice Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Bougainville Affairs. However, the atmosphere in the attempt by the opposition to oust the current government in a no-confidence motion, Prime Minister Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare moved swiftly to name his new cabinet replacing those who have crossed to join the opposition. Ministers replaced including the former Deputy Prime Minister, Sir Dr. Puka Temu. In the government's new ministerial line-up, Bougainville's Regional Member, Hon Fidelis Semoso is now the Minister for Bougainville Affairs. The new minister was in the region at the weekend following the swearing in ceremony in Port Moresby last week. He returned to Port Moresby today accompanying the Autonomous Bougainville Government President, John Momis to hold discussion with the prime minister on financial matters affecting Bougainville.

29.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CULTURE SEPARATE

By Aloysius Laukai

Meanwhile the outgoing CEO for the Communication, Culture and Tourism, MARTIN TEREJA called on the Bougainville administration to quickly establish a separate administration for Culture, Environment and conservation separated by the new MOMIS government. He told the Hand over ceremony today that since the division was separated by the Momis government when it appointed a separate Minister for Culture, Environment and conservation these two divisions should be separately administered. MR. TEREJA said this would make them concentrate on their respective portfolios. The minister for works, communications and Tourism CAROLUS KETSIMUR also made the same sentiments. The new minister for Culture, Environment and Conservation is MR. JOE EGILIO the member for RAO in Wakunai.

29.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CHANGE HANDS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Minister for Communication culture, tourism and works, CAROLUS KETSIMUR says that the Division of Communication, Culture and Tourism was forgotten by past governments to properly fund it so that it can do its work effectively.

MR. KETSIMUR said that the office must be fully funded so that it can work on its own program to raise funds and sustain its operations.

MR. KETSIMUR made these comments at the Hand over Take over ceremony of the Chief Executive Officers of the division.

MR. ROBERT ANISIA former Radio personality was recently appointed to head the division and today's ceremony saw the official hand over from the Acting CEO Martin Terea who has been acting in that position after the former CEO

KOUT KAVOP resigned to stand for the ABG elections.

MR. KETSIMUR said that he would want to see the division move quickly to do what it is supposed to do to promote the work of the ABG.

He said the fifth goal of the Momis government is to carry out Awareness on the work of the government.

MR. KETSIMUR said that this has been missing for a long time.

27.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRST

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville is lucky to have a facilitator from the SEFTI PNG to facilitate a Level One course in Safety in working places

The four-day workshop on Work Place Health and Safety started today at the Buka General Hospital Conference room.

This Level One course was funded by the Capacity Building Service Centre (CBSC) based in Port Moresby.

Twelve participants from different units within the hospital are attending this workshop.

Work Place Health and Safety workshop will end this Friday with the participants receiving Level One course certificates.

Hospital is a place where people visit every day and such workshop will greatly assist the staff to identify any hazards and put safety first in their respective units.

New Dawn FM understands that four courses are run under this Work Place Health and Safety course but due to financial constraints only one course will be conducted in Buka.

27.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AGREEMENT REVIEW

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS says that Bougainville needs to be properly financed so that it can work on its capacity building and economic recovery.

He made these remarks at a Press Conference in Buka this morning.

MR. MOMIS said that he would push for funds to be inserted in the Bougainville Peace Agreement for the ABG to embark on activities to raise its own funds at the Bougainville Peace Agreement review later this year.

The ABG President said that when the Bougainville Peace Agreement was signed there was an oversight that has made the ABG working on just maintaining normal government service instead of working on new programs that could raise the capacity of the ABG as stipulated under the Bougainville Peace Agreement.

27.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS LAST CHANCE

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS today gave his last warning to people who are still misusing and holding on to Government assets to return them or face the consequences.

MR. MOMIS in a News Conference said that although he has given the warning some people have not changed but that will not be for long.

He said that wants to let the people know that there is only one government for Bougainville and people must respect it.

The President said that for Bougainville to see some changes everybody must do their part and not expect the government to do it alone.

MR. MOMIS said that Law and Order must be restored if we want to attract investments by Bougainvilleans themselves and other foreign partners.

The ABG President also commended the Prime Minister for appointing Regional member FIDELIS SEMOSO as the new Minister for Bougainville Affairs.

MR. MOMIS said that he would be working closely with the new minister to make sure that the ABG's development priorities are addressed.

On the question of Bougainville missing out on promised projects if the NA led government is removed, MR. MOMIS said that the ABG will work with any PNG Government as guaranteed by the Bougainville Peace Agreement.

On the Appointment of a new Bougainville chief Administrator, MR MOMIS said that he would like to see a new Chief Administrator by next month.

27.07.2010

Source: The National

Semoso to address drawdown of power

THE drawdown of powers to Bougainville will be among the issues to be addressed by Bougainville Governor and new Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso.

Semoso also promised to work with Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare to make sure promises he made to put impact projects on Bougainville were honoured.

He made note of the sealing of the Buka to Buin Highway and the completion of the Buka ring road.

Semoso said he would be aligning the work of the Bougainville Affairs office in Port Moresby to concentrate more on programmes on Bougainville.

He called on the Autonomous Bougainville Government to work with his office instead of going direct to the national government on issues that could be solved through his office.

He was speaking at a ceremony to welcome him as the new minister for Bougainville Affairs after he was sworn in last week.

Meanwhile, the chiefs of Buka Island and the ABG welcomed Semoso at the Buka airport.

Vice-president Patrick Nisira said the ABG would be working with Semoso on developments for Bougainville.

Nisira in also called on Semoso to make sure Buka becomes an electorate in appreciation for creating stability after the Bougainville conflict.

He said Buka Island had the same population as Manus and should be given one electorate status to have one Open member after the 2012 elections.

26.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

World Vision Bougainville Office is setting up its own communication.

By Aloysius Laukai

Previously they have been using other private service providers for the Internet access and with this new set up they would now utilize their own network.

World Vision this year moved into other Health sector areas like HIV and AIDS awareness issues. Previously they were heavily involved in the Water and Sanitation program for North Bougainville. They are moving south towards Kunua, Torokina areas.

26.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SCHOOL FEES

By Aloysius Laukai

South Bougainville students attending the Pacific Adventist University want the member for South Bougainville to speed up payment of TWENTY THOUSAND KINA promised to assist them with their school fees for this year. Bougainville Student's Representative, RICTER KOKINAI told New Dawn FM that the member for South Bougainville, Honourable Stephen Pirika on May 16th visited the school and promised to assist the students. RICTER KOKINAI said that the administration had already advised them that they will not register for second semester until they settle all the outstanding for last semester.

The students when acknowledging payments to Secondary schools said that their needs are more than what they expect at those secondary schools on Bougainville.

The students also questioned when the ABG School fee assistance scheme will come to their aid.

This they said was main sources of assistance that they normally benefited from every year.

Meanwhile the Acting Chief Administrator for Bougainville, RAYMOND MASONO has assured the Bougainville students that the ABG will still pay school fees under its school fee assistance program.

He said that the delay was due to non funding of FIFTEEN MILLION KINA by the national government.

MR. MASONO said that the ABG President will be talking to the Prime Minister this week and hopefully they will make the payments in the coming weeks.

26.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TARAVARU OBSERVER

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

Bougainville Acting Electoral Commissioner Reitama Taravaru has been invited by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat to be part of an International observer team that will monitor the Solomon Islands Elections this year. The Acting Electoral Commissioner for Bougainville will be out of the country for a week to join the other International Observers in the Solomon Islands

The International Observers that will monitor the Solomon Islands Elections are,

10 from Australia, 7 from Japan, 9 from New Zealand, 15 from USA, 9 from Commonwealth Secretariat and 5 from the Pacific Island Secretariat.

The observers are expected to arrive between the 28th and 30th of July for a pre-election briefing in Honiara.

Voting in the Solomon Island Elections will commence on the 4th of August 2010 followed with the counting from the 5th of August 2010.

The election will be conducted under Solomon Island's Election Act.

The observers are there to make sure the election follows the Electoral Laws and that democracy process is fully followed with transparency in the overall conduct for the elections.

The international observers will be working under the United Nations International Election Observation Coordination Team (UN IEOCT)

Mr Taravaru will return on the 8th of August 2010

25.07.2010

Source: Panguna Landowners / ESBC

The Panguna Landowner Association (PLA) publishes new [Guidelines for Scrap Metal Operators](#) !

25.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn of Bougainville

BOUGAINVILLE WELCOMED.

By Aloysius Laukai

The chiefs of Buka island and including the ABG last Friday welcomed the arrival of the newly appointed Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO at the Buka airport.

In a special ceremony the chiefs thanked Prime Minister CHIEF MICHAEL SOMARE for recognising the member and appointing him as the new State Minister for Bougainville Affairs.

The chiefs said that now Bougainville has two members in the NEC which would greatly help the people of Bougainville.

Speakers at the ceremony include the ABG Vice President, PATRICK NISIRA and the Council of Elders Chairman ROMEO TOHIANA and the Acting Chief Administrator, RAYMOND MASONO.

The Vice President PATRICK NISIRA said that the ABG would be working with the new minister on developments for Bougainville.

MR. NISIRA in his speech also called on the new member to make sure Buka becomes an electorate as a bonus for creating and stability after the Bougainville conflict.

He said Buka island has the same population like Manus and should be given one electorate status to have one Open member after the 2012 elections.

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Source: Radio New Dawn of Bougainville

SEMOSO READY

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville Regional member and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO says that he will fast track issues that needs to be addressed during his remaining term in parliament.

He was speaking at the welcome ceremony to welcome as the new Minister for Bougainville Affairs after he was sworn in last week.

MR. SEMOSO said that as the new Bougainville Affairs Minister he wants to work closely with the ABG to address the draw down of Powers to Bougainville and other outstanding issues.

He promised to work with the Prime Minister to make sure promises he made to put impact projects on Bougainville are honoured.

He mentioned the sealing of the Buka to Buin Highway and the completion of the Buka ring road.

The new Bougainville affairs Minister also said that he would be aligning the work of the Bougainville Affairs office in Port Moresby to concentrate more on programs on Bougainville.

He called on the ABG to work with his office instead of going direct to the National Government on issues that can be solved through his office.

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Source: Bougainville Copper Limited, updated by the ESBC

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23.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BUKA CELEBRATE

By Aloysius Laukai

The people of Bougainville this morning welcomed the newly appointed Minister for Bougainville Affairs and Regional Member for Bougainville, FIDELIS SEMOSO.

Chiefs and Administration officials in a small ceremony to welcome the minister at the Buka airport and a small feast at the Kuri village resort.

More news of the speeches will be posted shortly.

Pictured is the Minister FIDELIS SEMOSO with ABG Vice President PATRICK NISIRA(left and the new member for Tsitalato Cosmas Sohia pose for the AL picture at the ceremony this morning.



22.07.2010

Source: ESBC

Fidelis Semoso Is the New PNG Minister for Bougainville Affairs.

South Bougainville National Alliance Party MP Fidelis Semoso (pictured second from the left) in the national PNG-Parliament has been appointed new Minister for Bougainville Affairs yesterday by Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare.



The Grand Chief actually lives a turmoil due to a break-off of former supporters as sacked Deputy Prime Minister, Dr. Puka Temu, and other well-known PNG politicians. Until now it is not yet clear if Sir Michael can escape from a non-confidence-vote claim initiated by opposing members of parliament who want Dr. Puka Temu as new Prime Minister. The actual political turbulences in Port Moresby are not supposed to have a major impact on the ongoing work of ABG-President John Momis.

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SHARED EXPERIENCES

By Tom Kathoa

Two former ABG Chairmen of Parliamentary Sectoral Committees shared their experiences with new members of the ABG Parliament this week.

The two former chairmen, Mr. Jan Tenevi and Alois Devue were part of a team of resource personnel who gave lectures to new chairmen and members of the parliamentary committees in a workshop this week.

They encouraged their successors to perform their assigned duties knowing that it is for the good of all the people of Bougainville.

Being members of such a committee is recognition of one's potential and therefore individual committee members should perform their duties without hesitation.

Mr. Tenevi and Devui said individual committees would face varied difficulties, but urged them to press on to achieve the committee's desired objectives.

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

INDEPENDENCE OF COMMITTEES

By Tom Kathoa

The Public Accounts Committee was created by an Act of Parliament and therefore it is a permanent and the most important Parliamentary Committee in any parliament.

Clerk of the ABG Parliament, Mr. Robert Tapi revealed this to participants of a two day workshop of the Role of Parliamentary Sectoral Adversory Committee, which ended yesterday.

Mr. Tapi told participants that the work of the PAC is to inquire on how the government and its administrative machinery use funds allocated in the budget.

Mr. Tapi was assisted by the Secretary of the Public Accounts Committee here, Mr. Anselem Hakalits and Mr. Simon Johnston of the New South Wales Parliament.

Members learned that the works of these committees are governed by law and information collected by the committee during an inquiry is protected materials under law.

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MEMBERS SUPPORT BELLE

By Tom Kathoa

Members of the Bougainville Tourism Association and Members of Cultural Groups have pledged their support for their boss, Mr. Lawrence Belle against criticism that the cultural shows are breeding grounds for phonographic production.

Some critics claim that women performing bare breasted lead to criminal activities such as rape and also an avenue for the production of phonographic materials.

Members during their meeting today brushed aside the claims as baseless and only created to divert the attention of the group to promote the region's rich culture.

Elder, Peter Barik who led a group of Bougainville traditional dancers to the Cultural Arts Festival in Port Moresby said the public widely accepted his group and urged members to remain focused on promoting our cultures as stipulated in the Bougainville Constitution.

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TRADITIONAL HIPPROCACY

By Tom Kathoa

Bare breasted Bougainville Women during festivals is the talk of town as organizers of the Mona Festival prepare for the coming festive occasion.

But, exposing of breasts publicly by women and young girls has not gone down well with some people in the community.

One such person is Helen Hakena of Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency who is opposed to women exposing their breast in such public gatherings.

Women all over Papua New Guinea perform in their traditional and cultural attires during cultural festivals to show case the country's different and varied cultures.

Promoters of the Mona Festival and other traditional activities say there is nothing wrong with young women performing in traditional costumes.

The Bougainville Constitution promotes traditional cultures and practices and this must be acted upon.

Displaying of our traditional cultures is one way of bringing in money to the region and is also a way for the dancers and performers, carvers, artists and musicians to earn money.

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Turbulences in Port Moresby.

The calculated sudden adjournment of the National Parliament by Speaker, Jeffery Nape did not go down well with many ordinary Papua New Guineans.

Fearing a change in the current government, Speaker Nape adjourned parliament sitting to the November Budget session.

Yesterday, the Opposition gave notice of a No Confidence Vote in the Prime Minister, Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare.

The No-Confidence Motion names for Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Sir Puka Temu as the alternate prime minister. Sir Puka defected from the government with several other ministers and government back benchers and joined the opposition in its bid to topple the current government.

Many ordinary people see the government's tactic to adjourned parliament to avoid facing the motion as a move in bad taste.

One such person who requested that his name be withheld said the move smells dictatorial.

The action by the Prime Minister, Sir Michael and his son Author Somare to threaten a fellow parliamentarian with the words "TO KILL" is unacceptable and unbecoming of a leader of great standing. The Somares have only undone the good name they stood for. Meanwhile, the opposition is putting pressure on the Speaker to reconvene parliament as soon as practicable.

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

LEEFENG CREW DEPART

By Veronica Hannette

Six member crew of the ship MV Lee Feng that ran aground the west coast of Buka island boarded an Air Niugini flight to Port Moresby yesterday.

Their tickets were met by the Consort Agent Makerio shipping in Buka.

The crews had been in Buka since February and left under the supervision of Marine lawyer Brain White who is also the lawyer for Consort based in Port Moresby.

The crews could not extend their staying in Buka due to funds but the Makerio Shipping Agent came good to meet their accommodation.

Lee Feng crew members were cleared by Customs Immigration in Buka whilst they still will be dealt with by the National Marine Time Safety Authority (NMSA) in Port Moresby.

The crews will transit in Port Moresby through a Chinese Agent, Rimbunan Hijau.

Meanwhile, two overseas companies have tendered to salvage the out of the reefs.

Once tender is approved of of these two companies would have to salvage the ship.

They are Titan Marine Time (SEA) Pte Ltd an American company based in Singapore and Perrot Salvage and Construction Pty Ltd.

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

UCWF FUNDRAISING

By Veronica Hannette

Members of the United Church Women Fellowship (UCWF) of East Buka Circuit held a fundraising activity in front of Rabbans Guest House.

The UCWF East Buka Circuit covers three areas, the Saposia, Novah and Halia. Circuits.

This fundraising activity programme was to help the women in their circuits to meet their financial needs

During an interview with New Dawn FM, Co-ordinator of the East Buka Circuit Serah Tago said this is the third time for the group to hold such a programme.

Ms. Tago told members of the United Church of the need to co-operate with leaders and members to start up religious ministries and urged mothers to meaningfully take part in such activities

22.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MASONO CLEARS AIR OVER SCHOOL FEES ASSISTANCE

By Tom Kathoa

A relief is in sight for Bougainville parents and students affected by the Non payment of school fee assistance by the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG).

Educational Institutions like the Hutjena Secondary School in Buka and others are facing financial problems and were in the process sending their students home.

This year, the ABG Government appropriated K2 million to subsidize student's school fees for Bougainville students in High, Secondary and Vocational Schools in the region.

This assistance also covers Bougainville students studying in tertiary institutions like the universities and colleges

outside the region.

Bougainville's Acting Chief Administrator, Mr. Raymond Masono explained that the ABG Government has a commitment to meet its children's school fees.

Mr. Masono said the problem is not with the ABG, but rather the national government.

He explained that the national government has not come good with its K15 million assistance to the ABG under the Bougainville Peace Agreement.

He has assured parents of the affected students that the Bougainville Administration would settle the outstanding payment as soon as money becomes available.

The Acting Administrator said the ABG President, Hon Chief John Momis would travel to Port Moresby to meet with the Prime Minister on the issue.

Mr. Masono confidently said the problem of outstanding school fees would be settled in the coming weeks, but failed short of naming a date for the settlement.

He urged parents to be calm and be prepared for the coming school year, 2011.

21.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville Govt discuss issues on mining in region

By Alex Munme

THE Bougainville executive council under president John Momis has already begun discussing issues relating to mining in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

This was revealed in his first policy speech to the Bougainville House of Representatives last week. In this policy a review process is the first step in order for Bougainvilleans to work with the major stakeholders - the National Government and BCL. In the review process, issues like the Bougainville Copper Agreement, compensation, environment, training, business opportunities for Bougainvilleans, and revenue shares of landowners and the Bougainville government will be discussed.

At the same time, the BEC will be considering the future of the moratorium on mineral exploration in Bougainville that has been in place since 1974.

"We will need to decide whether or not the time is coming when we will allow exploration. New exploration would bring investment, employment and tax revenues. It would help us to decide whether or not there might be smaller and more environmentally friendly alternatives to re-establishing a mine at Panguna.

"In addition, fees for exploration licences under a Bougainville mining law could possibly generate significant income for the ABG. For example, if licences are put out to international tender, mineral exploration companies will compete in terms of the amount of the licence fee they are willing to pay.

"The BEC will also need to consider developing a realistic policy on small-scale mining by Bougainvilleans. Thousands of our people are now washing for gold in rivers, or in the BCL leases. Others are doing small-scale mining of veins of gold in hard-rock in various parts of Bougainville. Many people are making a lot of money.

"But this small-scale mining is also causing problems. They include land and other disputes, safety issues for miners, and environmental damage.

"Furthermore, many of our people are being robbed by unscrupulous buyers who fail to pay them fair prices for their gold," said Mr Momis.

21.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville and NSW into partnership

THE House of Representatives in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and the Parliament of New South Wales, Australia, have entered into a parliamentary partnership agreement.

This partnership aims to promote collaboration, co-operation and understanding between the House of Representatives in the ABG and the Parliament of New South Wales for the mutual benefit of both parliaments. Under the terms of this agreement, the house of representatives of the autonomous Region of Bougainville and the parliament of New South Wales will work towards developing friendly relations between the two parliaments through:

- * Exchange of information regarding the work of the two parliaments and on matters of common interest;
 - * Training activities between the parliaments that promote parliamentary developments;
 - * Exchange of visits between the two parliaments as a means of fostering links between parliamentarians and parliamentary staff and,
 - * Meetings between representatives of the parliaments at conferences or seminars they may attend.
- Each Parliament will appoint a liaison officer for the purposes of this agreement. Proposals and arrangements for exchanges will be co-ordinated through the liaison officers.

21.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Police hold slogan competition for children

THERE is a new competition for Bougainvillean children who are imaginative. This competition has started and ends in the second week of August.

The community policing section of the Bougainville Police Service (BPS) in conjunction with the Bougainville Community Policing Project (BCPP) and NZAID, have announced this new competition for the children with a K500 cash prize.

To enter the competition, the children must create a new slogan in 10 words or less for the Bougainville police's anti-drugs and homebrew campaign.

This slogan can be in either English or Tok Pisin.

Acting Sergeant Gordon Magogoa says: "This slogan will be used to increase awareness of the danger that cannabis, homebrew and other dangerous drugs pose to our community."

The competition is open to any child attending school on Bougainville.

Entries can be made directly to the community policing offices in Buka and Arawa, or handed to the community auxiliary police.

The winner of the competition will receive K200 to pay for school fees or books, and their school will receive K300 for educational supplies.

The competition closes on August 14.

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Source: The National

Bougainville MPs urged to sacrifice 5% pay

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

A LAWYER has suggested that all Bougainvilleans commit 5% of their salaries to a fund to help Bougainville move forward to become a powerful state in the world within 20 years.

"Let us start with our new MPs sacrificing 5% of their salaries to a separate fund that could be called the health improvement and education fund.

"All Bougainvillean working class can also sacrifice 5% of their net pay to go to that fund," Port Moresby-based Bougainvillean lawyer Joel Minsipi Nawa told The National.

He said Bougainvilleans must not rely too much on the national government grants to build up its economy, maintain political stability and improve its social indicators.

Nawa said the newly-elected Bougainville government had a unique duty to perform unlike the national government or others that come from politically and economically established states.

"Ours is a government coming out of a crisis, to run a state, which had all its parts, namely law and order, economic, social and political aspects not in order since 1988," he said.

"Our new government is like that of Timor-Leste and other war-torn states in the world. It has a unique responsibility in putting together the different parts that were dismantled by the Bougainville conflict.

"That unique responsibility is for today's Bougainville to sacrifice for tomorrow's Bougainville's enjoyment," he said.

Nawa said the sacrifices included communal sacrifice and personal sacrifice to move Bougainville.

"Communal sacrifice involves the building of roads, aid posts, schools (with limited resources) by the people themselves at their own expense with minimal assistance from the Autonomous Bougainville Government or the

national government," he added.

"It will also involve some control in spending by the ABG on expensive hotels in Port Moresby and going for the cheaper guest houses while on travel duty.

"Personal sacrifice will involve sacrificing one's personal time and money in the name of Bougainville's progress," Nawa said.

21.07.2010

Source: The National

Women's awareness group targets villages

By Veronica Hannette

THE Bougainville Inter-Women Forum (BICWF) is targeting Selau district with its leadership awareness courses on Bougainville.

The non-governmental organisation last Friday ended its second workshop in Tabut village.

The organisation conducted two awareness courses earlier, the first in Tortei village and the second in Tabut village last Friday.

Participants increased from 43 to 83.

The BICWF programme will then move to Siara and Ton villages in the remaining two weeks of July.

During their week-long programme in Tabut, they identified a leadership breakdown, hatred between youths and chiefs even a lack of police power that led to ignorance in the community.

Drug consumption was one of the issues they found to be disturbing their communities and they resolved to find ways of reducing such activities.

The participants conducted plays to present their cases which delighted Selau member Terry Mose.

20.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

By Aloysius Laukai

Friday July 23rd has been declared a public Holiday.

This is to commemorate the National Remembrance day.

A circular from the Acting Chief Administrator, RAYMOND MASONO says that all government work will cease at 4 pm on Thursday July 22nd, 2010.

And normal government work will start at 0745 on Monday 26th July, 2010.

The Acting Chief Administrator said that the holiday will not affect Emergency Health Services which will continue throughout the long weekend.

20.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FOREIGNERS SCREENED

By Aloysius Laukai

All Foreigners involving in Business activities on Bougainville will be screened following a new directive from the ABG President JOHN MOMIS.

President JOHN MOMIS, today expressed deep concern about the increasing number of foreigners involved in unapproved commercial projects on Bougainville.

He said that the situation was particularly serious in Central Bougainville with such projects like the sales of scrap metals from BCL Properties,

Sales of Oil from the Loloho Power house and Alluvial Gold mining in the special mine lease areas and tailings lease areas on the Kawerong and Jaba rivers.

The President said that there were many dangers in dealing with foreigners not approved by the government. He said that the ABG would be setting checkpoints at airports and wharves to make sure all foreigners are screened for their Passports and Visas, work permits and local contact details.

President Momis said that the exercise is not to stop Bougainvilleans from entering into partnership arrangements with investors but to make sure that foreign partners are honest and capable.

He said all new applications must go through the Screening Committee set up by the Bougainville Administration.

20.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PEACE CAR TAKEN WITH FORCE

By Aloysius Laukai

A Toyota Land cruiser Ten seater used by the CEO for Peace and Reconciliation office based in Arawa was taken by gunmen from its driver in Buka last night.

According to the Peace coordinator, GEORGE MANU the way those gunmen went about in taking the car from the driver was un-professional.

He said the car was waiting for funds to get C service when it was taken off the driver.

MR. MANU said that even if the new Government wanted to repossess the car to hand over to the new CEO it would have been proper to take it after the handover/take over ceremony.

He said reports and information of peace policies and priorities and achievements done by the previous officer is needed by the new officer for the sake of continuity.

According to reports gathered by New Dawn FM, the CEO was recently replaced by the new Momis Government however there was no handover take over between the former CEO DENNIS KUIAI and the new CEO and former ABG Speaker NICK PENIAI.

The last government with the support of UNDP had located the peace office in Arawa to negotiate peace reconciliations between many factions in the Central Bougainville and South Bougainville.

And with the new CEO it is anticipated that this office will return to Buka thus moving away from the trouble spots in Central and South Bougainville.

Reports said that the people who took the car said that they were following orders from the new CEO NICK PENIAI and President MOMIS.

We were unable to get comments from the President this afternoon on this incident.

20.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

MP pays fees for students

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

STUDENTS from South Bougainville doing their grade 12 in the three secondary schools in Bougainville can now concentrate on their studies without having to worry about their school fees.

Their parents can focus on finding their children's school fees for next year,

They do not have to worry about this year's fees as South Bougainville MP Steven Pirika Kama has decided to shoulder the students' problems by paying their fees in full.

Those students who will be benefiting from the South Bougainville MP's initiative include those attending Hutjena and Bishop Wade secondary schools in North Bougainville and Buin Secondary School in South Bougainville.

Mr Kama decided to pay the students' school fees because he saw that there was need to develop the future human resource for south Bougainville.

The payments were personally delivered by Mr Kama to both the principals of Hutjena and Buin secondary schools about a fortnight ago. While presenting the K66 666.70 to Hutjena Secondary School principal Martin Takalie, Mr Kama said:

"I always believe in the development of our human resources to move our region forward.

"If we can't invest in human resource development, let us forget everybody.

“That is why I have made a commitment to invest in paying the school fees of grade 12 students from South Bougainville,” Mr Kama said.

While receiving the payment from Mr Kama, Mr Takalie thanked the MP and applauded him for his school fee initiative.

The cheque for Buin Secondary School, totalling K72,133.40 was also presented by Mr Kama to the school principal Tony Malamo.

The funds to be used as school fees for Bishop Wade Secondary School worth K61,200 is expected to be presented to the school sometimes this week.

School fee payments made by Mr Kama to Bishop Wade Secondary School have been paid in full while only a small amount still needs to be paid to both Hutjena and Buin secondary schools to complete the school fee payments for these two schools.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Selau Advancing

By Veronica Hannette

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During their week –long program in Tabut they identified that there are leadership breakdown, hatred between youths and chiefs even a lack of police power that led to ignorance in the community.

Drug consumption was one of the issues they found to be disturbing their communities and they resolved to find ways of reducing these activities.

The participants did role plays and dramas to present their cases which has made their local member for Selau , Terry Mose happy.

He thanked the organization for the initiative to do this awareness in the Selau area.

19.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

COE's A Disgrace

By Veronica Hannette

Council of Elders in the Selau district has been challenged to work with their communities.

The Regional member for Bougainville Fidelis Semoso made this comment at the closing in ceremony of the BICWF workshop last Friday at Tabut village.

MR. SEMOSO said that COE was the authority on the ground and by not involving themselves with community activities it was isolating itself from its people.

He said no wonder there were a lot of activities happening without the knowledge of the COE.

MR. SEMOSO also called on the Executive Manager for Selau to discipline the COE members for not participating in community activities in their areas.

The Regional member made these comments after there was no representative from the COE office even after they had received their invitations.

This is the second time such invitation in a week in the Selau area.

19.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Change Attitude

By Aloysius Laukai

Meanwhile, Lawyer Joel Minsipi Nawa is also calling on all Bougainvilleans to change our own mentality to commit ourselves for the future progress of Bougainville.

He says that all winning candidates in the election as well as all losing candidates must work together, put their differences aside and work together for Bougainville's good.

He says all losing candidates are also leaders of Bougainville as reflected by the number of Voters who voted for them.

MR. Minsipi says that the winning candidates have a duty (in the best interest of Bougainville) to delegate some tasks to losing candidates so that they work together in harmony to move Bougainville forward to be a powerful State in the Pacific and in the world.

The Bougainville Lawyer made a special call President John Momis to delegate some tasks (particularly weapons disposal and peace and reconciliation program) to James Tanis and other leaders from Mekamui so that Weapons disposal is done quickly as possible with the aim of making Bougainville weapons-free before Referendum is held in 5 years time.

He said that this also requires special sacrifices from the Churches, women, individuals in order for us to achieve the Bougainville wishes.

19.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SACRIFICE MORE

By Aloysius Laukai

The new Bougainville Government which is going to govern Bougainville in the next 5 years or beyond, has a unique duty to perform unlike others such as that of the National Government or others that come from politically and economically established States. Ours is a government coming out of the Crisis, to run a State of Bougainville which had all its parts -namely law and order, economic, social and political aspects not in order since 1988.

These are comments from a Bougainvillean Lawyer based in Port Moresby.

Joel Minsipi Nawa told the National from Port Moresby that our new government like that of East Timor, and others from War-torn States around the world has a unique responsibility in putting together the different parts that got dismantled by the Bougainville Conflict.

That unique responsibility for Bougainville is for TODAY's Bougainville to SACRIFICE for TOMORROW's Bougainville's enjoyment.

There are two types of Sacrifices that we may make. (1.) Communal sacrifice (2), Personal Sacrifice. Employing both types of Sacrifices by Bougainvilleans will move Bougainville forward.

He said that Communal Sacrifice may involve building of roads, aid posts schools (with limited resources) by the people themselves at their own expense with minimal assistance from the ABG or the National Government. It may also involve some control in spending by ABG on expensive hotels in Port Moresby and going for the more cheaper guest houses while on duty travel.

He said Personal Sacrifice may involve sacrificing one's personal time and money in the name of Bougainville's progress.

For Bougainville to prosper and become less dependant both economically and politically, the new Bougainville government has to sacrifice today starting with the new Members, then all Bougainville Public servants and working Bougainvilleans in Bougainville, as well as all Public servants and working Bougainvilleans from Bougainville in PNG.

The unemployed and self employed Bougainvilleans should also sacrifice one way or the other to move Bougainville forward.

Bougainville Elites, mainly those who are highly educated working in other parts of PNG and Overseas also have a moral duty to contribute to Bougainville not for money but for Service.

Today is the time to work for tomorrow's enjoyment. Bougainvillean members of the House of Representatives may sacrifice by, letting 5% of their salaries going straight into a separate fund that may be called "Health improvement/Education Fund". All Bougainvillean working class can also sacrifice 5% of the net pay to go to that Fund. Bougainville may make its own laws to implement this.

While the National Government has a legal obligation to finance Bougainville through recurrent unconditional grants, restoration and development grants, conditional grants, and other grants, Bougainville must not rely

heavily on those grants to build up its economy, maintain political stability and to increase its Social indicators. Lawyer Minsipi said that all Bougainvilleans should sacrifice by poking out part of their money from their net pays to make Bougainville a powerful State in the world 15 to 20 years from now. He said that Singapore and Japan have sacrificed yesterday and today, these two States have become two of the worlds economic powers and Malaysia as well as China are currently following them.

19.07.2010

Source: The National

ABG to focus on Bougainville's economic policy

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

THE new Bougainville government plans to improve living standards of the people of Bougainville through its economic policy.

President John Momis unveiled his government's plan in his first official statement to House of Representatives Members recently.

Momis said the ABG had a responsibility to improve the lives of its people through its economic and development programs.

He said the government could only do this if it understood the needs of the people, adding there were many areas in Bougainville were still in isolation and the government must do all it can to address them.

He said areas like Konnou in South Bougainville and Panguna and Torokina in Central Bougainville lacked proper transport, health and education services.

In Torokina, he said giving an example; people have resorted to selling World War Two ammunition to earn a living.

To change this, Momis said the government planned to develop the Torokina area agriculturally with the planned oil palm project.

He said this and other agricultural development would improve the way of living of the people there.

He said the ABG would pursue the previous government's decision to conduct a review on the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA).

Under the BCA review, the wishes of the people, particularly the landowners, would be seriously taken into consideration with more consultation and dialogue.

Momis indicated that the review would begin before the end of the year.

18.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BUKAWIND

By Aloysius Laukai

Buka is having very strong winds as from last night Saturday.

Lucky no power lines have been destroyed because power is still on.

We will check in the morning if some damage has been done to buildings.

I checked around for weather reports and possible strong wind warnings but only for Torrest Strait waters.

Nothing on PNG.

18.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Speakers for New South Wales Parliament, Hon Richard Torbay (left) MP and Andrew Miriki (right) the speaker of ABG House pose for this picture after signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) last Friday.



16.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Influx of patients

Joyce Tohui

Doctors from the Buka General Hospital are questioning why patients from the villages are not utilizing their Health establishments and instead coming with minor illnesses to the Buka General Hospital.

Doctor Joe Vilosi told New Dawn FM today that the Buka General Hospital is packed with a lot of patients with minor illnesses that can be treated at the rural health centers.

He says that more than 75 percent of patients from the rural areas bypass the primary health services to come to Buka.

The Buka General Hospital staffs are now questioning why this is happening.

Doctor Vilosi says this may be happening because the rural health services are not providing the services required in the villages.

He is calling on the health division to immediately go to the rural health centers and investigate the matter.

Doctor Joe Vilosi says this is a big concern for the people to know what is happening to our rural health sector.

16.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MIRIKI HAPPY

By Aloysius Laukai

Speaker of the ABG House of Representatives, ANDREW MIRIKI says that Bougainville needs to build its capacity to become one of the recognized Parliaments in the Pacific by entering into agreements with more

established parliaments like the New South Wales Parliament.
He was speaking at the twinning agreement signing in Buka today.



MOU Ceremony

MR. MIRIKI said that to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with one of the oldest parliaments in Australia which is highly advanced, well resourced and democratically established will definitely improve the capacity of our new parliament.

He said he strongly believes that if parliaments are well resourced and strengthened it would further strengthen the work of the government.

He said that the signing of the agreement with New South Wales parliament is timely and appropriate and a relief in some ways for his new parliament.

The twinning arrangement is for a three year period.

16.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PAY UP PLEASE

By Aloysius Laukai

THE Clerk of the ABG House of Representatives, ROBERT TAPI says that the ABG needs to pay up its affiliation fees if it want to benefit from partnership arrangements within the Commonwealth Parliamentary Associations. He was making his welcome speech at the signing of the Parliamentary Partnership Agreement between the ABG Parliament and the New South Wales Parliament in Buka today.

MR. TAPI said that the ABG missed out from many assistance due to its failure to pay its fees in the last two years.

The clerk said that he was happy that the Commonwealth of Parliament Associations (CPA) to twin the ABG house to the New South Wales Parliament and the Solomon Islands National Parliament.

He also welcomed the decision by AUSAID to fund the implementation of this Agreement.

The clerk also said that differences between these two parliaments will not deter the implementation of this

partnership Agreement signed today in Buka.

Bougainville's parliament is a one chamber parliament which is different from the New South Wales Parliament which has a upper and Lower House.



**Pictured is Speaker of New South Wales Parliament HON Richard Torbay MP
whilst left is Clerk of ABG Parliament Robert Tapi**

16.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TWINNING SIGNED

By Aloysius Laukai

Speakers of the ABG and New South Wales Parliament today signed the Parliamentary Partnership Agreement between House of Representatives of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and the New South Wales Parliament.

This Parliamentary Partnership Agreement aims to promote collaboration, cooperation and understanding between the House of Representatives of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and the Parliament of New South Wales for mutual benefit of both parliaments.

Under the terms of this agreements both parliaments have agreed to work towards developing friendly relations between the two parties through,

- a) Exchange of information regarding the work of the two parliaments on matters of common interest.
- b) Training activities between the two parliaments that will promote parliamentary development.
- c) Echange of visits between the two parliaments as a means of fostering links between parliamentarians and parliamentary staff and
- d) Meeting between representatives of the parliaments at conferences or seminars they may attend.

The Agreement was signed by ABG Speaker, ANDREW MIRIKI, Speaker of New South Wales Parliament,

RICHARD TORBAY and President of the Legislative Council of the New South Wales Parliament MRS. AMANDA FAZIO.

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Source: Post-Courier

International film to tell crisis story

By GORETHY KENNETH

AN international film, to be auditioned in Bougainville, Port Moresby and Honiara (Solomon Islands) is set for casting next week.

The film Mr Pip is based on a book by New Zealand author Lloyd Jones. The story is set in 1991, during the Bougainville conflict. Fourteen-year-old Matilda and her mother Dolores live in an isolated village in Bougainville. Matilda's village has lost electricity, medicine and teachers but no-one has been killed. Mr Watts, the only white man among them, agrees to teach the kids. He reads the novel, Great Expectations by Charles Dickens. Matilda imagines a world where the characters in the book, Pip, Joe and Estella, look like her and other villagers, but they are wearing Victorian clothes and living in homes which are bigger versions of village huts. She is a bit in love with Pip and writes his name on the beach. The PNG army think the village is hiding a rebel by the name of Pip. The misunderstanding escalates and Matilda's mother and Mr Watts are killed. Matilda escapes and lives with her Australian based father until an unexpected inheritance from Mr Watts takes her to London and to Dicken's real house in Rochester.

Emotions from her past almost overwhelm her until she discovers that Pip has helped her find her own voice and she begins to tell her own story.

The producers, directors and those in charge of auditions are now set to travel these areas next week, starting with Honiara. They are looking for the key roles of Matilda, a 12-14 year old girl and her mother and are asking people to help them by recommending suitable people, putting in touch with cultural groups where these people can be found. They want to find people from Bougainville.

Their travel dates are:

- * July 20, travel to Honiara
- * July 21 to 25, casting in and around Honiara
- * July 26, travel to Gizo
- * July 27 to 29, casting in Gizo
- * July 30, casting in Choiseul
- * July 31, casting in Choiseul
- * August 1, travel to Honiara
- * August 2, travel to Port Moresby
- * August 3 to 5, casting with Nikki in Port Moresby
- * August 6, travel to Buka
- * August 7 to 8 (Saturday and Sunday) casting in Buka
- * August 9 to 15, casting Teop/Arawa regions
- * August 16, travel to Port Moresby
- * August 17, travel to Sydney for break
- * August 22, travel to Auckland
- * August 23 to 24, meet with director and producer
- * August 25, travel to Sydney for break
- * August 30, travel to Horn Island, Torres Straight
- * August 31 to September 4, casting in Torres Straight and,
- * September 5, travel to Sydney.

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Source: ESBC

ESBC exclusive!

The ESBC have been informed that a team of first-class negotiators stays actually in Central Bougainville. By order of President Momis it's headed by the newly elected Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Michael Oni. Their prior task is to convince the Panguna landowners to finally elect their landowner's body that is needed for the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA). The new BCA rules the exploitation of the Panguna resources and the allocation of revenues from mining as well. All relevant Landowner & BCA Proposals can be found in the ESBC documentary. It seems to be quite obvious that ABG President John Momis gives high priority to the re-opening of the Panguna mine by Bougainville Copper Limited. This is also proven by the fact that he sent one of his ministers to Central Bougainville already while the first ABG Parliamentary session is ongoing in Buka. In a statement, made two days ago, President Momis said that he intends to commence the BCA review until the end of this year. The ESBC consider the beginning of the BCA negotiations as relevant news due to official announcement by BCL. The ESBC expect the BCL share price to soar sensibly once this announcement is made.

ESBC exklusiv!

Nach ESBC Informationen verhandelt derzeit im Auftrag von Präsident John Momis ein hochrangiges Komitee unter Leitung des neuen ABG Ministers Michael Oni (Natural Resources) mit den Landeignern in Zentral-Bougainville. Dabei geht es um die längst überfällige Wahl der Panguna Landeigner-Vertretung. Offensichtlich macht Präsident John Momis jetzt Druck: Dass er noch während der ersten Sitzung des ABG Parlaments einen Minister nach Panguna schickt, zeugt davon, dass er es offenbar sehr eilig hat, seine wirtschaftspolitischen Pläne so schnell wie möglich in die Tat umzusetzen. Zu diesen zählt unter anderem die Wiedereröffnung der Pangunamine durch Bougainville Copper Limited. Die Wahl einer gemeinsamen Landeignervertretung ist momentan die letzte noch zu nehmende Hürde bevor mit der Aktualisierung und Anpassung des bestehenden Bougainville Copper Agreements (BCA) begonnen werden kann. Das neue BCA regelt den Ressourcenabbau sowie auch die Verteilung der Minenerträge. Alle entsprechenden Vertragsentwürfe, die in den letzten Jahren einvernehmlich entwickelt wurden, liegen den ESBC vor und sind hier einsehbar. In einem ersten Statement hat Präsident Momis den Beginn der BCA-Verhandlungen auf die zweite Jahreshälfte 2010 terminiert. Die ESBC gehen davon aus, dass es sich bei letzterem um eine veröffentlichungspflichtige Nachricht handelt, die den Kurs der Bougainville Copper Aktie nachhaltig positiv beeinflussen wird.

14.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS'S LACK OF SERVICE

By Aloysius Laukai

The new Momis/Nisira Government is attempting to create and improve the living standard of all the people of Bougainville through its economic policy.

Autonomous Bougainville Government President, Hon Chief John Momis unveiled his government's move in his first official statement to Members of the House of Representatives during its meeting today.

President Momis said the ABG has a responsibility to improve the lives of its people through its economic and developmental programs.

He said the government can only do this if it understands the needs of the people.

He said there are many areas in Bougainville still in isolation and the government as the servant of the people must do all it can to address the needs and aspirations of these people.

The president cited areas like, Konnou in South Bougainville, Panguna and Torokina in Central Bougainville.

These areas lack proper transport, health and education services.

In Torokina, people have resorted to selling Second World War ammunitions for cash to earn a living.

To change this, President Momis said the government plans to develop the Torokina area agriculturally with the planned Oil Palm Project.

The Torokina District is the least developed area of Bougainville according to the president.

The establishment of the Oil Palm Project and other agricultural development would greatly improve the way of living of the people there.

He said the government would continue with the former government's decision to conduct a review on the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA).

Under the BCA review, the wishes of the people particularly the landowners would be seriously taken into consideration with more consultation and dialogue.

The president has indicated that the review would commence before the end of the year.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

WE'LL GET THEM

By Aloysius Laukai

Foreigners illegally entering Bougainville and conducting illegal business activities would be severely dealt with by the new Bougainville Autonomous Government.

For too long foreigners have illegally entered Bougainville and reaped the region of its wealth and resources without putting back something for Bougainville's future generation.

This has to be stopped and foreign investors and individuals found to be doing this would be heavily dealt with. ABG President, John Momis revealed this during his speech in parliament today.

President Momis said the ABG Government is now working closely with government agencies like, Customs and Immigration, Police, Internal Revenue Commission (IRC) and others to clamp down on such illegal activities.

Check points would be set up in strategic locations like the Buka Airport, the Buka and Kieta Wharves and on the Kangu Beach in South Bougainville and other areas.

President Momis said foreigners and other outsiders wanting to do business on Bougainville have to abide by the laws and regulations of the ABG.

He said his government would be tough of foreigners who failed to follow our laws.

The people of Bougainville and their government have lost millions of kina through such illegal behaviour and this must be stopped immediately for the good of the region and its people.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SAWA'S STABILITY

By Aloysius Laukai

Peace and stability are two most important ingredients of any meaningful economic development according to the Member for Hagogohe Constituency, Hon Robert Hamal Sawa.

Mr. Sawa was speaking in support of the ABG President, Hon Chief John Momis' speech in parliament today.

In challenging Members of parliament to promote peace in their respective constituencies, the Member for Hagogohe said all leaders have a responsibility to ensure people live in harmony with each other.

Bougainville will not achieve referendum and independence if there is no improvement in law and order and people continue to fight each other.

He urged leaders in South to talk to Noah Musisngku to give up his activity and join the rest of Bougainville.

Meanwhile, the Member for Bolave, Hon Lawrence Uakai said he is not happy that Lato, Baba and Torokina constituencies were not considered for cabinet positions.

Bana District is one of the districts not represented in the cabinet.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ROAD ON

By Aloysius Laukai

Some kind of road network linking the people of Paruparu through Panguna is the main focus of the new member for Eivo Torau, MELCHIOR DARE.

The member told New Dawn FM this afternoon that he wants to see a road linking Paruparu with the main road network linking Central and South Bougainville.

He said since his election he has already approached the Works division to speed up and complete the feasibility study on the road network.

MR. DARE says that the feasibility study has been done and the road is to connect through BATO bridge near Kuneka on the Jaba river.

He said that he wants to see work on this road to start this year.

The member said that this would be the first road network to connect the people of Paruparu who have been walking on foot since time immemorial.

He said that road would then connect to Torokina completing the entire Bougainville Highway.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DIAMOND CLAIM

A Grade 8 student from BANA is claiming to have found a Diamond from a river near his home.

The marble sized glass is pictured here.

The kid says that he puts his find in water and every time the water is dirty it makes hissing sound....anyone out there who knows about diamond can you advice.....



12.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

President outlines action plans for Bougainville

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President John Momis outlined his immediate action plans to start major developments in Bougainville.

Chief Momis who returned from Port Moresby last week said he had met with credible business entities and businessmen, foreign ambassadors, National Government leaders and professional communications people to speak of potential development projects in the region. President Momis spoke of the need to push for economic recovery in the region, also advising that there was K70 million still parked in Bougainville books but which had not been used because there was no capacity to handle it. Mr Momis said he met with credible companies and potential financiers for joint ventures in the region. He also met with authorities interested to develop the multi-million-kina Torokina palm oil project, which Cabinet will meet shortly to discuss and act on. President Momis outlined that he had meetings with responsible elites who will help him on projects that include:

- * THE K10 million Torokina palm oil project

- * Professional communication project for an IT superhighway,

- * AN independent radio station and television for awareness programs on Bougainville,

- * Potential financiers and suppliers for joint venture and

- * Business man for an airline where Bougainville will have a possible 25 per cent share and for that airline to operate in the region as soon as possible.

"The government will also look at improving police for the rule of law to prevail, and we will have to have a surveillance ship. We're talking to Australia and New Zealand to help us," Mr Momis said.

12.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Momis to get help from Aust and NZ

THE Australia and New Zealand governments stand ready to help Bougainville in the law and order sector by funding programs for development in the region.

Autonomous Bougainville Government President John Momis yesterday said he had met with Australia and New Zealand high commissioners and Japan Ambassador Nishiyama.

He said both governments pledged their support in the way forward for Bougainville and they stand ready to help in areas of law and order, health, education and good governance. He said Australian High Commissioner Ian Kemish agreed that Australia spent much money on funding the Bougainville Peace Agreement and had not fully assisted after that agreement was signed and they had agreed that they will concentrate to move Bougainville forward.

"The response and reactions I got was overwhelming. Australia has realised that Bougainville made a big contribution and held PNG for many years before the crisis and they agreed to help Bougainville.

"Australia and New Zealand are serious to work with Bougainville to improve all sectors, one of them is to move the capital of Bougainville back to Arawa."

He also spoke of Planning Minister Paul Tiensten who also alluded to the contribution of Bougainville.

09.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

RESPECT SITES

By Aloysius Laukai

Meanwhile Digicel Bougainville Manager HENRY ONSA JUNIOR is appealing to the people of Bougainville and the general public to respect Digicel Properties including their tower so that mobile communications are not disrupted.

He said that people of Bougainville are privileged to have Digicel coverage in remote areas and should be thankful and should make sure these properties are looked after.

The reception it covers is very helpful and the towers is there for communication benefit to the people of the Autonomous Region.

Mr Onsa said the cost of installing new towers runs into millions and therefore people must be mindful of company properties.

Meanwhile the ABG President JOHN MOMIS intends to talk with Digicel and other communication company Telikom on ways the Bougainville Government can get taxes for their operation on the island.

He told a news conference yesterday that ABG need to set up its communication network to disseminate much needed information to the bulk of its population in the rural areas.

MR. MOMIS said that once talk is completed between the Communication Division of the ABG under Minister Carolus Ketsimur Bougainville could see the setting up of its own network on the island.

New Dawn FM understands a Satellite service would be a reliable communication network for Bougainville.

09.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS IN BUIN

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS went to Buin this morning to have talks with the Mekamui faction that continues to disturb the Peace Process in Buin.

Although several deaths have occurred since his last talk with their leader, DAMIAN KOIKE MR. MOMIS is not giving up hope as yet.

He told New Dawn FM in Buka that only through dialogue total peace and harmony would come about on Bougainville.

MR. MOMIS said that he would be talking to all factional leaders on ways they can work together with his government in the next five years.

He said on Bougainville there is only legitimate government that is the ABG and the people must learn to work with his new government.

MR. MOMIS says all other interested parties can be accommodated in a system that would be accepted by all parties.

09.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Parliament Sitting Schedule

By JTohui

The first Parliament Sitting for the ABG House of Representatives is fixed for the 13th of July 2010.

Speaker of the Bougainville House of Representatives, Hon Andrew Miriki (picture) says the meeting will be held next week from the 13th to 16th July.

Hon Members are asked to attend the three days session of Parliament because important matters will be considered such as the establishment of Parliamentary Committees and the Public Accounts Committee.

Members of the House of Representatives elected from all Constituencies in Bougainville will be given time to deliver their Maiden Speeches on the Floor of the House about their vision in the next five years.

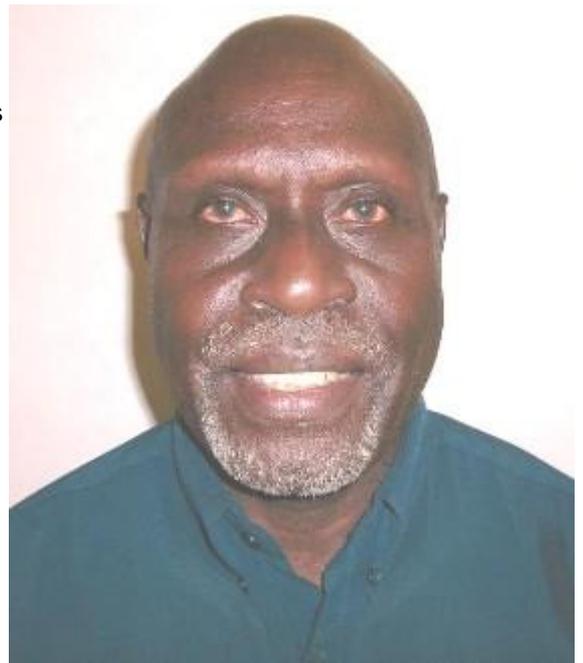
There are also other businesses to be conducted during the Parliament Session such as the appointment of the leader of Government Business by President John Momis.

Speaker of the ABG House of Representatives, leader for the Government Business and leaders of different Parties will also meet to discuss some important matters during the Parliament session.

At the end of the Parliament Session, Bougainville Parliament will sign a twinning Agreement with the New South Wales Parliament from Australia.

Speaker for the New South Wales Parliament and his officials will arrive in Bougainville to sign this Agreement with the Bougainville Parliament.

Under the twinning arrangement, Bougainville Parliament will receive logistics support and many helpful means



from the New South Wales Parliament.

The signing will be witnessed by President Chief John Momis, Vice President Hon Patrick Nisira and the Hon Members of Parliament.

08.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MEET SET

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Bougainville Government House of Representatives will meet for the first time next week Tuesday July 13th, 2010.

After their brief meeting on inauguration day they postponed to a later date that would be set by the speaker.

And today the speaker ANDREW MIRIKI issued a notice setting the date for the sitting of the house.

According to the notice, members of the House of Representatives will deliver their maiden speeches during this session of parliament.

Meanwhile the Speaker ANDREW MIRIKI this week had briefings with Administration officers to discuss ways of improving parliament services.

He told New Dawn FM that this was the first time for the speaker to meet officers and then meet with staff since he became the Speaker of the house fourteen months ago.

The Speaker was returned to serve his full term this second house.

He became the speaker after the former Speaker Nick Peniai resigned to contest the 2008 Presidential By-elections.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BAD IMAGE

By Veronica Hannette

The case surrounding the fate of the crew of the now grounded overseas ship MV LEFENG and their ship is still unclear according to Bougainville Police.

Chief Sergeant Alex Gunan said according to police report Mv Lee Feng is still a concern and if the ship crew wants to leave, police has no power to stop them

He said the ship is a foreign vessel and the Customs and Quarantine people are dealing with them whilst the police are just there to assist them.

Mr Gunan said that earlier warnings to surrounding islands to leave the ship alone was disregarded and the ship is now completely emptied.

Mr Gunan said it was a waste of awareness and this will portray a bad image for us. At the moment there has not been any comment from the ship crew after they relinquished their vessel.

Meanwhile, reports from local constables said they sighted a similar foreign vessel on Tuesday afternoon at Kessa but as soon as it was noticed the vessel withdrew from sight

08.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

COMMUNICATING WITH COMMUNITIES

By Veronica Hannette

The Women Empowerment and Community Organising team under Bougainville Inter Women's Forum BICWF is running a week-long program in the Selau Constituency which started on Monday the 5th of July 2010

The team led by Program Supervisor Celestin Tome is doing an evaluation workshop following previous visit to cover the Council of Chiefs areas.

The workshop is an overview of the preceding workshop to assess and draw up a community planning in the community level

The areas include Sankova, Anakei, Ngalaswei and the main venue Tortei

The workshop consists of 34 participants of both sexes and this will enable the participants to receive a CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION at the end of the workshop.

According to Monica Targa who is the BICWF Co-ordinator this workshop will end this Friday the 9th of July 2010.

07.07.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BEC MEETS

By Aloysius Laukai

Autonomous Bougainville Government President, HON JOHN MOMIS has returned from Port Moresby satisfied with his discussions with government and business officials on the kind of assistance they can offer to Bougainville.

President Momis told a news conference that he has successful talks with various groups both at government and private level on the kind of assistance and support they can give to the region.

He said he would brief his cabinet during a Bougainville Executive Council Meeting tomorrow.

He said some of the things discussed are the proposed Oil palm development scheme at Torokina, Communications like radio station, an airline to improve transportation and other economic and social developmental needs.

President Momis said Bougainville needs these developments to bring money into the region to improve the living standard of the people.

He said an independent radio station would be vital for the dissemination of government information to the people.

Travelling between Buka, Arawa and Buin would be greatly reduced with the introduction of an airline into the region to be operated like the former Bougainville Air Services(BOUGAIR) and improve road system throughout the region.

A Japanese company Kitano Constructions is currently constructing a number of bridges on mainland Bougainville.

Work on these fifteen bridges are expected to take two and half years.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CORRUPTION IN HIGH OFFICE

By Thomas Kathoa

The employment of failed candidates by the Autonomous Bougainville Government has been questioned by many people labelling their engagements as corruption in high office.

A chief from the Haku are who wants to stay anonymous has called on the ABG President John Momis to tell the people of Bougainville why this is happening.

Since the ABG election just concluded, several unsuccessful candidates have moved into the offices of politicians and have occupied positions held by civilian employees.

The Haku chief said that MOMIS preaches about weeding out corruption and asks if the employment of unsuccessful candidates is not corruption.

He said that the President should come out clear because employing such people is a form of corrupt practices which should not be entertained by any clean leader.

He said some of these people resigned from their positions in the public service to contest the ABG election and therefore should not be re-employed at all.

The chief also challenged the Acting Chief Administrator and the new Public Service Minister to also look into the matter as a case of concern.

He said that this is a bad precedent and should be stopped immediately to prevent future Presidents from doing the same.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

EDUCATE FOR FUTURE

By Aloysius Laukai

Education of students is one of the priorities of the member for South Bougainville, STEVEN PIRIKA. MR. PIRIKA told a small gathering at the Hutjena Secondary School this afternoon that education of Bougainville's future leaders is one of his priorities.

He said that without an educated population the future of Bougainville is brink.

The member for South Bougainville made these remarks after he presented a cheque totalling SIXTY SIX THOUSAND KINA for school fees for all Grade Twelve students from the South Bougainville.

The member will pay for all Grade 12 student's school fees for this year in the three secondary schools on Bougainville.

He will do similar presentations at Tarlena and Buin Secondary Schools next week.

Meanwhile the Principal of the Hutjena Secondary school, MARTIN TAKALI in thanking the member said that he was happy that the member has assisted his people.

He said similar commitments have been made by the other Open members for Central and North Bougainville.

The member for North Bougainville has already paid half and is yet to pay the remainder.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MILLION MISSING

By Aloysius LAUKAI

The member for South Bougainville in the Papua New Guinea National Parliament, STEVEN PIRIKA is questioning how District Support and Improvement Program Funds under his control was diverted to pay a Bougainvillean company to maintain a Education facility on Bougainville.

A disappointed member then called a meeting with ABG and COE members from the South Bougainville raising the alarm bells that projects earmarked for South Bougainville especially for roads would have to miss out because of this diversions.

MR. PIRIKA told the meeting that he has written to the Minister for finance and Planning to get the copy of the contract to see for himself how and who approved the tender for the contractor to get these funds.

He said that these funds were already allocated for projects and the manner in which these funds were paid was not proper.

Meanwhile most people who gathered at this mornings meeting wanted the member to investigate and get to the root of the case.

They said that if some illegal means were used to get these funds those responsible should be made to pay for their actions.

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Source: Post-Courier

Aussie mining giants keen on new prospects

By Harlyne Joku

Two controversial Australian mining giants who abandoned operations at Bougainville copper mine and the Ok Tedi mine in the Western Province due to the Bougainville crisis and environmental damages are still keen on

mineral exploration and mining operations in the country.

BHP Billiton (Australia) and Rio Tinto (Australia) have purchased geochemistry and geophysics datasets of PNG's Central highlands mineral contents that show that PNG has some of the highest rated gold, copper and nickel deposits compared to the rest of the world.

Their purchase of the data indicates that they are still interested in further exploration and mining activities in the Papua New Guinea Highlands.

The two companies are among nine other leading mining companies from Europe, America and Asia who have purchased the datasets release by the European Union funded Geomap survey.

The other companies that have acquired the database are; Harmony Gold (South Africa), Newmont (Canada), Anglo American (South Africa Great Britain), Marengo Mining (Australia), Barrick (Canada), Khor Eng Hock & Sons (China), Pacific Group Australia.

Minerals Resources Authority (MRA) managing director Kepas Wali said the production of the European Union's Geomap project database would encourage mining companies to invest in PNG.

MRA chief geologist John Aspden with the EU's Geomap project showed a power point presentation last Friday of the data collected at the survey which indicates that PNG's central highlands has grades of high gold, copper and nickel. The Geomap project is funded by the European Union from a grant of K50 million.

07.07.2010

Source: Post-Courier

A new beginning for Kamda

By GORETHY KENNETH

ALL of you reading this will be familiar with the Bougainville Crisis by now. This clever "animal" erupted in 1989 and killed more than 20,000 people, both locals and Papua New Guineans all because of the giant Panguna mine.

I am going to tell you a story about one of the men that helped shut the Bougainville Copper Limited-run Panguna mine. We may think he is not important, but he helped shut the mine that caused havoc in the history of Bougainville, PNG and the world. It's nothing to be proud of, but this man you are just reading about says he had no choice but to help his fellow Bougainvilleans on what is now long-gone.

This is a story about Ben Kamda, 48, from Balil village, Nissan Island and how he became the first Bougainville Revolutionary Army member to be captured by the PNG Defence Force in Nissan, forced to climb a flag pole while singing "where sun i red" but played a very significant role in the peace process-having travelled to New Zealand, Australia and parts of PNG for peace talks. Ben also claims he was forced by the then Bougainville Transitional Government (BTG)/Bougainville People's Congress to reconcile without his consent.

But despite being called a bad hero all along, Ben helped save a child who could have been killed in a cross fire in Buin at the age of 10, who was only known as Connelly and later bore the surname Kamda. In real life, Kamda is a devoted Catholic, that's what you get from studying four years of your life at St Joseph's Rigu High School where he attained his highest certificate and a professional letterpress machinist - in layman's language a printer after gaining a certificate in the field at the Port Moresby Technical College in 1982, before heading to Bougainville to work as a manager, running the Karuna Tavern from 1984 to 1989, and where he took to the bushes to fight in the world renowned civil war that savaged almost the entire island.

Ben was the chief planner for BRA. Ben begins his story with a trip he took to Aropa airport to make a call to his family outside of Bougainville.

At the airport, that year, 1989, a group of landowners were furiously holding a meeting eventually forcing the region's gateway to the world to shut down and eventually burnt to ashes - that was one of the beginnings of the crisis.

He jumped on a bus that was heading Buin way, instead of Arawa, next to him another Kieta man who also wanted to go and make a call to his dear wife who was studying outside the region.

They were dumped at a site where a very big meeting was supposedly being held - the Tonolei Timber Company meeting. Little did Kamda know that this man beside him, dumped to find a way back to Arawa from Buin was the man that was going to help him fight to save the lives of Bougainvilleans - he was none other than Sam Kauona. At that meeting, innocent as they were, the landowners thought they were the big shots that they were waiting for - when called to address the huge crowd, Kauona started by saying: "You know why the leaders and the bosses didn't come? Because Aropa has been burnt and shut down and we should stop this meeting as well."

That was the start of Ben Kamda and his journey to hell and back. Ben took to Nissan that late 1989 and got arrested by the PNGDF and sent to Keravat prison where he spent six years.

On his arrival in Nissan, after serving his sentence in jail, Ben attracted leaders and claims he was forced to reconcile, a statement written for him to read during the reconciliation and later brought to Buka to occupy an

office so that he would take the lead in negotiating for peace in Central and South Bougainville. That was in 1996 when he returned to Arawa for that purpose but as soon as he got to Arawa, he escaped to the bushes again. "But that was a blessing in disguise because in the bush I started talking to these people, and I slowly got them to come out of their shells," Ben said. He says it's a long story, recapping his days in the bush fighting with Kauona, and every big name BRA. After all he was the chief planner and he'd know what it was like in those 10 years, most of which Ben spent at the Kerevat jail for two terms - first four years and later two years. But he has now settled with his family, picked up the pieces and is concentrating on looking after his cocoa plantation.

06.07.2010

Source: The National

'Illegal deals soar in Bougainville'

THE recent apprehension by PNG Customs of an oil tanker carrying fuel it had loaded from Bougainville copper mine storage tanks is only one of many illegal operations which both the national and the autonomous Bougainville governments have been called on to look into.

A Panguna Landowner Association (PLA) executive said the tanker was only one of many illegal deals being conducted in Bougainville involving Bougainville Copper Ltd (BCL) property and machinery.

Lawrence Daveona said far too many of these businesses had ignored or bypassed established rules and procedures for conduct of business.

Consequently, he said, mine lease area people, who have suffered from the crisis, were missing out on benefits. Apart from the oil tanker business, another lucrative business was the sale of scrap metal from the now abandoned mine and other parts of Bougainville.

Daveona said the association had an on-going understanding with BCL that all scrap metal, left behind as a result of the crisis, belonged to the landowners and they were allowed to enter into any business arrangement with interested foreign or national partners so long as they have the endorsement of the Autonomous Bougainville Government and relevant national agencies.

The approved process was to get a written approval from the PLA and the ABG to conduct such business before permission is sought from BCL.

Once this is sorted out, the final approval must come from national agencies such as Customs, Internal Revenue Commission and Labour where foreign workers were concerned.

Daveona said this process was necessary to ensure any business opportunity concluded would benefit the mine lease area people.

Tired of watching illegal operations going on, PLA had incorporated its own landowners company called Komeri Holdings Ltd. It had also established Panguna Metals Ltd through a joint partnership with UK-based Capital Equipment Supply Co.

Komeri Holdings shareholding included the two factions of Mekamui holding 5% each, 30% which is held by ex-combatants (BRA 20 % and Bougainville Resistance Fighters 10%) and Panguna Landowners Association (60%).

Daveona is confident that the company was ready to proceed to full operational status.

It has BCL approval to carry out its scrap metal operations in the secondary crusher, concentrator and mine pit areas covering the pit, pit workshop and the primary crusher.

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Buka set to fight AIDS

AN introduction to HIV/AIDS workshop was held last week at Ieta village, Buka Island in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

The five day workshop was the beginning of a joint partnership arrangement by the National Aids Council who co-ordinated the workshop, with financial support from Care International and conducted by the Diocese of Bougainville Aids program.

This is the first time these organisations came together after running their own separate programs and operating in isolation.

Co-ordinator of Care International David Haputo said although they had 35 participants, due to the location which was in the village, others learned as well and the community felt they were part of the ongoing programme as seen from their involvement.

At the end of the workshop a graduation ceremony was organised by the community last Friday where the participants received certificates. Among them was the recent ABG election contestant John Bosco Ragu who is also a young chief from the village. Two chiefs, John Hannette and Donatus Gani with President of Ieta woman's association Stella Kela also graduated with certificates.

At the closing ceremony Mrs Imako from Catholic HIV & AIDS office said the current statistics on HIV/AIDS showed that Bougainville had tested 86 positive cases.

She said the knowledge gained from the workshop must be passed onto others so that the figure did not increase.

Mrs Imako said there are 18 VCT and health centres in Bougainville and every one must volunteer to seek counselling and get tested.

She said rapid or mobile testing in Bougainville had 15 positive clients but there are many in the rural communities untested.

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Bougainville faced with disaster

ISLANDERS on Pororan, an island off Buka Island, are starving and desperately need rations from the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

The Buka Urban Council's decision to stop fresh and smoked fish including cooked food being sold at the Buka market has also hit these islanders, giving them a double blow.

Pororan chief Peter Liu has been visiting media outlets in Buka asking for assistance for food for the islanders, because of the bad road conditions forcing closure of two major markets that enables them to buy vegetables or the barter system where they give fish and in return get a basket of kaukau.

Kessa market in far north Buka Island and Karola market accessed through the Hanahan feeder road have been closed because vehicles can no longer use the roads to bring mothers and families to the markets.

"These roads are so bad, families and mothers have stopped coming with market produce and also because of vehicles being out of order to access these areas," Mr Liu said. I have been walking to offices concerned asking for assistance because my people can no longer bring their fish to exchange with those from the mainland for kaukau.

"We are also faced with another problem. We can't sell our fresh fish and even smoked fish at the market because of the cholera alert. This has caused a double blow for us on the islands. We sell food to buy rice and tinned fish and now that markets are affected, we can't buy food because we don't have any means of looking for money."

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Source: Post-Courier

Road sealing set to smoothen region

THE sealing on the Buka ring road is still to be started because the machineries that were supposed to be used on this project have not been shipped to Bougainville, says the former chief executive officer of the technical service division John Kolan.

Mr Kolan said sealing will start once all the machineries have been shipped to Buka.

He has been promoted to the position of chief liaison officer of the Bougainville bridging project. He said all the materials to be used on the road sealing had already arrived in Buka but the contractor, NC Civil Works was waiting for its machinery to be shipped over.

Mr Kolan said the delay with the shipment of the machineries was because the company had only two barges, which were also busy with their transport schedules to the other parts of the country.

The first phase of sealing will start at Hutjena and end at Malasang in the Tsitalato Constituency of Buka, however, Mr Kolan said the road plan is to seal all the ring roads on Buka, starting from Hutjena to Haku and then to the Solos and the west coast area of Buka island.

Meanwhile, Mr Kolan said before the road sealing work starts, the contractor will have to repack the road with gravels due to the frequent rain over the past months which had resulted in some parts of the roads deteriorating.

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Source: Post-Courier

15-year-old refugee wants to go home

By GORETHY KENNETH

BEN doesn't know his surname, but he knows his Solomon island name, Bena.

He is a unique young man who hails from Malaita in Solomon Island. On Saturday, he was seen sitting at the Bel Isi Park in Buka begging for K5 to raise funds for a ticket back to the Solomon Islands.

He is now 15. He came to Bougainville when he was only five years old. He escaped his brutal mother who always forced him to collect bottles on the street for sale in Honiara.

Ben ran away from home following some families who he had no idea about, and ended up in Gizo where he met a Bougainville family. Within several months, Ben ended up in Buin, South Bougainville where his life as a refugee began.

He started sleeping on the beach, in families' backyards and at market areas with those he felt comfortable to live with.

Ben left Buin after months of preying on others' tables for food and begging for help.

He went to Koromira, parts of Kieta, Arawa and later Wakunai where he grew up and eventually ended up in Buka.

He is now known to almost everyone in Buka town, Gogohe, Malasang, Lonahan, Hanahan and Lontis.

Ben spent many months with the writer's family and has also lived with rich people in Buka, fishing and selling fish for survival.

Ben, escaped Solomon Islands 10 years ago, going through a very difficult journey.

There are some dark secrets he has told those he trusted - stories of being abused, intimidated and humiliated.

Ben is now desperate to go back to the Solomon Islands to his family, especially his sister, who he still remembers very well, but not his mother.

He is seen in Buka daily, carrying that A4 paper/notice detailing his plight to go back and asking for K5 donations or any amount to help him raise funds for a ticket back to Solomon Islands.

The Post-Courier tried to contact Solomon Islands High Commissioner Bernard Ba'ata-nisia to put Ben in touch.

"I want that person you are talking to," Ben told this reporter, referring to Mr Ba'atanisia, "to help me get a ticket back home, but first of all take me to Port Moresby where I will see what Port Moresby is like."

Anyone wishing to assist Ben can call the Post-Courier Buka office on 9739188 or 72066002.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BRIDGES START

By Aloysius Laukai

Work on the fifteen bridges has started on at least on four rivers at the same time. This picture was taken by Aloysius Laukai at the weekend on the river near Mabiri High School. The river has been diverted and in the middle of the river this cement pictured is being built by the Kitano Construction which has won the contract totalling more than K93 Million kina.



This is how the rivers are being diverted to built the overhead bridges fifteen of them between Buka and Arawa.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

KATSIN BROTHERS CASE

By Veronica Hannette

A local stevedoring company, KATSIN Brothers is taking CONSORT EXPRESS LINES to court over outstanding payments owed to them for containers left at their storage area since 2003.

In an interview with New Dawn FM, Katsin Brothers Manager, GREGORY WILLIE REME said that initially there were 31 containers left by Consort which were under Katsin Brothers storage yard.

From the 31, 17 were returned whilst of the 14 remaining another six were sold by Katsin Brothers to recoup costs whilst eight are still remaining.

Manager WILLIE REME said that it has taken so long for CONSORT to honour their commitment resulting in them taking this court action.

He said that their case will be heard in Rabaul later this month.

Our attempts to get comments from the Consort Express Lines regarding this story were unsuccessful.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NZ EYE TEAM

By Aloysius Laukai

A New Zealand EYE team that consists of six members will be visiting Bougainville starting today Monday July 5th to July 23rd, 2010.

According to their timetable they are to arrive today then travel straight to Arawa.

Tuesday a team would visit the patients at Wakunai Health Centre, Sunday 11th they will travel to Buin, Tuesday 13th July they will visit patients at Monoitu in Siwai, Thursday 15th they will travel to Arawa, Friday 16th they travel to Tearouki in Tinputz.

They will see the remaining patients at the Buka General Hospital from 19th July to 22nd July before returning on Friday 23rd July.

The team of doctors is led by team leader, DR. DAVID MURDOCH.

Dr. Barnabas Matanu last week told New Dawn FM that Bougainville should be thankful that these Medical Eye Team from New Zealand comes every year.

The New Zealand EYE team has been visiting Bougainville in the past five years apart from Papua New Guinea and now they are working closely with Callan Service based in Hahela.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CHOLERA FREE

By Veronica Hannette

The Buka General Hospital on Bougainville is yet to confirm if the Cholera disease that has killed many people in many parts of Papua New Guinea is already on Bougainville.

Director of Medical Services at the Buka General Hospital DR. Banabas Matanu told New Dawn FM during an interview that the hospital had received three cases which were suspected to be cholera but results have come out negative.

Dr Matanu said the three died from severe dehydration.

He supported the move made by the Buka urban Council to totally ban sales of cooked food at the market as one

way of trying to minimize the risk of spreading the cholera epidemic on Bougainville. Dr Matanu mentioned the loss of business for market goers but preventing the spread of cholera and saving lives was also paramount. New Dawn FM understands that the HINI alert was earlier prevented with intensive awareness on Bougainville.

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PNG has highest grades of gold, copper in the world

By Harlyne Joku

Papua New Guinea's Central Highlands has the highest and most attractive grades of gold, copper and nickel compared to the rest of the world according to Dr John Aspden, the chief geologist of MRA (Mineral Resources Authority).

Dr Aspden revealed this in a power point presentation at the MRA headquarters last Friday evening.

Dr Aspden heads the geological survey sponsored by the European Union (EU)'s Mining Sector Support Program GEOMAP.

He said data collected in the past three years in the Central Highlands had shown incredibly rich and highly elevated deposits of gold, copper and nickel.

Eight of the world's leading mining companies including the British mining giant CRA's Rio Tinto who still own the mining prospecting licences for the Bougainville copper mine and Barrick Gold , have purchased the data from MRA, Dr Aspden said.

The data costs K5000.

"It has been an extremely successful exercise," Dr Aspden said.

The exercise involved an aerial geophysical and geological mapping surveys and collection of samples from 5000 sites.

"Their values are remarkably high. It's quite incredible, almost all of Central Highlands samples collected show that the region is sitting on elevated deposits of gold and copper," Dr Aspden said.

MRA's managing director Kepas Wali added that the minerals industry would continue to make a huge contribution to PNG's economy. He said the data produced by EU's Geomap project will attract investors and also provide the type of information they require for further mineral exploration and mining operations.

According to the third quarter of the 2009 Bank of PNG Economic Bulletin, total mineral exports in that quarter amounted to K2,344.7 million which is 61.2 per cent of the total merchandise exports.

Mr Wali said the mineral industry would continue to generate revenue for PNG from its mineral exports and more new mines would open up.

The Geomap project comes from a grant from EU worth about K50 million.

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Source: Post-Courier

Islanders ask for assistance

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

ATOLL islanders in Bougainville who depend on beche-demer to earn money have been facing a hard time since the National Fisheries Authority stopped the buying and exporting of beche-demer.

Nuguria primary school headmaster Allan Loio said many parents on the island were trying their best to look for ways to earn an income because since the ban was imposed, they did not have any other means which they could turn to.

Mr Loio said to make matters worse, most of the parents on the island had not been paying their children's school fees since term one.

He said although he was speaking on behalf of the Nuguria islanders, this situation was the same with the other atoll islands like Mortlock, Carterets and Tasman.

"Many people, especially the parents, have been having a difficult time trying to earn an income due to the ban that was imposed on the sales of beche-demer.

"Since term one only one student in my school has paid K160 as his school fees.

"Apart from that no other students have paid their school fees for this year," Mr Loio said.

He said the islanders are calling on the President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government John Momis to quickly find ways to address their problem.

“The islanders want the ABG President John Momis to find some ways to help them earn an income to sustain their living.

“If nothing is done the islanders will continue to suffer,” Mr Loio said.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FRUSTRATED COMMITTEES

By Aloysius Laukai

Three week after the Autonomous Bougainville Government inauguration some committees from the Nissan and Wakunai districts are still stuck in Buka awaiting funds from the finance office to go back home.

The event committee's from Nissan and Wakunai who came to witness the Inauguration Ceremony on the 14th of JUNE have been waiting in front of the Finance Office for their money

They told New Dawn FM today that they have been waiting for nearly four weeks and they are not happy with the Finance office for delaying their payments.

Some committee members are waiting patiently whilst the others have gone home without getting their payments.

According to reports gathered by New Dawn FM, seven thousand kina will be given to the Nissan committee to be distributed among their three groups. And seven thousand two hundred will be given to the Wakunai committee.

The finance office was supposed to pay them last Friday but did not make any payments.

New Dawn FM understands that a total of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND KINA was earmarked for the Inauguration celebrations for this year.

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Source: Radio New Zealand International

Claims women will be a force in Bougainville politics in five years

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An activist in the Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville, says in another five years women there will be a major political force.

Hona Holan, who's with the Bougainville Women's Federation, came fourth in the race for the North Bougainville Women's seat in the May elections.

Women had been expected to perform well in open seats while a former Cabinet Minister, Madeleine Toroansi, contested the presidency.

But they all fared poorly.

Ms Holan says another five years is needed to raise awareness about the importance of getting more women elected

“What women leaders are doing now is going around, giving awareness to the women, that women should support women, yeah educating the village women because sometimes they get controlled by the men. I think that is why we didn't see any women elected when standing for the single seats and the president.”

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Source: Post-Courier

AusAID supports ABG

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUSTRALIA'S AusAID program supports the Autonomous Bougainville Government in a big way despite being denied tangible development in the region.

They spend more than K50 million a year in the region, especially to consolidate the peace process, implement its autonomy arrangements, improve essential service delivery and promote economic growth. They also look after the law and justice sector program including HIV/AIDS, education, transport, health, democratic governance and other volunteer and scholarship programs in Bougainville. Two months ago, Regional MP Fidelis Semoso accused donor agencies of not bringing tangible developments to the region.

During the induction of the newly elected MPs, the AusAID boss in Buka, Edwina Betts, told MPs that AusAID had about eight advisers in the region with multi-million dollar programs they had in the region. "AusAID supports the Autonomous Bougainville Government to consolidate the peace process, implement its autonomy arrangements, improve essential service delivery and promote economic growth," Ms Betts said. "Support to Bougainville is delivered through a range of mechanisms including nationally-based sector programs in health, education, law and justice and infrastructure (about \$14 million a year) and sub-national program, which includes the multi-donor Governance and Implementation Fund (about \$3 million a year) and eight advisers to strengthen ABG's capacity in key areas including policy, procurement, HR, planning, budget expenditure, taxation and legislative drafting."

[Find out more about AusAID's peace work on Bougainville.](#)

[Hier mehr über die Arbeit von AusAID auf Bougainville.](#)

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Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville MP praised

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

SOUTH Bougainville MP in the National Parliament Steven Pirika has been commended by the people in his electorate for a job well done.

The people said since he took office about 18 months ago Mr Pirika had completed a lot of projects in south Bougainville.

"Our national MP Steven Pirika has done a lot in our electorate since he took office about 18 months ago. Places that had never seen any tangible developments in the past are now seeing different types of projects taking place. That is why we want to commend and salute him for a tremendous job well-done," they said.

"Some of the projects which he had funded include building new classrooms, aid posts and funding the construction of new roads into the villages that were not accessible by vehicle in the past.

Recently he was invited by the people of Buin district to open new classrooms at Maluatu, Morula and Piano primary schools. These classrooms were funded at a total cost of more K200 000.

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Source: Post-Courier

Teacher queries merger

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

A high school teacher is calling on the Bougainville Education Board (BEB) and the Catholic Diocese of Bougainville to explain their decision to amalgamate two educational institutions in the region last year. Wilfred Lessie, one of the teachers from the affected schools said that the decision to amalgamate Bishop Wade Secondary School (BWSS) and Tarlena Specialised Training Centre was a complete "flop" because many issues and procedures had not been thoroughly addressed.

One of the points highlighted by the teacher is that the STC students were not qualified to sit the school certificate exams (SCE) and that their performance will greatly affect the overall performance of the BWSS students.

He is also questioning if there were enough qualified teachers teaching at Tarlena STC which warrants the institution to be amalgamated.

"It is a national requirement that for any secondary school to be deemed one, a minimum of nine Bachelor of

Education degree holders must be on the staff. What is the requirement in the STC situation? The teachers teaching there are mostly vocational trained teachers.”

Other “issues of contention surrounding this amalgamation” that the teacher raised includes:

- * Who is pushing this amalgamation;
- * Does the STC have the required infrastructure like a science lab or library to qualify the current grades 9 and 10 to sit the SCE;
- * When did the national Education Department inspect the STC and deem it qualified to sit the SCE;
- * No theoretical framework has been seen on the paper, by which this amalgamation is to operate within;
- * Under which powers and provisions was the old board of governors dissolved? Isn't any board of governors a legal entity which operates under the current ABG government;
- * If it is the Catholic Church's plans, Tarlena STC doesn't serve disadvantaged students anymore. It is an extension of BWSS. Why is the church quiet and not explaining to the stakeholders, the Catholic parents of these issues;
- * Under which meeting and based on whose education research was this amalgamation based?
- * Why has the Bougainville Catholic Diocese through the Catholic Education Secretariat and the Bougainville Education Division under the CEO ignored calls from STC and BWSS to come to Tarlena to explain the amalgamation?

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Source: Post-Courier

Ex-crisis fighters lose out on oil tanker export cash

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE ex-combatants and youths involved helping the oil tankers visiting Bougainville claim this is their fast means of getting money for school fees and other financial needs because they have been neglected by authorities and the government.

Panguna Landowner Association executive Lawrence Daveona (picture) in an interview advised those engaged in these illegal deals are numbering 50 from all over Bougainville and would have expected a payout of about K30,000 to K50,000 if the oil tanker UBT FJORD was not intercepted, arrested and stopped in the PNG waters.

Mr Daveona had a meeting with those involved, advising them of the consequences they might face but his message went unheard. These locals have been identified, and the international partners engaged in these illegal deals. They said they got into the oil shipment and sales business thinking that from the money received from the sale of oil, they would get their wages paid which amounted to between K30,000 and K50,000. The stopping of this oil shipment has deprived them of a chance to earn some money to help them with their families' daily needs.

They told Mr Daveona that they were not benefiting from any services from the Autonomous Bougainville Government nor were they finding any easy means to get financial assistance and that is why they resorted to scrap metal and heavy fuel oil sales.

“I told them that because they hated BCL, the PNG Government and the Panguna landowners their leaders have convinced them one way or the other to forget these authorities and go about their business operations, taking the easy way out,” Mr Daveona said.

“Another important truth that we must learn to accept is that BCL and the National Government, whether you and me like it or not, have the sole rights over any of the assets of the Panguna mine that are situated on the BCL leases.

“No-one on Bougainville or any foreigner overseas has any right whatsoever to connive with our people here and remove any of these assets without first consulting BCL and the National Government,” he said.

“Yes, in Bougainville and in particular in Arawa, Kieta and Panguna and I can say this to any other parts of Bougainville, despite the law being there, there is no order. A lot of you, our young people, are saying that because you fought and many died during the crisis, you can do whatever you please and that the law does not matter.

“This is an illusion. We must change our way of thinking and doing things if we want to progress Bougainville towards what you fought for, that is, an independent Bougainville.

“We do not have much time left before the ‘Referendum on Independence’ in 2015 and we cannot do it the way you carry on doing things here,” Mr Daveona said.



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Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville has no disaster plans

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE is not ready for any natural disasters that might occur there, a workshop was told. Although more than 50 participants from all over Bougainville had been trained and skilled to manage disaster activities in their areas and especially after the crisis, there are still vital issues urgently needed to be sorted out before anything worse happens. And the ABG needs to attend to these issues of concern quickly. These warnings are from the National Disaster management officials who held a week-long workshop for the participants from around Bougainville.

They were told the disaster risk reduction and disaster management planning and implementation had also been severely affected by issues that included:

- NO specific office on their own with full equipment to keep data, monitor or store official instruments relating to these issue,
- RESOURCE constraints (a serious lack of capacity in the districts and communities)
- LACK of a trained cadre of skilled disaster managers in the office and districts
- INCOMPLETE hazard information, shortage of models of good practice (making the region more vulnerable),
- LACK of strong legislative framework and shortcomings of early warning arrangements and communication system.

Last week, more than 50 participants from Bougainville attended the disaster management workshop funded by the UNDP, the National Government through the National Disaster office and ABG. Bougainville acting chief administrator Patrick Koles echoed the same sentiments and assured the NDC and participants that the ABG would look into this matter.

He spoke after a presentation was made with high-tech computer equipment donated by the National Disaster office last week. "Bougainville is prone to numerous natural hazards including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunami, drought, floods, tropical cyclones, landslides, the impact of climate change and climate variability and industrial pollution, unregulated and destructive land use practices and infrastructural development, as well as rapid growth in population societal crisis such as civil unrest and HIV/AIDs have already made their presence known in the region."

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MURDER

By Aloysius Laukai

The Homicide Squad and General Police are investigating a wilful murder that occurred last Friday at BETERIO village in the KUNUA DISTRICT.

According to reports from Buka Police the victim was under the influence of alcohol when an argument started which sparked off a fight which ended up in the killing of the deceased. The deceased was chopped to pieces. According to Police reports, the fight was in retaliation to an earlier fight that resulted in another murder in the same area in April this year.

The situation in the area is very tense at the moment but Police are expected to deploy into the area to quell the situation.

The suspect is still at large.

Meanwhile Police has reported another murder case in the Torokina District.

The deceased was under the influence of home brew and was trying to stop a suspect who then turned back and attacked him killing him instantly.

The suspect has been detained by Torokina Police who are still investigating the matter.

The situation at Torokina is also tense following the latest killing

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DRUG / ALCOHOL AWARENESS

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville Police are planning to carry out a massive awareness on Drugs and other alcohol related issues throughout the region.

Senior Constable Gordon Magoga who is the officer in-charge of Community Police Stations in Bougainville told New Dawn FM that he is planning to make a massive awareness campaign on drug and alcohol through banners, posters, slogans and essay competitions.

He said this is to empower youths to abstain from drug usage and will include different age groups with different sectors like NGO's, Education and the general public.

Constable Magoga said that they are planning to give away consolation prizes during this campaign.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CAP'S

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville Community Auxiliary Police from Nissan District are attending a one week Training at Hutjena. The Training for the six CAPs from Nissan District is part of the projects ongoing commitment to training of cap's personnel in the districts.

The Bougainville Community Policing Project is funded by the New Zealand police.

The six CAPs that are attending the training did their first five trainings in Nissan and are now doing their remaining five trainings at Hutjena.

Police said that in a year they run training with ten topics for Community Auxiliary Police CAP's .

The training started on Tuesday and will end on Friday.

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Source: The National

Bougainville council approves tasks for next 100 days

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

THE Bougainville executive council yesterday approved priority tasks President John Momis intends to undertake in the next 100 days.

The tasks approved under the umbrella of good governance highlighted the council's desire for a unified and economical Bougainville.

The tasks included continuous awareness on weapons disposal, awareness on the Bougainville constitution, awareness on the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) policies and consultation meetings with faction and community leaders.

On the economic aspect, the government plans to establish an "economic recovery plan" for Bougainville.

The plan would include, among others, continuous Panguna mine consultations with the relevant stakeholders with the view of re-opening the mine, consultations with landowners of the Manetai Limestone Mine and Bougainville Fishing Venture.

Existing plans on economic development would also be revisited in the process.

Momis said his government would encourage the involvement of credible foreign investors on joint-venture partnerships with Bougainvilleans.

To achieve these goals, the council agreed to appoint a permanent chief administrator to drive the implementation of the tasks in the next 100 days.

Momis said the candidates for the chief administrator's position would be selected in consultation with the national government after an independent human resources organization assesses the applicants.

Meanwhile, a revised budget is now being drafted to facilitate the tasks.

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Source: The National

BOUGAINVILLE's new ray of hope

BOUGAINVILLE President John Momis' desire to reopen the Panguna copper mine sends us back two decades to 1987 when he wore a different hat.

He was the regional member for Bougainville and campaigning for re-election to the PNG Parliament.

Frustrated that the Bougainville copper agreement had not been reviewed after the second deadline for the review had fallen through, Momis took his anger out, not on the government but it seemed at the time, on BCL.

His supporters – mostly women of Panguna – demonstrated at what was then called the Pink Palace, which contained the offices of the Bougainville Copper Ltd.

He called the mine the "BCL pig" and threatened to kill it (close it down) and get a new deal for it.

Fortuitously or perhaps driven by such sentiments, Panguna landowners, under the leadership of the late Francis Ona, in December of that year broke into the BCL armory and took off with a large amount of explosives which they used to start falling power pylons.

The resulting unrest led to the closure of the mine and the 15-year unrest on Bougainville.

Momis, returned as president in the Autonomous Bougainville Government, has now come full circle.

Perhaps, the time for his "new deal" has arrived.

There was an anxious moment when Momis was announced president that, perhaps, he might have retained the angry sentiments of 1987 but, with his reassurance that he wants the mine to re-open, it seems the way is clear. That, he insists on a reopening of the mine being conditional upon landowners' agreement, is also a step in the right direction.

He will find his landowners concur with him fully and will find them most willing on this course of action.

To re-open the Panguna copper mine, he will have to consult the "BCL pig" which holds the lease title over the mine.

Last Friday, Momis said a reopening of the mine was a good possibility but that such an event would depend entirely on what the landowners want.

He is ready and willing to consult with chairman of BCL, Peter Taylor, once this issue moves from possibility to prospect.

Momis will find a ready and willing landowner group.

Under former president James Tanis, very impressive progress has been made in preparing the landowners to come to the negotiation table as a unified body speaking with one voice.

The landowners have initiated a number of important reconciliation ceremonies among themselves to iron out outstanding issues from the crisis days.

Reconciliations have been conducted between the old and new landowners at Panguna, as well as a reconciliation at Guava village over the murder of a principal landowner Mathew Kove, murdered at the height of the crisis.

Reconciliation ceremonies have been completed at Pinei valley over outstanding issues to do with the road, mine and tailings leases trust. Most of the lower tailings area villages have been covered in reconciliations ceremonies.

All that remains are the villages from Kupe valley and the upper tailings villages.

Following all these tailings, the Panguna Landowners Association supports the re-opening of the mine as well.

Already in March, the landowners and ABG agreed to have a joint supervisory body meeting in Port Moresby for consultation between landowners and the ABG on issues surrounding the reopening of the mine.

The landowners' position, from what we gather, is very firm on the long neglected review of the Bougainville copper agreement and call for a new deal to emerge from this review.

They are adamant that outstanding compensation for the year 1990 be paid to the landowners along with interest.

It is understood an amount of K1.46 million is owing and is believed to be held in trust with BCL for the purpose.

The landowners are claiming the money with cumulative interest charged at normal treasury bill rates for the years to 2010.

It seems all that remains is the review of the agreement. That too should not be too hard as we expect all have been tempered by the events of the past 15 years.

As the president said, "this reopening will help generate money for the people to participate in the economy".

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Handover ceremony for the newly appointed Chief Administrator is scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow (01.09.2010) at the Administration Conference room in Buka.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TRAINING LEADERSHIP FOR SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE WOMEN

By Veronica Hannette

A week-long programme on leadership Training of Trainers was held last week at the Chabai Rehabilitation centre.

The programme was conducted presenting different training tools that participants can utilize in their family and the community programmes.

The main focus was on training women from South Bougainville that is Siwai, Buin, and Bana districts.

The training helped them to identify what issues they are facing in their particular areas and how they can address them.

South Bougainville women were targeted because they come from communities that are still facing conflicts.

The women were urged to look back on their past, learn, and progress on developing their area.

The workshop is targeting women as women can break the barrier of conflict and bring peace.

Issues such as land disputes, drugs and early marriage were highlighted as problems that needs to be tackled head on.

This is the first training done in Buka, similar programme will be conducted in the Southern Region this week.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Drugs Increase in Central Bougainville

By Veronica Hannette

Drug consumption is becoming a concern in Central Bougainville.

More than TEN case of unlawful wounding has been reported as a result of drug consumption.

Chief Commander for Central Bougainville Policing, Oscar Tugen said that police have so far collected 12 gas cylinders from Rau and Tera areas that were used for brewing homebrew.

Commander Tugen is concerned with the sales of Homebrew in so many shops in Arawa.

According to reports NINETY PERCENT of alcohol is supplied to Wakunai from Arawa therefore he is appealing to Business houses and Arawa police to look into the matter seriously.

At the moment there is no cell in Wakunai to put detainee and is also an expensive exercise to transport them to

Buka cell.

Law and Order is a problem and Srgnt Tugen is calling on authorities to built a cell for Wakunai Police Station.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO ON BUSINESS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Regional member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO today called on the ABG to quickly implement its policy on Economic Development for Bougainville.

He says that the ABG needs to police its Investment Policy to make sure investments on Bougainville is based on this policy.

The Regional member said that he was very concerned at the influx of foreigners and conducting business reserved for the local Bougainvilleans.

MR. SEMOSO said that Investors are welcomed into Bougainville if they are to invest on projects that cannot be done by Bougainvilleans.

Such as Mining, Fisheries, agricultural projects and not canteens and foodbars.

He said that the screening committee must do its work to control unnecessary people coming into Bougainville.

MR. SEMOSO said he supported President Momis's Investment Policy not allowing any stand alone projects on Bougainville.

He said all Business activities must have Bougainvilleans interest.

The Minister said that all Papua New Guinean owned businesses must be prepared to give some shares to Bougainvillean companies when the time comes.

MR. SEMOSO said that he would be physically visiting Business Houses in Buka and Kokopau this week.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

UNITED CHURCH STARTS BUSINESS

By Aloysius Laukai

The United Church on Bougainville today launched its Business arm to support its activities in the Autonomous Bougainville region.

The company called BOUGAINVILLE REGIONAL UNITED CHURCH ENTERPRISES LIMITED (BRUCEL).

United Church Bishop TIM AUTHER in launching the company said that BRUCEL will start with transport and move into other areas.

The Bishop also blessed a New Toyota Land Cruiser Ten seater to be based in Arawa to service Arawa to Buka and Arawa to Buin routes.

The bishop also thanked the Regional member for Bougainville for supporting the church to re-establish business activities to support its programs.

The Land Cruiser was bought with a ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND KINA donation from the Regional member.

The vehicle was bought for ONE HUNDRED AND NINE THOUSAND KINA.

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Source: Business Standard

Delayed opening of Copper mines to hit global supplies

by Kunal Bose

The shift in HCL emphasis from being a producer of refined copper using smelters which have little to recommend for themselves in terms of technology, energy use and capacity to a miner of copper ore and producer of concentrate is what is going to underwrite the viability of the company in the long run. Not very long in the past, the company was adrift for a flawed business strategy.

The HCL moves coincide with the world already experiencing increasingly tighter supply of copper, thanks to many leading mines across the globe developed over two decades ago yielding ore with less and less metal content.

Explaining why the world production of ore now is consistently remaining below the target, Richard Wilson, chairman of metals consultancy Brooke Hunt, says, "Most mine projects will exploit the highest ore grades possible in their earlier years of production to facilitate rapid payback of capital. The trade-off then becomes sharply falling grades as mining progresses."

Ageing mines and therefore, ore grades falling universally will be working to the advantage of HCL now on a mission to commission new mining capacity. This is because Indian ore's copper content is less than in the case with the ore found in Latin America or Africa. In the last one decade the average copper content in ore globally is down over one percentage point forcing miners to remove more and more earth to produce the same amount of concentrate, the smelter feedstock.

So to the extent there is ongoing deterioration in world ore quality, HCL's disadvantage of owning relatively inferior deposits gets diminished. The bottomline for HCL is it must dig earth a lot more efficiently than now and by doing so it will always earn more by selling concentrate than running old smelters.

Any amount of investment by HCL in mines rehabilitation and development of new mines will be justified in view of the growing consensus that of all metals, the outlook for copper remains the brightest. This is in spite of the fact the major Western economies remain on choppy waters and China, accounting for over 23 per cent of the world copper production may allow further cooling of the real estate sector, a major point of copper use.

Starting June, three-month copper gained \$1,400 to \$7,400 a tonne and then lost some ground. But operators must react to the disturbing news about the fall in factory index in the US and also rise in claims for jobless benefits. The US is the world's second largest user of copper after China.

If the experts are still of the opinion that the red metal will first climb to \$9,000 a tonne within a year and then progressively approach \$10,000 a tonne, it is because the fundamentals like copper production targets are missed regularly and stocks with both London Metal Exchange and Shanghai Exchange falling are supportive of copper. The copper ore quality may be falling, warehouse stocks declining and the underlying demand remaining strong despite hiccups in the world economy, but because of the inordinately long time taken in opening new mines, there is no way supply can be stepped up quickly.

No doubt supply side would have been in better shape had not weak copper prices in the past discouraged investment in new mines development.

There cannot be a more affirmative confirmation of the very positive outlook for copper than what the CEO of Rio Tinto Tom Albanese says; "Copper is the only metal I see where prices in the intermediate and long term are well above the marginal cost of production."

Even while Rio is counted among the world's four leading producers of the metal, Albanese laments the fact that he did not have more copper to sell in this year's first half. This pining for more of the red metal could see Rio pushing Bougainville Copper, of which it is the majority owner, to reopen Papua New Guinea's Panguna mine, one of the world's largest deposits but closed since 1989.

For the same reason, Brazil's Vale, often described as a one trick pony for its overdependence on iron ore, is to make an investment of over \$400 million in African Rainbow Minerals to develop a new copper mine in Zambia. Also in pursuit of its 'medium term strategic objective of becoming one of the main copper producers in the world,' Vale will be commissioning a 100,000 tonnes smelter in Carajas in Brazil in 2011 and a smaller 18,000 tonnes smelter at Tres Valles in Chile this year.

Vale, which now owns 300,000 tonnes of smelting capacity will perforce be looking beyond Latin America for raising its copper profile as the best opportunities there are already usurped. The urge of Hindalco and Vedanta to buy copper mines abroad is easily understandable.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO PROMISES SUPPORT

By Aloysius Laukai

Regional Member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO has pledged full support to the ABG President JOHN MOMIS and the Autonomous Bougainville Government. He told Reporters on arrival from Port Moresby that he will continue to work with the ABG to move Bougainville forward.

MR. SEMOSO said that Bougainville was very important for Bougainville Politicians to continue to play politics with.

He made these remarks after receiving criticisms by the ABG President JOHN MOMIS for deferring the JSB meeting last week.

The Bougainville Affairs Minister said that he had deferred the meeting after finding out that the Agendas for the JSB meeting was not ready and also key National Government ministers that he wanted to attend the JSB meeting were in Rabaul on another program.

He said that he had no other hidden motives as he just wanted to make sure Senior Government Ministers were present at the JSB meeting.

MR. SEMOSO said that he relayed the postponement of the meeting through the Acting Chief Administrator who should have told the President.

He mentioned that the JSB meeting would now be held in Buka this week and he hopes to get the Senior National Government Ministers for this meeting in Buka.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO ON TUNG CHURCH

By Aloysius Laukai

Regional member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO yesterday blasted the people of Tung to forget their differences work together to build their new United Church building.

MR. SEMOSO said that the west coast area have more educated and well paid people who cannot even unite to raise funds for their church building.

He said if the people of Malasang village can organize and build their church for SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND KINA he could not see why the people of Tung can not do the same.

The Minister said that he contributed SIX THOUSAND KINA only as the member whilst the rest was raised by the people themselves.

The member was at Tung village to present assistance to the community of Tung, Matjungan and Petats islands. He presented FIVE THOUSAND for the TUNG Church Building, FIVE THOUSAND KINA for the Petats Aid Post and another Five Thousand Kina for the Matsungan Church.

He explained he was trying to assist the churches on Bougainville with some funding support but he called on them to try to develop their own capacity instead of looking at the members always.



Minister for Bougainville Affairs FIDELIS SEMOSO Presents cheque for the Tung Church to JOHN DUMIT an elder of Tung village at Tung last Sunday.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

OIL PALM ON

By Aloysius Laukai

Consultants on the TOROKINA OIL PALM project last week presented their work to the Bougainville administration.

The consultant LUKE MUKISA in presenting his findings urged the ABG to speed up the project as it was taking too long to implement recommendations made to the ABG in 2007.

He said that it was now up to the ABG to decide if the project can go ahead with the project or not.

MR. MUKISA said that his organization did the research work and has been waiting for payment since.

Meanwhile ministers of the ABG who were present said that the BEC had endorsed the project in 2007 and again in 2010 but the Bougainville administration was not speeding up the paper work for the project.

The Minister for Finance, ALBERT PUNGHAU told the group that funding for the project totaling FIVE MILLION KINA from the National Government was still sitting at Waigani and if not used would return to the Consolidated Revenue at the end of the year.

He called on the Bougainville administration to put their act together and address issues raised by the consultants.

The Minister was also surprised why the consultants why it took too long for the consultants to be paid.

New Dawn FM understands that the presentation also called on the Bougainville Government through its administration to carry out more awareness with the landowners on the project.

They said that the landowners of eight identified clans can register land groups to participate as shareholders for the project.

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Source: Post-Courier

Many inmates jailed for drugs

By GORETHY KENNETH

ABOUT 75 per cent of people locked up in the Buka jail are there on drug related criminal activities, Bougainville chief sergeant and police station commander Alex Gunan said.

"We cannot ignore the issue of weapons or gun threats because with drugs, guns come with it so they should both be addressed simultaneously," he said.

He said these issues needed a concerted effort from all stakeholders, the private sector, NGOs and the Government to curb the use of guns.

Confirming the statement by vice president Patrick Nisira on drug consumption in the region reaching almost 80 per cent, Mr Gunan could not speak about leaders using drugs, but said the issue was definitely a big concern for the police force in Bougainville.

"I confirm the statement by the leader about drugs or marijuana being a major threat, but we cannot ignore guns as not being a threat," Mr Gunan said yesterday.

"Drugs come with alcohol and with both come guns so we have to address all these issues together. With drugs comes guns so these two are major threats in all communities and must be addressed simultaneously, like alcohol."

Mr Gunan said: "We now have a program, we have identified council of elders in every electorate in north Bougainville and we are starting with north Bougainville so they can deal with their own youths."

Two non-government organisations claim that many public servants go to work drunk and some of these public servants and leaders, including some Member of Parliament, are also consuming drugs. They could not elaborate.

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Source: Post-Courier

Mind shaping drugs taking hold of our people's thoughts.

USE of drugs is fast wreaking great damage on a whole generation of Papua New Guineans.

Marijuana is the drug of choice in PNG and the mind-influencing weed is taking over many of the nation's promising young people.

We are not necessarily speaking of the degree holders in society, but more the young men and women in the urban suburbs and in the villages who should be taking leadership roles in their communities.

Every community seems to have a problem with people using marijuana and getting out of control in the way they behave to their wantoks and others.

The latest opinion on the issue comes from Autonomous Bougainville's vice president Patrick Nisira.

He fears for the wellbeing of his people. Mr Nisira did a little village survey and came up with the startling admission by 80 per cent of his test group that they were influenced by marijuana.

He believes from his observations and talk with ordinary villagers and leaders in the ABG that drug use is rife at all levels, even including leaders. Bougainville is renowned for its fertile soil, based largely on the volcanic activity of the island, and almost anything can grow well without much help. Marijuana is reportedly prevalent in some areas and the drug is reaching into the most remote areas. From other sources, it is known that virtually every part of our country has a marijuana crisis.

Youngsters are getting high on marijuana and sometimes mix it with consumption of home-brewed illegal liquor.

The end result is often a dreadful mess of humanity going wrong. We as a nation are not unique in this respect. Many countries including the most advanced ones are struggling to cope with drug use. However it is threatening to rip apart our traditional societies because of the mind-shaping effects of marijuana that break down customary respect and attitudes of young to the elders and authority figures.

People who are aware of village and community constraints and the various restrictions of a traditional base get blown away by their drugs and lose all normal controls.

Crimes are committed and the villains try to explain away their actions as “sorry, it was the drug talking, not me”.

Judges do not accept that as an excuse for a crime and we urge our settlement and village leaders to take the same line of thinking. Doing something stupid or criminal may have happened because the offender was influenced by marijuana or alcohol, it’s an explanation but not a legal excuse to get away with that criminal act. This is the attitude we must take and hold firm to. Without firmness, we as a nation and as thousands of communities will be lost!

MEANWHILE, there is a disgraceful situation in our country where little children barely out of their nappies are disappearing.

We have spoken about this before, but need to reiterate: Parents have a responsibility to keep an eye and a hand on their children when out and about.

It is not good enough to give birth to a child and then let it run free. Especially when a child is still living with the parents and not at school, such children need to be within sight and sound of a parent or approved minder.

In current town and city circumstances, a little child of two to six years old and sometimes older is not capable of resisting the sweet talk of older people, the bribes of lollies or chocolates and assurances that “Mummy went ahead and said I should bring you to her”.

We cannot leave children of tender years alone, at any venue away from home. Life is not as simple as it used to be. The protective web of adult care for children is fading fast, especially in our urban communities.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NISSAN ISLANDERS DRIFT TO BOUGAINVILLE

By Aloysius Laukai

The eight Nissan Islanders who went missing at sea since last week Tuesday drifted to Bougainville mainland just off Kunua.

The survivors left Nissan at TEN AM on Tuesday 24th August 2010 and went off course towards Kavieng instead of coming towards Buka island where they were supposed to bring a patient to the Buka Hospital.

According to the survivors team leader, VINCENT KAPSEN when they realized that they were going the opposite direction they stopped the boat and just allowed the tide to carry them towards an island.

They tried to save about 25 Liters of Petrol so that they can use if they sight any island.

During their six day ordeal at sea they had some fish and fruits which they had with them.

This lasted for only three days.

The next two days they went without food and water until they sighted an island and used the last fuel to try to get closer to the island.

In their attempt to reach this island they also used their last fuel after getting close to the Horn island just off Kunua.

They paddled to the island in home made paddles made from an Empty 20 litre container.

They stayed one day on the island and had to paddle to the mainland the next day as they did not meet anyone on the island.

When they paddled to Bougainville mainland on Sunday morning they were able to meet a woman and her child on the beach and quickly realized that they had actually landed on Bougainville.

One of the survivors also recognized the woman as her teacher at Sigon Primary school in Nissan many years ago.

The woman then assisted them with food and was able to notify the Disaster office and the Buka Police Station who carried fuel and escorted them back to Buka Town.

Our reporter who covered this story says that five out of the eight were checked and discharged from the Buka Hospital yesterday.

The sick woman was admitted and is still in Hospital.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

New Malasang Church Opened last Friday.



Picture by Aloysius Laukai

30.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

MP explains absence

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso arrived in Bougainville over the weekend with good news and pledging total support to the Autonomous Bougainville Government President John Momis. In response to President Momis' outburst on the cancellation of the Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) meeting last week and blaming Mr Semoso for not having the courtesy to advise the ABG team who were left wondering, an irate Semoso said it was not his fault.

He said that the JSB meeting to be held between the National Government and the ABG was cancelled because the ABG technical team were not ready with the agendas and other documentations. He said that he had advised the acting administrator Patrick Koles and National Co-ordinating Office of Bougainville Affairs director Ellison ToWalom.

Mr Momis blasted Mr Semoso for not having the courtesy to advise him and his Cabinet members that the special meeting between the ABG and the National Government was cancelled. Mr Momis was also disappointed that he was told the meeting would be in the afternoon last week, but no-one, even the Bougainville Affairs office in Port Moresby, had the courtesy to advise them before leaving for Port Moresby. President Momis was advised later that Mr Semoso was in Kokopo. "I come home with a good heart. And I come home with nothing except support for President Momis because I openly campaigned for the people of Bougainville to vote for Momis and I financed his campaigns," Semoso said.

"I am now the Minister for Bougainville Affairs, whether they like it or not, but I don't have time to play petty politics. Bougainville does not have time to play politics. We need all the time in the world to develop and move Bougainville forward. We don't have time anymore. We must strictly comply with and we must strictly adhere to the Bougainville Peace Agreement."

Mr Semoso also announced that the ABG would get its controversial K15 million in November's Supplementary Budget. And if Bougainville is lucky, an extra K15 million may be granted, as agreed in principle by key National Government ministers. This is the reason why Mr Semoso got off in Kokopo, East New Britain to secure the funding by speaking direct with Planning Minister Paul Tiensten and State and Enterprise Minister Arthur Somare who were there – adding to the alleged delay and cancellation of the special JSB meeting which has now been put forward to this Thursday. Mr Semoso announced at the press conference at the Buka airport on Saturday that he would be in Port Moresby today.

30.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Marijuana hooks Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

MORE than 80 per cent of Bougainville's people are using marijuana, Autonomous Bougainville Government vice president Patrick Nisira has claimed.

And guns or weapons are no longer the major threat in every community - drugs are becoming the number one threat in Bougainville.

Mr Nisira said Bougainville "doesn't need a marijuana infested society nor does this region need 'longlongs' or a government-run by marijuana consuming leaders".

He said to prove that so many of the youths were using marijuana which is classified as a dangerous drug, he arranged for 50 youths at Tohatsi, in his Halia constituency to "come and have a party" at his home. His wife and family cooked good food and fed these youths. When they finished a line was ruled and all youths were asked to move to the other side of the line if they were consuming marijuana.

To his amazement, 40 youths moved to the consuming section while 10 remained on the other side. "I wasn't surprised because I heard from street talk that everyone was taking these drugs, even in remote villages," Mr Nisira said.

"I appeal to every one of you parents, council leaders, church elders and every one, please make the marijuana issue your priority. Bougainville does not need long-long, we need sane leaders in the future, not marijuana consuming leaders."

Mr Nisira, who publicly made this statement in his recent visit to Nissan Island and also during the Bougainville Mona festival, said the government was really concerned about the issue of drugs which was fast threatening every part of society in Bougainville and advised they were working on ways to curb the crisis.

Marijuana grows wild in parts of Aita, Wakunai in central Bougainville and also some places in Tinputz, north Bougainville.

In the past, police and other authorities had tried to burn it with fuel, but plants always regrew and winds

blew seeds to different locations where they grew in the wild. Today, police in Bougainville are outnumbered by the population consuming drugs and alcohol, a matter that is threatening the livelihood of people in the region. Arawa has been facing drug problems, Buin is also going through the same. In Buka, it has also become a major problem.

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Source: Post-Courier

Semoso gives to United church

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

The United Church in Bougainville can look towards improving its business arm after receiving a K100,000 cheque from the Minister for Bougainville Affairs and Bougainville Regional MP Fidelis Semoso.

The cheque, which was delivered on behalf of Mr Semoso by his project officer Justin Helele, was presented to the head of the United Church in Bougainville Bishop Tim Arthur during the recently held synod which was held in the Ruhwaku circuit in Siwai district about a fortnight ago.

The presentation of the cheque from Mr Semoso follows a commitment the Regional MP made to the United Church during last year's synod which was held on Saposa Island in the Mahari constituency in North Bougainville.

During the cheque presentation, Mr Helele said it is always the aim of the Regional MP to fund every church denominations' business arms in Bougainville so they will not always rely on the Government to give them funding.

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Source: Post-Courier

Semoso, Ogio help police

POLICE in Bougainville have been blessed with two more vehicles to enhance their security, law and order operations in the region, thanks to the donation by Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso and Higher Education Minister Michael Ogio.

Mr Semoso and Mr Ogio bought four vehicles for police and health centres to further enhance service delivery in rural areas.

The two leaders wanted to cut crime in Bougainville.

Two police vehicles will be used by police in the region while one health ambulance has been shipped for the Lemanmanu Health Centre in the Haku area of Buka while the other will go to Tinputz.

The leaders spent more than K1 million on the four vehicles - two for police and two for health centres.

Mr Semoso appealed to the people of Bougainville to help police curb crime in the region. He appealed to the police force to abide by the police rules and laws - not to drink in the vehicles.

He appealed for members of the force to uphold their integrity and respect and assured he will be watching to also make sure police operations are improved with the presentation of these vehicles.

Mr Ogio on the other hand urged the people of Bougainville to be more vigilant and have respect for the rule of law. He said they saw a great need to arm the police with more vehicles so that they can do their duties well and without hurdles.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONCERN

BY MARIA LAUKAI

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SALES OF DRUGS ON THE STREETS, MARKETS AND THE SHELVES OF RETAILED SHOPS THROUGH OUT PAPUA NEW GUINEA, ESPECIALLY AUTONOMOUS REGION OF BOUGAINVILLE.

THERE ARE MANY SHOPS, SELLING DRUGS WITHOUT PROPER LICENSE AND THIS HAS CREATED. ACCORDING TO MR EDWARD NANATSI, WHO REPRESENTS THE PHARMACY MANAGEMENT BOARD HERE IN BOUGAINVILLE AND IS THE PHARMACIST OF BUKA HOSPITAL SAYS, THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BECAUSE, THIS TYPE OF SALES IS PUTTING PUBLIC AT RISK OF DRUG RESISTANCES WHILST SOME DRUGS BEING SOLD BY SOME DRUG WAREHOUSES ARE NOT GOOD.

DRUGS ARE ON SALE IN STORES ON BOUGAINVILLE ARE AMOXICILLIN CAPSULES, AMOXICILLIN TABLETS AND AMOXICILLIN INJECTIONS, ARTHERMETER INJECTIONS AND TABLETS, CHLORAMPHENICOL CAPSULES AND INJECTIONS, PENICILLIN INJECTIONS AND MORE. JUST TO NAME A FEW, BUT THERE ARE MANY DRUGS BEING SOLD IN THE STORE EVERYDAY.

MR NANATSI IS APPEALING TO ALL THE BUSINESS HOUSES, WHO ARE SELLING MANUFACTURED DRUGS ON THE SHELVES OF THEIR SHOPS, TO STOP IMMEDIATELY.

TO SELL DRUGS ONE MUST KNOW THE FIVE RIGHTS, AS FOLLOWS :RIGHT STORAGES, RIGHT MEDICINE, RIGHT DOSAGES, RIGHT ROUTE AND RIGHT TIMING.

MR NANATSI SAYS, UNDER THE MEDICINE COSMETIC ACT 99, THERE IS A PROPER WAY TO OBTAIN A LICENCE TO OPERATE AS A PHARMACY

HE ALSO SAID, MEDICINE IS A SPECIAL COMMODITY

AND ONLY QUALIFIED PHARMACISTS OR A DOCTORS ARE ALLOWED TO SELL MEDICINE, UNDER THE MEDICINE COSMETIC ACT 2001

THERE IS A CIRCULAR PUT UP BY MR NANATSI ON NOTICE BOARDS AROUND BUKA TOWN CONCERNING THIS ISSUE.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BOUG IN BERLIN

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG president JOHN MOMIS has appointed THOMAS BOCKHOLD from FWW to market Bougainville in Germany.

MR. BOCKHOLD the Managing Director of FWW is the main supplier of Defence Force Equipments to the United Nations world wide and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Mr. Bockhold yesterday did a presentation to the Bougainville administration on Cars and Trucks and Heavy Equipments that can be sold to Bougainvillean companies.

The heavy duty equipments would come with spare parts and including training for personnel in Germany.

He would be setting up a Bougainville office in Berlin that would market Bougainville as a Tourist Destination.

MR. BOCKHOLD said for European Tourists to come to Bougainville the people must build Guest Houses as the current houses is not enough.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

INCREASE SURVEILANCE

By Aloysius Laukai

A senior Customs official says that the increase in the movement of foreigners into Bougainville demands extra efforts by Law enforcement agencies like Police and Customs.

The Bougainville Customs Officer JOHN KIU said it is now a need to ensure these agencies are fully resourced at where it matters most.

He said that Specific funding is needed to recruit specialist Border response customs officers with forward bases at Kangu in Buin with Sirovai and Kekere in the Kieta District.

Resources that would be needed includes, Housing and Surveillance boats, Airports and Seaports Screening machines and other surveillance equipments.

He said that the ABG must think seriously about ensuring that not one law enforcing agency can address issues of trans national crime as Bougainville can not afford to lose much again at this time.

26.08.2010

Source: The European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC)

Moneyweek publishes misleading article on Bougainville Copper Limited

Dear sirs,

In the latest edition of Moneyweek the editor falsely reported on Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) as follows:

Speculators drive Bougainville Copper higher

Our very speculative copper play has had an excellent run. The shares reached 0.90 AUD after gaining +20% last week under high volume. The share price has not been this high since the pre-crisis levels of 2008, almost two years ago. As far as I can tell, there have not been any further developments. I will keep an eye out for further news, as I know this is a stock which many readers are watching closely. HOLD.

Obviously, the gentleman or the lady is not well informed at all. If he or she would have made some in-depth research this article would have been written otherwise! In the last months, more concrete: since the election of a new president in the Autonomus Region of Bougainville things changed a sensibly! The newly elected president, Mr. John Momis expressed repeatedly in the regional press that he wants to see Bougainville Copper Limited to come back to the island and to resume mining in Panguna! So did the Panguna landowners. Our directors are having regular meetings with the new president and other PNG-leaders. Actually first steps, as the preparation of the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) are already on the way. We expect the new BCA to be inked in the first months of 2011.

We strongly believe that all hindrances of the past concerning mining on Bougainville will be eliminated very soon. Let me say it in this way: The streetlights that were red until know turned to yellow. And soon they will turn to green!

It is true that the final cancelation of the unsponsored Bougainville Copper (BCL) program made the BCL shares first drop in spring and then rise again. But, in the last few weeks after the sell-out of US-hold (ADR) BCL shares was over, the situation stabilized. In fact: There was NOT more speculation in the market within the last few weeks than usual. Only an interview that I gave to the German investor magazine "DER AKTIONÄR" two weeks ago attracted a little bit the attention of investors – in Germany and – surprisingly - in Australia as well.

If your editor is eager to keep himself a little bit better informed, he should visit our homepage www.bougainville-copper.eu regularly. There he will be able find out all latest news concerning Bougainville Copper Limited.

Please keep in mind that Bougainville Copper is NOT a doubtful explorer as there are a lot, regularly promoted in some newsletters. Bougainville Copper, perhaps, is one of the most interesting and most promising opportunities on the international stockmarkets.

If you need more in-depth information, please feel free to call me.

Best regards,

Axel G. Sturm
Escaldes-Engordany, 25.08.2010

26.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Two Italians on trial

TWO Italian tourists charged for being in possession of a dangerous drug, marijuana, are out on bail and undergoing court trials in Buka this week.

The two captured who are out on K500 bail are Vieri Nencini, 40 from Milan and Lorenzo Nardelli 40, from Rome, Italy who were arrested and charged.

There were also three Bougainvilleans, John Pulu, 40, of south Bougainville and Manus, Ernest Baris, 30, of Novah and Alex Bebeko of Konga in the Siwai area of south Bougainville.

One of these two Italian men is of former foreign minister and multi-millionaire's son and the other one is a prominent Roman millionaire.

They were in the region as tourists when the arrests were made.

Police reports confirmed that the two expatriates had come to Bougainville as tourists for the recent Mona festival and were seen smoking cannabis at the Liberty Guest House with their three local guides by members of the public.

The members raised the alarm by tipping off police.

Under the police and courts submissions, the suspects were taken to the police station for questioning and charged for being in possession of a dangerous drug called marijuana under section 31 (d) of the Dangerous Drug Act.

The five appeared briefly before the Buka District Court on August 16.

The trials then continued to be heard on Tuesday this week as well.

Their case has been adjourned to next Tuesday.

The police who apprehended the five suspects along with six rolled marijuanas and two Pall Mall cigarettes stuffed with marijuana including two small packages containing dried weed, have presented their case to the Buka District Court under magistrate Vincent Linge on Monday and Tuesday.

Their prosecution case closed yesterday and the lawyer representing the Italians, Michael Henao of Blake Dawson yesterday told the Post-Courier that his clients had pleaded not guilty.

Mr Henao said he will be making a no-case submission next Tuesday.

He told the Post-Courier in Buka that there were discrepancies in the police prosecution submissions and that one policeman was claiming that there were six rolls of marijuana while another policeman testified that there were five.

“My clients have pleaded not guilty and I will be making a no-case submission next Tuesday,” Henao said.

Henao could not elaborate on the matter.

However the local guides are still in the police lock up in Buka while the Italians are living in a local guest house awaiting their trial to be held on Tuesday.

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SCHOOL FEE ASSISTANCE DILEMMA

By Aloysius Laukai

This is bad news for parents of Bougainville students attending educational institutions outside of the region.

Today, (200810) the School Fees Assistance Committee met to deliberate on the K1 million the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) allocated for this purpose in 2010.

Due to the limited available funds for this program in 2010 the committee decided that priority would be ensure that schools in Bougainville continue to operate until the end of the academic year, the ABG would pay for only 15% of fees for students attending high, secondary and vocational schools and Fode in Bougainville this year.

The committee says parents would have to pay for the balance of their children’s school fees this year. The other major decision reached by the committee is that there will be no government assistance for Bougainville students attending high, secondary and tertiary institutions outside of Bougainville. Meanwhile, educational institutions that have submitted their enrolment figures to the division of education would receive their payments next week.

Schools that have not submitted their enrolment figures are encouraged to do so now in order for them to receive their payments.

The School Fees Assistance Committee says Bougainville students studying outside of the region would be considered and given priority when money is made available.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ADMINISTRATOR

By Aloysius Laukai

The Bougainville Executive Council has finally appointed a permanent Chief Administrator for Bougainville.

This position has been vacant since the last Chief Administrator the late PETER TSIAMALILI died in 2007. Since then Bougainville has been operating on several Acting Administrators resulting in too many delays in the implementation of programmes on Bougainville.

The decision was made on August 17th 2010.

The decision also revokes the appointment of the current Acting Chief Administrator MR. PATRICK KOLES and the appointment of LAWRENCE DISING as the chief Administrator for the Bougainville

Administration.

In making the Announcement, President JOHN MOMIS said that the appointment had to come after so much consultation between the National Government and Autonomous Bougainville Government. He said that the appointment was of paramount importance to maintain stability and to continue to progress on all developmental issues and service delivery for the people of the region.

He thanked MR. KOLES the outgoing Acting Chief Administrator as well as those that had acted in the position on the commitment and dedication they had portrayed to the Bougainville Administration, the ABG and the people of Bougainville.

MR. LAWRENCE DISING, former Health Administrator, now acting Regional Commissioner- South will take up his new post on the first of September, but will be subjected to three months probation.

The ABG President will convey the appointment to the National Government during the JSB meeting this week.

New Dawn FM understands LAWRENCE DISING was the ABG's candidate for the Chief Administrator's position under the JAMES TANIS Government however due to differences with the National Government on who should make the appointment resulted in prolonging the announcement.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CHIEF CALLS

By Aloysius Laukai

A chief from the KONNOU area of Buin is calling on the ABG President JOHN MOMIS to address the law and order situation in BUIN.

The chief says that the law and order situation in Buin was deteriorating and something must be done quickly to save lives.

The chief said that innocent civilians continue to die at the hands of so called Mekamui in the Konnou area.

CHIEF PARUTAN JOE made these comments after the Mekamui started removing Mobile Phones from the people in the Tabago area.

He said this was another attempt by the group to maintain their dominance in that area of Bougainville.

Chief PARUTAN said that the people of Konnou still live in fear and are questioning the ABG for how many more years should they live like this.

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PARENTS QUESTION

By Aloysius Laukai

Parents of students attending the DEVARE high school are questioning why the school is not following the set School fees set up by the Provincial Education Board.

A parent told New Dawn FM that he was forced to pay ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED KINA instead of the NINE HUNDRED KINA approved by the Provincial Education Board for lower secondary school.

The parent who wants to remain anonymous said that even two third system for students from the same family in the same sector were not allowed by the school.

Meanwhile, a memo from the Education office says that the School administration was confusing the parents to pay extra school fees.

The Provincial Education Officer, MICHAEL METEN called on the Principal of the school to stick to the figures approved by the Provincial Education Board as the School fees for 2010.

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

LUKAUTIM PIKININI ACT

By Aloysius Laukai

A three- day workshop on the new LUKAUTIM PIKININI ACT is being conducted at the Kuri Village Resort. The workshop started this morning and will end on Thursday.

Participants for this workshop are from NEW GUINEA ISLANDS which means participants are from Manus, West and East New Britain, New Ireland and Bougainville.

The act was enacted to protect children from abuses by both parents and their guardians including relatives.

In his opening remarks, ABG Acting President, PATRICK NISIRA said that the ABG would support the new law in protecting its children who are future leaders of Bougainville.

MR. NISIRA said that the enacting of the law means that the abuse was rife throughout PNG.

He called on the people of Bougainville to stand up and protect the children from all forms of abuse to the children of Bougainville.

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

THOUSANDS ATTEND FEAST

By Tom Kathoa

The small and unknown Suagu Village in the Tinputz area of North Bougainville will come alive tomorrow as people start arriving for a ceremonial feast the following day.

Suagu Village is the home of the Member for North Bougainville and National Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology, Hon Michael Ogio.

Thousands of people from all parts of Bougainville including other provinces in Papua New Guinea have started arriving in Tinputz today in preparation for the big occasion on Thursday this week.

Among the visitors most of who are politicians and chiefs are reporters and other media personal to provide coverage and document the event.

The Thursday gathering is in honor of the late wife of the Minister.

Organizers of the ceremony say people attending the feast would come from all parts of Bougainville.

All the forty members of the Autonomous Bougainville Government have been invited to attend the ceremony together with their national colleagues.

Our reporter says a large number of pigs would be slaughtered and distributed among the guests.

Our reporter says Buka and Nissan friends of the minister would contribute more than 30 pigs towards the occasion

Food like pig meat, fish, chicken, cow meat and vegetables are among the different varieties of food to be consumed and shared among the guests, friends and relatives during the day.

Most of the contingent would arrive for the one day festive ceremony on Thursday morning.

24.08.2010

Source: Bougainville Copper Limited

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Concerning the first 6 months 2010.

[Download here the original BCL document with all figures!](#)

In the first six-month recording period there have been a number of matters on which I wish to report.

BOUGAINVILLE ELECTIONS

The Bougainville elections concluded in a safe and orderly manner. Around 90% of the former members were not returned, including President Tanis who is replaced by Chief John Momis. The result was conclusive for the position of President and it was not necessary to go to preferences.

I met the new President in his first week in office. The meeting was both cordial and constructive. It was an opportunity for me to brief the President on the economic and technical issues in reopening Panguna and also to discuss the challenges his government and the company shared. I emphasised the importance of getting all interested parties to the negotiating table to discuss the future of the mine. I told the President BCL's first priority is safety and requested he do what he could to get company safety experts on the ground. We agreed to keep in regular contact and since the meeting the new Government has initiated a program to have a united mine lease landowner representative body elected. Once this is complete there is a proposal to commence a multi party renegotiation of the Bougainville Copper Agreement under which the company operates.

TAX CASE

By mutual agreement with the Internal Revenue Commission (IRC) the outstanding tax claimed amount of K48.8m was paid into court on condition the amount would be invested and that if BCL is successful in the substantive case the sum and interest earned would be return to BCL. This action ends that part of the action by the IRC seeking immediate payment to it of outstanding claimed tax, penalties and interest. The company's substantive objection is still waiting on a trial date but both sides are now actively working on the "discovery" process in preparation for the trial.

FUEL OIL ISSUE

A large quantity of heavy fuel oil formerly used in the power station remained at the company port after mining was suspended. Management was alerted some time ago to an unauthorised vessel removing some of this oil that was transported out of PNG without approval, presumably for sale. Recently a second ship arrived and proceeded to load most of the remaining oil. Subsequently PNG Customs, with the assistance of the Navy, intercepted the second ship at sea and escorted it Rabaul for breaching PNG Customs regulations. The authorities are currently pursuing a number of legal processes.

The company is looking at legal and other processes it can employ to stop illegal activity associated with its property while mindful of the limited capacity of Bougainville authorities to enforce court orders and the fact that armed criminals are assisting foreign interests in these activities.

DON VERNON SCHOLARSHIP

The BCL Don Vernon scholarship was launched in Brisbane in collaboration with the 30 year anniversary dinner of the Australia PNG Business Council. Don founded the Council when he was Managing Director of BCL. The dinner was a sell-out and was addressed by the PNG Deputy PM and Minister for Mines Sir Puka Temu. High Commissioners from both countries as well senior government officials and senior industry people attended. Arrangements are now being made through the University of Queensland to find an appropriate PNG scholar to take up this postgraduate award with priority being given to a Bougainville student.

THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

The company will focus on preparing for a formal engagement with landowners and the National and Bougainville Government over the future of the mine and settling all outstanding issues between the parties. The Bougainville Government has indicated its willingness to participate in such talks. All parties have agreed that it is necessary to establish a landowner group that can represent all landowner interests during negotiations. The Bougainville Government is taking the lead and the company has offered its assistance where appropriate. The new Bougainville Government has tenure of five years and the early signs are that it is interested in reopening the mine provided the local landowners are in agreement. A number of studies will be undertaken in preparation for negotiations of the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

2010 DIVIDEND

The Directors have not declared a dividend in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2010.

BORROWING

No borrowings were outstanding at year-end.

STOCK EXCHANGE

The standard proforma Appendix 4D was lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange in accordance with official listing requirements.

PETER TAYLOR
CHAIRMAN

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BCA REVIEW

By Aloysius Laukai

The Department of Mineral Policy and Geo Hazard Management last week conducted a one week preparatory workshop with the Bougainville Administration's senior officials.

The delegation was led by Deputy National Secretary of the Department MR. SHEDRICK HIMATA.

The workshop was important and necessary in preparation for the forthcoming review of the **Bougainville Copper Agreement.**

The purpose of the workshop was to get information from the Bougainville officials on:

How the review should be conducted,

Who the participants will be in the review,

Who should facilitate and chair the review,

The terms and reference of the facilitators and format of the review.

The Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) WOULD REQUEST THE National Government at this week's JSB meeting to conduct the PANGUNA baseline survey prior to the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

The baseline survey would be conducted by scientists funded by the World Bank.

The current understanding is that the landowners have agreed to review the BCL agreement before mining could resume in Panguna.

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MINISTER'S DREAM

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG minister for Works, Transport, Media and Communications, CAROLUS KETSIMUR wants a situation where a man or woman switch on a radio and immediately get a clear signal. Picks up the Phone and make a call or Switch on the TV and gets a clear picture. The Minister said this at a small dedication ceremony at the Media and Communication Office last Friday.



MR. KETSIMUR said that he would want to see the man in the remotest part of Bougainville have exactly the same communication and media services available to him.

He also said that it was the job of the government to make sure that the people get the best communication and information service available at a lowest possible cost.

The Minister said that as a Minister he would try to improve the Communication and Media service on Bougainville.

New Dawn FM understands that the ABG has no control over any media outlet on Bougainville and if it wants to fully utilize the Radio for its awareness it must draw down the power of NBC as soon as possible.

In many occasions the Bougainville leaders have complaint about the local Radio Station not airing their programs.

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AUSAID LEADER

By Aloysius Laukai

The Education Minister JOHN TABINAMAN praised AUSAID and the people of Australia for their continuous Assistance to the ABG and the people of Bougainville.

He made these remarks when welcoming Ausaid's team leader on Bougainville for the next three years. The new leader MADELEINE MOSS replaces outgoing staff EDWINA BETTS who returns to Australia at the end of September this year.

In a brief welcome ceremony last Saturday, MR. TABINAMAN said that the ABG and the people of Bougainville are looking forward to working closely with the new team leader.

He also thanked EDWINA BETTS the outgoing team leader for her work on Bougainville.

Meanwhile the incoming team leader MS MOSS promised to continue the work from where EDWINA BETTS has left.

The outgoing team leader EDWINA BETTS also said that her three year term on Bougainville was very worthwhile and that she would remember Bougainville for a long time.

24.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NISSAN WELCOMED

By Aloysius Laukai

The eleven survivors from Nissan Island who went missing at sea arrived in Buka last Saturday looking tired but happy to be home at last.

They were welcomed by the Officers from the Provincial Disaster Office at the Buka airport.

The Seven adult and 4 children looked healthy when they arrived in Buka.

They left Nissan on a 23 footer Dinghy powered by a 60HP Yamaha engine on August 4th 2010 at 9am and did not reach Buka.

According to one of the survivors, PETER HATANU they had engine problem just off Kessa and were able to call the Boat owner by Mobile Phone but help did not come quickly resulting in them drifting out to sea.

Meanwhile the Acting CEO for the Local Level Government Office which handles Emergency and Search and Rescue operations, HERBERT KIMAI in welcoming the Nissan islanders call on the islanders to take extra precautions whilst travelling in Out board motors.

He said that the division is working on a policy to make sure boat owners abide by certain guidelines.

MR. KIMAI said that Boat owners would have to license their boats and make sure basic emergency kits are on boats, such as Radio, floaters, extra petrol and service tools.

23.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

The eleven Nissan Islanders

Rescued by an Australian vessel and dropped off at Misima the eleven Nissan Islanders island arrived in Buka at the weekend.

They are pictured at Buka.

They were travelling on a 60hp Yamaha boat when their engine broke down. They drifted for nearly 8 days at sea.

They are pictured with the Emergency Radio man Martin Tsora (left SITTING) with the CEO for LLG office which looks after Search and Rescue (left standing) HERBERT KIMAI. All pictured including the children arrived healthy and happy.



23.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Ausaid Change

By Aloysius Laukai

The Ausaid team for Bougainville will have a new leader at the end of September this year.

A new team leader arrived in Buka last Saturday.

The new team leader Madeleine Moss replaces Edwina Betts who has been in Bougainville for the last three years. She was welcomed to Bougainville by the ABG minister for Education JOHN TABINAMAN



Pictured at the Buka airport are Outgoing team leader Edwina Betts (left) and Madeleine Moss the new Ausaid Team leader.



Madeleine Moss is welcomed by a Young lady from Gogohe.

20.08.2010

Source: SPIEGEL ONLINE

Goldrausch Down Under als [PDF](#)

20.08.2010

Source: boerse.de

Bougainville Copper Kupferpreis lässt hohe Rentabilität erwarten

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Es würden einige Fakten darauf hindeuten, dass eine Wiedereröffnung der Mine eventuell noch in diesem

Jahr vertraglich besiegelt werden könnte. An einem Zustandekommen eines solchen Beschlusses dürfte insbesondere der Rohstoffkonzern Rio Tinto (ISIN GB0007188757/ WKN 852147) interessiert sein, der einen Anteil von 53,8% an Bougainville Copper halte. Weitere rund 19,1% seien in Besitz der Regierung Papua-Neuguineas, die ebenfalls die Wiederaufnahme des Kupferabbaus befürworte. Auch John Momis, Präsident von Bougainville, schließe sich dieser Meinung an. Er wisse ganz genau, dass der Minenbetrieb den Bewohnern Arbeit und Wohlstand beschere würde.

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Offenlegung von möglichen Interessenskonflikten: Mögliche Interessenskonflikte können Sie auf der Site des Erstellers/ der Quelle der Analyse einsehen.

20.08.2010

Source: Trader's Daily



Michael Vaupel

Michael Vaupel, der Chefredakteur von [Trader's Daily](#) schrieb gestern, am 19. August 2010, über eine alternative Energiequelle. Diese könnte auch für Bougainville interessant sein, da dort ohnehin schon Biodiesel aus Kokosnüssen gewonnen wird.

[Biodiesel-Produktion der nächsten Generation.](#)

[Hier können Sie in einen Film von Journeyman's Pictures sehen, wie auf Bougainville Biodiesel auf Kokospalmöl gewonnen wird!](#)

20.08.2010

Source: DIE WELT

Der neue Rohstoff-Imperialismus

Holmium, Thulium, Lithium: Die Zutaten für die Technologien der Zukunft liegen fast alle in der Erde Chinas. Das macht den Westen abhängig. Und Europa ist auf die Verteilungskämpfe nicht vorbereitet.

Von Friedbert Pflüger

Neben den seit einiger Zeit stark beachteten Fragen der Energiesicherheit wird die ausreichende Versorgung mit Rohstoffen zu einer zentralen Herausforderung. Dafür gibt es drei Gründe: die wachsenden Ansprüche von acht Milliarden Menschen, die 2030 auf der Erde leben werden, der steigende Bedarf der dynamischen Schwellenländer wie China, Indien oder Brasilien und schließlich die zunehmende Abhängigkeit hochtechnologischer Industrieprodukte von strategischen Rohstoffen. Der globale Wettbewerb um Bodenschätze wird härter. Die internationale Politik der kommenden Jahrzehnte wird nicht nur vom viel beschworenen "clash of civilizations", sondern vielleicht noch stärker von einer neuen Form von Ressourcen-Imperialismus geprägt werden. Dabei geht es zunehmend um einen Kampf um Rohstoffe. Neue Konflikte zeichnen sich ab - bis hin zur Gefahr neuer Kriege und Bürgerkriege. Die größte geopolitische Veränderung der letzten zehn Jahre liegt in der aggressiven Rohstoffsicherungspolitik Chinas, das überall auf der Welt selbstbewusst ein Gegengewicht zu den USA aufbaut. Wenn Deutschland und Europa nicht zu den Verlierern dieser Entwicklungen gehören wollen, müssen Politik und Wirtschaft schnell handeln.

Ein Grund für Chinas wachsende Macht ist, dass rund 95 Prozent der heutigen Produktion von sogenannten Seltenen Erden aus dem Reich der Mitte stammen. Ob Elektroautos, Laser- und Nanotechnik, Mobiltelefone, Computer, hochwertige Industrieglase oder Fotovoltaik - überall werden Neodym oder Lanthan, Europium oder Germanium, Holmium oder Thulium und so weiter benötigt. Vor dem Hintergrund des wachsenden Eigenbedarfs und der überall steigenden Nachfrage nach Technologieprodukten sind eine Arbeitsgruppe der EU-Kommission und das Institut für Zukunftsstudien und Technologiebewertung (IZT) in zwei aktuellen Studien zu dem Ergebnis gekommen, dass aufgrund dieses Quasi-Monopols die künftige Versorgung der europäischen Industrie mit diesen Metallen gefährdet ist. In diesem Jahr werden in der Welt circa 115 000 Tonnen Seltener Erden verbraucht, bereits für 2012 wird mit 185 000 gerechnet. Um diesen globalen Mehrbedarf wissend, haben die Chinesen in den vergangenen Jahren regelmäßig ihre Exportquoten gesenkt und die Ausfuhren durch Steuern verteuert. Was, wenn Peking eines Tages den Export bestimmter Seltener Erden mit Hinweis auf den Eigenbedarf

ganz einstellt? Eine Katastrophe für die westliche Industrie, ein enormer Wettbewerbsvorteil für chinesische Technikprodukte.

Vor diesem Hintergrund muss die Abhängigkeit von China schnell gemindert werden. In den USA nimmt MolyCorp deshalb eine Mine wieder in Betrieb, die sie 1994 vor dem Hintergrund damals preisgünstiger Seltener Erden aus China geschlossen hatte. Zwei Lager warten in Australien darauf, von den Firmen Lynas beziehungsweise Arafura Resources ausgebeutet zu werden. Allerdings sind auch hier die Chinesen bereits mit von der Partie: 25 Prozent von Arafura gehören einem chinesischen Unternehmen, bei Lynas konnte ein chinesischer Übernahmever such bisher verhindert werden.

Seit 2007 rückt ein anderer Rohstoff in den Blickpunkt: Lithium, ein Leichtmetall, das die Industrie für Mobiltelefone, Laptops und Eisenbahnen sowie in der Luftfahrt benötigt und dem mit Blick auf die Batterien für Elektroautos eine Zukunft als "weißes Gold" vorausgesagt wird. Die größten Vorkommen befinden sich im riesigen Salzsee Salar de Uyuni in Bolivien. Die Chinesen sind, wie überall in Lateinamerika und Afrika, bereits vor Ort. Die China Development Bank hat Bolivien einen Kredit über 15 Milliarden Dollar gewährt für die Ausbeutung eines der weltweit größten Eisenerzprojekte El Cerro Mutum. Mittelfristig aber geht es den Chinesen vor allem um den Zugriff auf das bolivianische Lithium. Ulrich Grillo, Vorsitzender des Rohstoffausschusses des BDI, warnt, dass China mit seiner Politik bald den Schlüssel für die Batterien der Zukunft in seiner Hand halten könnte. In jedem Fall gibt es zu wenig Lithium auf der Welt, was sich auch darin zeigt, dass trotz aller Gefahren jetzt ernsthaft über die Ausbeutung von Lithium-Reserven in Afghanistan nachgedacht wird.

Alle Bedarfsprognosen zeigen: Auch bei anderen Rohstoffen wie Kupfer, Titan oder Kobalt wird für die Zukunft ein das Angebot weit übertreffende Nachfrage vorausgesagt. Nicht selten werden schon heute wegen des Reichtums, den diese Rohstoffe dem Besitzer bringen, heftige Kämpfe darüber ausgetragen. Der Bürgerkrieg im Kongo, der fünf Millionen Menschen das Leben kostete, wäre ohne die Bodenschätze in der Ostprovinz Kivu, vor allem ohne das dortige Coltan, kaum ausgebrochen. **Auf der Pazifikinsel Bougainville, einer ehemals deutschen Kolonie, tobte lange Zeit eine sogenannte Kokosnuss-Revolution um eine riesige Kupfermine, die 15 000 Menschen das Leben kostete. Der britisch-australische Rohstoffgigant Rio Tinto bemüht sich um die Wiederaufnahme der dortigen Produktion.** Im Süden der äußerst instabilen philippinischen Insel Mindanao will der Schweizer Konzern Xstrata gigantische Kupferminen ausbeuten - gegen den entschiedenen Widerstand von Kommunisten, Islamisten und katholischer Kirche. Solche Konflikte wird es in Zukunft vermehrt geben - übrigens auch in der Arktis und auf dem Boden der Weltmeere, vielleicht eines nicht allzu fernen Tages auf dem Mond.

Was folgt daraus? Erstens müssen Deutschland und Europa ihren Bedarf an strategischen Bodenschätzen definieren und vor diesem Hintergrund eine gemeinsame Strategie entwickeln, die sie in der Welt entschlossen durchsetzen. Es muss Schluss sein mit der dauernden Selbstbeschäftigung, die EU muss - mit Deutschland als einer treibenden Kraft und wo immer möglich im Schulterschluss mit den USA - ein Global Player werden, der den Willen zeigt, sich zu behaupten und seine Rohstoffinteressen durchzusetzen.

Zweitens müssen Politik und Wirtschaft mit Blick auf die Rohstoffsicherheit eng zusammenarbeiten. Neben der Stützung eines innovativen Mittelstandes brauchen die europäischen Gesellschaften auch eine bessere Akzeptanz von europäisch verorteten multinationalen Konzernen, die die enormen Investitionen bei der Ausbeutung, der Veredlung und der Infrastruktur der Rohstoffgewinnung leisten können und die gegenüber den chinesischen, indischen, brasilianischen und amerikanischen Giganten konkurrenzfähig sind. Es ist im Interesse der deutschen und europäischen Politik, gemeinsame industriepolitische Konzepte mit Unternehmen wie Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton, Xstrata, BASF, Siemens und anderen zu entwickeln, um sie im weltweiten Rohstoffwettbewerb zum Beispiel mit chinesischen Staatskonzernen zu unterstützen. Außenpolitik muss in diesem Bereich noch stärker Außenwirtschaftspolitik werden.

Drittens muss der Versuch unternommen werden, die heutige Abhängigkeit von strategischen Bodenschätzen durch die Entwicklung künstlicher Ersatzstoffe zu mindern und die Effizienz der Rohstoffverwendung durch technische und chemische Innovationen zu steigern. Auch dabei ist eine enge Kooperation zwischen Unternehmen und Forschungspolitik erforderlich. Es muss geprüft werden, inwieweit sich heimische Rohstoffminen, die vor Jahren wegen mangelnder Wirtschaftlichkeit geschlossen wurden, wieder lohnen. Und schließlich gibt es nach wie vor enorme Potenziale für die europäische Wirtschaft durch weitere Verbesserungen bei der Industriemüllverarbeitung und Metallschrottverwertung in Deutschland.

Der Wettbewerb um Rohstoffe wird hart, weil davon nicht nur die globalen Machtverhältnisse, sondern das Überleben von Gesellschaftsentwürfen und Regierungssystemen abhängt. Aber vor dem Hintergrund der Kolonialgeschichte sollten Deutsche und Europäer alles dafür tun, dass diese Auseinandersetzung so weit wie möglich friedlich und nach den Regeln des internationalen Rechtes ausgetragen wird. Die Menschen in den Rohstoffländern dürfen nicht wie früher ausgebeutet werden, sondern sollten vom Abbau und Handel mit Rohstoffen profitieren. Kurzfristig mag es ein Wettbewerbsnachteil gegenüber den Chinesen sein, zu Staaten wie dem Sudan oder Simbabwe Distanz zu halten oder die Debatte über Blutdiamanten und Konfliktrohstoffe zu führen - langfristig wird sich eine Politik auf der Grundlage ethischer Mindeststandards nicht nur als moralisch überlegen, sondern auch als wirtschaftlich erfolgreicher erweisen. Ressourcensicherung wird nur nachhaltig sein, wenn sie in den Entwicklungsländern nicht in erster Linie Rohstofflager, sondern Partner sieht.

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Source Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ITALIANS IN POLICE CUSTODY

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville Police have arrested two Italian tourists for smoking marijuana (cannabis) in a public place. According to a Bougainville Police Brief the two Tourists were sighted by residents at the Liberty Guest House last week.

The Italians identified as VIERI NENCINI (40) of Milan in Italy and LORENZO NARDELLI of Rome Italy were captured along with three Bougainvilleans namely, JOHN PULU (40) of South Bougainville(BUIN) AND Manus parentage, ERNEST BARIS(30) of NOVA village on West coast Buka, ALEX BEBEKO of KONGA in Siwai, South Bougainville.

Bougainville Police have confirmed that two expatriates had come to Bougainville as tourists for the recent MONA FESTIVAL were sighted smoking Marijuana at the Liberty Guest House with their three local guides.

Concerned citizens raised the alarm and Police went in and picked them up.

Police who attended to the scene and apprehended the five suspects along with six rolled marijuana, 2 Pall Mall cigarettes stuffed with Marijuana and two small packages containing the dried weed.

The five appeared briefly at the Buka District Court on Monday 16th August and their case has been adjourned to tomorrow Friday.

The two Italian tourists are out on FIVE HUNDRED KINA bail each and are awaiting their lawyers from Port Moresby.

Meanwhile their three Bougainvillean Guides are still behind bars awaiting their next court appearance.

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Source Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BUKA CLEANUP

By Aloysius Laukai

The Bougainville Police Service, Fisheries Section of Primary Industry Division and the Buka Urban Council are embarking on a big clean up exercise of Buka and Kokopau towns tomorrow.

The Exercise would involve the removal of Plastics and other materials from the beach along Buka and Kokopau.

And Appeals have been made this week to town residents and including Business houses to support the cleanathon.

Spokesman for the group and member of the Bougainville Police Service LESLY METEN told New DAWN FM this afternoon that the cleanup exercise is to make our town attractive to visitors.

He said that the clean up of our areas was the responsibility of all residents and not just the Town Council.

The cleanup exercise will also cover Hutjena and Kubu areas.

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Source: Global Investors

A Gem In Rio Tinto's Portfolio

Rio Tinto (RTP) has a majority holding in mining company Bougainville Copper, who owns the now defunct Panguna mine, one of the world's largest copper reserves. Closed down since 1989, the decision to re-open the mine could now be around the corner.

Bougainville is a small island in the Pacific. It is home to the Panguna mine, closed down in 1989 during a civil war. It is key to know that the remaining copper reserves in the ground could be mined for at least another 35 years. This is what has now caught the investor community's interest.

One mine, several profiteers

Several developments suggest that the decision to re-open the mine could be made before the end of this year. Such a decision would be of great interest to Rio Tinto, who owns 53.8% stake in Bougainville Copper. Approximately 19.1% is owned by the government of Papua New Guinea, whose government also favors the re-opening of the mine. Bougainville's president, John Momis, agrees. He knows that the re-opening of the mine would create the jobs and the welfare for his island population.

High return on investment

"It is key to know, that apart from Panguna, Bougainville Copper has secured additional mining rights for 7 other areas on Bougainville", says Axel. G. Sturm, President of the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper – a representation of investors in BCL, owning over 4% of the company's shares. Sturm is convinced the company's future is bright. And justifiably so! In the 80ies, Bougainville Copper had one of the lowest production costs worldwide. Take this and see copper prices significantly higher today and you can imagine the mine's potential ROI. However, before production can start necessary investments in infrastructure need to be made. "Improving the infrastructure will take 3 to 4 years and will cost around USD 1.5bn," says Sturm. He believes that the World Bank could play an active role in financing the project.

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Source: Der Aktionär

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[Eine Perle in Rio Tintos Portfolio](#)

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PRESIDENT LEAVES

BY Aloysius Laukai

ABG President Chief John Momis left Buka today for Port Moresby on official duties. Apart from other official duties in Port Moresby, MR. MOMIS would also stay in Port Moresby for the second JSB meeting scheduled for this week.

The JSB meeting is a follow up of the first meeting that discussed outstanding issues that included the Review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

Issue on extra funding for the ABG to make it able to deliver effectively.
 They also discussed the outstanding FIFTEEN MILLION KINA that the National Government failed include in this year's budget.

In this coming JSB the ABG team would like to meet with the technical officers on the possibility of releasing this outstanding Fifteen Million Kina.

Other Members from the ABG team will leave for the JSB this week.

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Source: ASX Sydney

**Poor Paul Coleman is supposed to answer to another ASX price query!
 Sydney +20% - Frankfurt opens at +5,54% !**

Course of Sales for BOC
 as at 8/18/2010 5:13:40 PM

| Time | Quantity | Price | Reference |
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| 09:59:55 | 20,000 | 0.820 | 0 |
| 09:59:55 | 10,000 | 0.820 | 0 |
| 09:59:57 | 610 | 0.820 | 0 |
| 10:05:16 | 2,592 | 0.820 | 0 |
| 11:26:50 | 265 | 0.820 | 0 |
| 14:46:24 | 1,895 | 0.830 | 0 |
| 14:46:24 | 10,000 | 0.835 | 0 |
| 14:47:55 | 2,035 | 0.845 | 0 |
| 14:47:55 | 32,900 | 0.850 | 0 |
| 14:48:41 | 6,533 | 0.855 | 0 |
| 14:55:54 | 3,467 | 0.855 | 0 |
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Market Depth for BOUGAINVILLE COPPER
 as at 5:15:03 PM Wednesday, August 18, 2010

BOUGAINVILLE COPPER Trade Summary - Status

| Last | Change | % | Volume | Trades | Open | High | Low |
|-------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.900 | 0.150 | 20.00 | 130,297 | 15 | 0.820 | 0.900 | 0.820 |

Last Traded 10,000 @ 0.9 - 16:10:10

BOUGAINVILLE COPPER Market Depth

| BOC Buyers | | | BOC Sellers | | | | |
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| 1 | 1 | 15,000 | 0.845 | 0.950 | 12,000 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 8,105 | 0.835 | 0.995 | 4,200 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 | 20,000 | 0.825 | 1.000 | 71,516 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 1 | 6,825 | 0.815 | 11.000 | 610 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | 1 | 1,500 | 0.800 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 6 | 1 | 20,000 | 0.770 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| 7 | 1 | 37,500 | 0.760 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| 8 | 2 | 18,000 | 0.750 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | 1 | 7,000 | 0.670 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| 10 | 3 | 66,663 | 0.600 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 10 |
| 11 | 1 | 9,435 | 0.530 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| 12 | 1 | 7,000 | 0.450 | 11.000 | 0 | 1 | 12 |

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ELECTORATE VISIT

By Aloysius Laukai

The member for Eivo Torau, MELCHIOR DARE has just completed his first electorate visit since his election.

His electorate which covers the Torau people on the Beach and the ParuParu people on the hills at the back of Panguna.

The member told New Dawn yesterday that he had to visit his people to find out what their needs are before he can start working on projects for his people.

He said that the biggest need for his people was the need to get information on the work of the ABG.

MR. DARE said that his people were happy to talk personally to their member instead of working to some kind of committees.

Member DARE said that he could not wait for funding from the ABG to carry out his first visit to his electorate.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CEO CALLS ON ABG

By Aloysius Laukai

The CEO of CCI, DR. ERIC OMURU last week called on the ABG to allocate land for CCI to continue to do its research on improving cocoa and coconut production in the region.

He said that CCI needs training facility to continue its training program on Bougainville.

DR. OMURU made these comments after learning that the ABG has taken over the CCI Training centre to house the office of the ABG President JOHN MOMIS and several other Ministers.

New Dawn FM understands that this would be the second building that the ABG has taken over from other government divisions in Buka.

The first building is the current ABG Head quarters taken from the UNIVERSITY Centre to convert into its temporary parliament.

Meanwhile a Bougainvillean today called on the ABG to plan and build its own offices.

The chief who wants to remain anonymous said that the ABG cannot continue to squatter in other people's properties.

He said that they should have build some offices in the last five years.

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Source: The National

CCI team impressed with Bougainville tour

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

THE Cocoa, Coconut Industry (CCI) team that visited Central and South Bougainville is happy to see big developments happening in both areas.

The team was led by Dr Mathias Faure and CEO Dr Eric Omuru based in Rabaul, and included National Planning senior officer Moses Ahi, Morobe deputy administrator Giobing Bilong, East New Britain Department of Primary Industry (DPI) adviser Biasius Maraga and other senior officers from CCI. They had the opportunity to visit seed gardens, cocoa farms and DPI stations throughout Central and South Bougainville and also visited the now abandoned Duncan Research Station at Kurwina and the Primary Industry Minister's block.

The team had several meetings with block owners on the need to improve production in their farms. Faure was happy to see the local farmers determined to increase production in the absence of government support.

Ahi could not believe the cargo ship that went to Buin to pick up cocoa could only carry 3,000 bags whilst another 10,000 bags were still in storage sheds in Buin.

He promised to support the agriculture industry in Bougainville by seeking funds to support the industry.

The team arrived in Buka on Monday.

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Source: The National

Aussie ship rescues 11

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

AN Australian vessel has rescued Nissan Islanders who went missing at sea last week. The Autonomous Bougainville Region's emergency and disaster centre director Franklin Lacey confirmed the rescue of 11 people, including four children, who went missing eight days ago. They were travelling from Nissan to Buka.

The Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Port Moresby requested assistance from the Australian Rescue Centre.

Australian merchant vessel MV Brilliance Century, which was on its way to Newcastle, rescued the survivors 123 nautical miles southwest of Buka about 2am last Thursday.

The survivors are reportedly in good health.

The emergency and disaster centre in Buka asked mv Brilliance Century's skipper to drop the rescued islanders at Misima Island, Milne Bay.

From there, arrangements would be made for them to return to Buka next week.

It is learnt that an investigation is underway to find out how the travellers got lost out at sea.

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Bougainville - Establishment of A Copper Mine

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Source: The National

Second Bougainville canoe festival a success

By ALOYSIUS LAUKAI

THE second Bougainville Mona or canoe festival last week has been hailed a success by show-goers and organizers.

The Aug 12-14 festival, which featured traditional canoes, attracted more than 10,000 people, including local and international tourists.

The show opened with a local send-off ceremony by Malasang village chiefs of the four canoes.

The canoes then travelled to Buka town where the festival was opened by Bougainville President John Momis.

The canoes and crew had a water break at leta village then continued to Kokopau to waiting warriors, cultural groups and chiefs from Selau and Suir.

Comedian Kanage added flavour to the show when he travelled in one of the canoes.

Momis encouraged Bougainvilleans to preserve their custom as "this was our own identity".

He praised the festival organizers for ensuring its success, and gave K10,000 on behalf of the ABG for

the running of the festival.

Director of the National Cultural Commission Dr Jacob Simet urged the festival committee to place the event on the annual calendar for the sake of tourists.

Meanwhile, George Mackenzie and Lorena Richie were crowned Mr. and Miss Digicel Bougainville Mona festival.

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Source: Post-Courier

Another tourist track in PNG

This track in Bougainville was where Japanese and allied soldiers died during the Second World War.

By Peterson Tseraha

TOURISTS and adventurers all over the world have heard of The Kokoda Track.

Many of them have even walked the famous World War II trail in Papua New Guinea.

In PNG, there are people who boast of having their own Kokoda Track but it may not be as popular as that of the Isurava entrance or the Kokoda track or the same historical significance attached to Kokoda. This is a story that will take you through an exciting adventure, a journey through another Second World War track, perhaps not so famous like the Kokoda one but is as stimulating, nerve-wrecking and a historical experience like the famous PNG track. In the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, there is a wartime trail that was recently discovered by local tourist company, Bougainville Experience Tours (BET). This is the Numa-numa-Torokina trail. This track is being explored by the ABG and the local authorities to turn it into a natural tourism attraction and exciting findings on that trail have the potential to be used like they are doing at the Kokoda Trail.

During the war, the Japanese soldiers used this track to mount an attack on the Americans base at Torokina which was an important co-ordinating centre responsible for the grounding of Admiral Yamamoto's planes in 1943.

BET with ABG commerce division who are part of the tourism team of officers, walked the trail to map its conditions as well as survey the areas that the trail passes through to gather information that will be packaged later for tourists.

The Numa-numa trail starts on the east coast of Bougainville, at the start of the Numa-numa coffee plantation in Wakunai, central Bougainville and goes right down to the west coast in Torokina where US soldiers were based during the war.

The team comprised Zhon Bosco Miriona (team leader and manager Bougainville Experience Tours) Steven M Tamiung (logistics mapping with BET operations in Arawa, Mark Kari (local tour guide, landowner/liaison), Anthony Kavuko (local tour guide, land owner), Cathy Yakase (assistant team leader/administration, Esther Timpa (survey reporter/assistance admin), Lorena Ritsi (photography and medic for the team.)

The team spent three nights and four days walking from Numa-numa to beautiful Torokina beach on Bougainville's west coast where a group of bomb experts were disposing of wartime bombs. The Numa-numa track is just like the Kokoda Track in which heavy fighting was recorded and there were also heavy casualties reported from both the Japanese and Allies at this track.

The track will bring you into a natural habitat of flora and fauna with birds filling the air with their songs and creeks, rivers and waterfalls add beauty to the natural surroundings.

The track is 60km long and it takes you through a whole jungle land with breathtaking mountains and very cold rivers, through valleys and ridges, swamps and gorges.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

INCREASE POLICE CAPACITY

By Aloysius Laukai

The member for Eivo loro in the Autonomous Bougainville Government, MECHIOR DARE wants Police to be equipped to quell increasing law and order in the Region.

MR. DARE said that Bougainville's biggest threat is to the rule of law is Marijuana and Jungle Juice and not guns.

He said that these are the ubiquitous while guns are held by only a few individuals.

The member said that deaths from Marijuana related violence and confrontational bodily knife wounds have become common and related deaths have risen.

MR. DARE says that this is the trend of violence on our hands on Bougainville.

No Guns but knives today.

He said that this is very serious and the ABG must intervene to stop it before it gets out of hand.

The member made these comments when reporting an incident in his area in which a young man was knifed to death by another youth who was under the influence of Marijuana.

MR DARE said that the man killed was suspected to be having affair with a woman.

The man died instantly due to loss of blood.

Member Dare wants the woman arrested to verify her role on the affair that has resulted in the death of her partner.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

New Police Cars and Ambulances

Bougainville MPs presented three Police Vehicles and two Ambulances last Friday.

Pictured are Bougainville Police outgoing acp, Car dealer, Regional Member Fidelis Semoso and Michael Ogio the member for North present the keys to the Police chief.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

RESEARCH WELCOMED

By Aloysius Laukai

The member for Eivo/Torau in the ABG MELCHIOR DARE has welcomed the re-opening of the DUNCAN research station at Kurwina in Central Bougainville.

The Cocoa and Coconut Research station which was operated by the Cocoa and Coconut Industry boards was closed during the Bougainville conflict.

It was the main station that made Bougainville become the leader in Cocoa and Coconut producer since independence and up to the Bougainville conflict.

The member for Eivo/Torau and the COE member last week welcomed the visiting COCOA COCONUT PRODUCTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT team to the former research station to see for themselves the area and start work on rebuilding the place.

Member DARE said that he welcomed the team and wanted them to start work on rebuilding the place. He told New Dawn FM that Bougainville needs such service to continuously support the farmers in the villages.

The member said that the CCRI was invited to re-establish the DUNCAN research centre to support the ABG with research on both Cocoa and Coconut in years ahead to enable economic growth in the region.

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Source: The National

Training centers needed for farmers: Darku

AUTONOMOUS Region of Bougainville Primary Industry Minister Nicholas Darku says his department will to re-establish training centers to train farmers on proper management techniques.

Speaking at the opening of the National Seeds Gardens and National Cocoa, Coconut Production Improvement Project steering Committee in Buka last Monday, Darku said he would meet with the department's chief executive officer to plan for his division.

He said the work of seed garden and production improvements were vital for the long term sustainability of the cocoa and coconut industry in PNG and Bougainville.

Darku said the provision of improved planting material had great significance to the cocoa and coconut industries.

He said many of the trees in production were past their expiry dates and as a result were prone to pests and diseases.

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Source: Post-Courier

Call for joint effort in autonomy

AUTONOMY requires a joint effort from stakeholders, said director of the National Co-ordination Office for Bougainville Affairs said.

Mr Towallom highlighted this at a recent Joint Information Strategy (JIS) review held in Madang. He said both the National and Autonomous Bougainville governments would work with other development partners including the media to deliver effective development information through different types of activities.

“These communication activities will achieve the objective of this information strategy through arranged face to face medium, use of audio, print and electronic media,” he said.

Mr Towallom said public servants would play a key role to ensure that the public was correctly and properly informed accordingly and within the framework of administrative and politically agreed decision and procedures.

He said with many infrastructure and economic developments on Bougainville this was in the pipeline, and the media was also expected to report fairly on issues.

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Source: Post-Courier

Waigani gets ready to help Bougainville on info

By ERIC TAPAKAU

THE National Government is in the final stages of finalising an information strategy that will create a basis of an awareness program for the people of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

The National Coordination office of Bougainville Affairs (NCOBA) is putting together a strategy in consultation with media industry stakeholders in both the print and electronic media.

This week, the team was in Madang putting the final touches to the document that will form the basis for funding by the National Government under next year’s budget. NCOBA director Ellison Towallom said the new ARoB President John Momis wanted to see Bougainvilleans well informed of all important activities including the peace agreement, autonomy, referendum, weapons disposal, ABG constitution and the formation of the ABG as well as the Bougainville Copper Agreement review.

Mr Towallom said the Government supported the information strategy as it also wanted Bougainvilleans to be well informed of the important activities that were happening on the island.

The information strategy was fully endorsed by the Joint Supervisory Body comprising ABG Members and the Government of PNG during their meetings. Mr Towallom said the Government was aware of what was happening on Bougainville due to lack of awareness and through the information strategy, the people on the island would be made aware so that they made informed decisions.

He said the strategy was based on the three pillars of Bougainville Peace Agreement being weapons disposal, autonomy and referendum and would also be aligned into the Vision 2050 while President Momis had his own policies that would be aligned into the whole strategy.

Acting Chief Administrator of Bougainville Raymond Masono who was part of the team in Madang said the information strategy will become a document that will guide the awareness program over the next five years.

He said it was important for the people throughout the island to be made aware of the important policies and what the ABG had done to date that many people were not aware of.

The awareness programs will start immediately using the newspapers and the radio stations while Bougainville students from Divine Word University, University of Technology in Lae and the University of Papua New Guinea will be used to carry out awareness programs during the Christmas holidays.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MONA FESTIVAL - A SUCCESS

By Aloysius Laukai

The second Bougainville [mona festival 2010](#) was hailed a success.

The three- day show attracted more than TEN THOUSAND people throughout the festival.

The Mona Festival which is a cultural show featuring the locally built traditional Bougainville canoe called "MONA".

The show also attracted overseas tourists and local tourists from PNG.

The show opened with a local send off ceremony by the chiefs of Malasang village and the four Monas then travelled all the way to Buka Town where the festival was opened by Bougainville's President JOHN MOMIS.

The four Monas had to rest at leta village for Water from the leta chiefs then continued to KOKOPAU to a large waiting Warriors and cultural groups and chiefs from Selau and Suir.

PNG's comedian was in one of the canoes which made extra attraction to the crowd.

The 2010 DIGICEL BOUGAINVILLE MONA FESTIVAL was sponsored by DIGICEL PNG, LAE BISCUIT COMPANY and several other companies.

In his speech PRESIDENT MOMIS encouraged the people of Bougainville to preserve their custom as this was our own identity.

He praised the organizers of the festival for making the festival a reality.

MR. MOMIS also gave TEN THOUSAND KINA as the ABG's contribution towards the festival.

One of the other highlight was the 2010 MR AND MISS DIGICEL BOUGAINVILLE MONA FESTIVAL.

The winners were the Mister and Miss Malasang.

They are GEORGE MACKANZIE AND LORENA RICHIE.

Representative of the main Sponsor DIGICEL, Bougainville Manager, HENRY ONSA Junior said that Miss Digicel Mona Festival 2010 would be sponsored for the PNG Miss PNG quest next year.

Meanwhile the Chairman of the National Cultural Council, DR. JACOB SIMET called on the Mona Festival committee to put the festival on the yearly calendar of the PNG Cultural shows so that tourists can know when the Mona Festival is held.

He said that the calendar should be within the New Guinea Island shows so that Tourists can tour Provinces to Provinces following these festivals and enjoy what PNG has to offer with Tourism.

The Festival was closed by the ABG Vice President, PATRICK NISIRA who promised to allocate TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND for the festival next year.

15.08.2010

Last ESBC statement on Bougainville Copper ADRs !

The unsponsored American Deposit Receipt (ADR) program has been cancelled in July 2009 by the emitting US banks. Most of investors who had bought these securities have received an offer from their broker to exchange their ADRs into ordinary shares of Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL). This offer was limited for six months only and due to a transaction fee. All investors who did not accept to convert into ordinary BCL shares were automatically compensated according to the share price resulting from the sales of the deposited ordinary shares. These were sold out until July 2010. It might have happened that your broker failed to make you an appropriate offer for this exchange. In that case and under condition that you have not yet been compensated, you should insist to get your BCL ADRs converted into ordinary BCL shares by fair dealing. In case of any problems you should see a consumer advice centre as well.

The ESBC have always been the representation of holders of ordinary Bougainville Copper Limited securities only. In the past the ESBC advised investors repeatedly not to buy American Deposit Receipts. The ESBC always recommended buying ordinary BCL shares. Today, more than ever before, the ordinary Bougainville Copper share is an extreme valuable investment with an excellent

future prospect. You absolutely should not miss this great opportunity because of some harmful losses in investing in BCL ADRs.

15.08.2010

Letzte ESBC Stellungnahme zu Bougainville Copper ADRs !

Das ungesponsorte American Deposit Receipt (ADR) Programm auf Bougainville Copper wurde im Juli 2009 seitens der emittierenden Banken beendet. Im Normalfall wurden Investoren, die diese Papiere gekauft haben, von ihren Banken das Angebot unterbreitet, diese Papiere gegen eine Gebühr binnen eines halben Jahres in Originalaktien der Bougainville Copper Limited umzutauschen zu können oder sich aber entschädigen zu lassen. Sollte Ihre Bank das versäumt haben und Sie dies auch nachweisen können, haben Sie eine kleine Chance, dass Ihre Bank, sollten Sie nicht schon entschädigt worden sein, diese Papiere auf dem Kulanzwege gegen eine Gebühr in Originalaktien umtauscht, indem sie diese selbst erwirbt und Ihnen diese dann in Ihrem Depot gutschreibt. Sollte es dabei Probleme geben, wenden Sie sich an eine Verbraucherschutzorganisation.

An dieser Stelle möchten wir darauf hinweisen, dass die ESBC stets nur ein Zusammenschluss von Inhabern von Originalaktien in Bougainville Copper Limited waren. Die ESBC haben immer wieder davor gewarnt, US-amerikanische Hinterlegungszertifikate wie die Bougainville Copper ADRs zu kaufen. Die Bougainville Copper Aktie ist hingegen nach wie vor eine hochwerthaltige Investition mit glänzenden Zukunftsaussichten. Deshalb sollten Sie sich nach unserer Auffassung keineswegs davon abhalten lassen, in Bougainville Copper investiert zu sein, nur weil Sie mit den gleichnamigen ADRs empfindliche Verluste eingefahren haben.

14.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

President John Momis and ABG Speaker Andrew Miriki visiting the 2010 Mona festival.



[See more Mona festival pictures here!](#)

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[Découvrez plus de photos du festival Mona ici!](#)

13.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Panguna Landowners to visit mines

By ERIC TAPAKAU

PLANS are underway for the Panguna mine affected landowners to visit operating mines in the country to see how the mining industry has developed from the experiences of the once world class mine.

The mines planned to be visited include Lihir in the New Ireland Province, Porgera in the Enga Province and Ok Tedi in the Western Province.

These trips follow the endorsement of the Joint Supervisory Body meeting who agreed that landowners affected by the Panguna mine from upper tailing and lower tailings should be taken on study tours to operating mine sites to see how mining operations improved over the last 20 years, especially in the areas of waste management and benefits to landowners.

This also comes at a time when the National Government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government increase momentum to review the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

The agreement was not reviewed over many years since Bougainville Copper Limited started operations at Panguna.

Director of the National Coordination office of Bougainville Affairs (NCOBA) Ellison Towallom said in Madang this week that the BCA review was the third agenda of the 15 step process to draw down functions and powers to the ABG.

He said the review had to take place sooner rather than later after some delay had been experienced as outcomes of the review would pave the way for the reopening of the Panguna mine if all the parties agreed to it.

“We need proper awareness and the right information must be given to the landowners (regarding the future of the mine),” Mr Towallom said.

“The mining regime has improved a lot since the Panguna problem. We will take landowners to Lihir to see what the landowners there are getting now and workshops will be conducted in Panguna and Arawa to create awareness among the landowners.

12.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

BCL agreement to be reviewed

PREPARATIONS for the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement are being undertaken seriously with the Autonomous Bougainville Government detailing demands before the task is carried out. A resolution was passed to activate the review at a Joint Supervisory Body meeting held in Port Moresby last week.

Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso said yesterday these resolutions would be detailed in a report which would then be presented to the Cabinet for endorsement.

“Before the Autonomous Bougainville Government can make a decision about possible resumption of mining exploration or mineral exploitation by the Bougainville Copper Limited, it will need to consult with a range of interested parties in Bougainville, including the representatives of landowners of the areas covered by the Special Mining Lease and other leases held by BCL,” Mr Semoso said.

“Before any process of reviewing the Bougainville Copper Agreement and considering the exploration licences held by BCL begins, ABG must make a request to the National Government for such a review and upon receipt of such a request, the National Government will initiate the review process. Any review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement and of considering the exploration licence held by BCL must involve the National Government, the ABG and representatives of landowner groups in Bougainville.”

Mr Semoso and ABG President John Momis announced that the special JSB meeting also resolved that: n THE leader of the ABG delegation to the special JSB meeting ABG President Momis will notify the Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare to start the process of the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement before the end of this year.

12.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Blueprint for weapons disposal

By GORETHY KENNETH

FOR the first time since the United Nations weapons disposal program ended in 2005, the Autonomous Bougainville Government finally has a blueprint for weapons disposal.

ABG will need K18 million to complete the exercise with a time-frame still being 18-24 months.

Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso yesterday lauded ABG President John Momis and his Veterans Affairs team for finally coming up with a plan which will set the basis of this exercise. In a press conference yesterday, President Momis and Minister Semoso advised the importance of this exercise in removing the hindrance to development on Bougainville. They also spoke of the Joint Supervisory Body meeting which was held in Port Moresby recently and the resolutions it passed regarding this issue.

“While noting the presentation and request for funding for Bougainville Weapons Disposal Programs by the ABG delegation the special JSB meeting resolved that the Bougainville administration will provide detailed costs of the weapons disposal program including a Weapons Disposal plan for consideration and endorsement by the JSB at its meeting on August 23-27, 2010,” the resolutions contained. Mr Semoso advised all chief executive officers present to witness the signing ceremony and the ABG will also present a report of the K4 million appropriated for Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal Program in 2009.

Veterans Affairs chief executive officer Nick Peniai said the office had a proposal for K18 million to complete this program but asked the Government why his application was not included in the Joint Supervisory Body resolution that would be presented to Cabinet next week by Mr Semoso. Both leaders advised it was an oversight but assured that because this was one issue that needed ABG’s immediate attention, they would seriously address it.

12.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

KUNES THANKS RESCUERS

By Aloysius Laukai

Meanwhile boat owner, PHILIP KUNES was a joyful person when the news of the rescue reached him this afternoon.

He told New Dawn FM in Buka this afternoon that he never gave up hope in these people until they were finally rescued this morning.

He thanked the National Disaster Office for their assistance in sending signals to boats and planes that frequent PNG waters.

MR. KUNES also thanked the people who prayed for the safety of these eleven passengers.

12.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NISSAN ISLANDERS RESCUED

By Aloysius Laukai

An Australian vessel rescued Nissan Islanders who went missing at sea since last week.

The ABG Emergency and Disaster Centre (ECD) Director Mr Franklin Lacey has confirmed the rescue of eleven(11) people including four children that went missing eight days ago.

They were travelling from Nissan to Buka.

The Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) in Port Moresby requested assistance from Australian Rescue Centre (ARC) and Australian merchant vessel MV Brilliance Century that was on its way to Newcastle rescued the survivors 123 nautical miles South West of Buka .at 2.00am this morning Thursday, August 12th, 2010

The survivors are reportedly in good health and not requiring any medical attention.

The ABG Emergency and Disaster Centre have communicated with the merchant ship to have the passengers disembark at Misima island where they will arrange transport to have them back by next

week to Buka.

The Bougainville Administration is thankful for assistance given by the maritime rescue and coordination centre and Australia in rescuing our citizens.

The ABG Emergency and Disaster centre continues to warn sea farers not to over load boats when travelling long sea distances as it is costly to mount rescue operation.

It is not yet known what the cause of their ordeal was.

12.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FESTIVAL OPENED

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS this afternoon officially launched the three-day Bougainville Mona festival 2010 in Buka.

The highlight of today included officially sending off the four Monas at the IEASALA Beach Malasang on Buka island.

However due to big waves the Monas could not go into the sea but were put off to the sea in Ieta village. The four Monas started from Kukul to Motmoto in Ieta then went to Kokopau before paddling to the Buka beach front near the Buka main market.

PNG's comedian KANAGE was the main attraction as he was on the TSITALATO QUEEN waving to people who were shouting at him.

In his speech PRESIDENT MOMIS encouraged the people of Bougainville to preserve their custom as this was our own identity.

He praised the organizers of the festival for making the festival a reality.

MR. MOMIS also gave TEN THOUSAND KINA as the ABG's contribution towards the festival.

Mobile Giant DIGICEL is the main sponsor of this year's Mona festival.

The festival ends on Saturday.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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Source: Post-Courier

Displaced Kiribatis selling their catch in Bougainville

The displaced Kiribati islanders are seen here selling their fish produce at the international market in Buin on Saturday. They come to sell fresh and smoked fish and turtles plus crayfish and shells. They travel all the way from Solomon Islands to sell their produce in Bougainville for the much needed PNG kina. They buy rice, tinned fish, sugar, biscuits and other store goods from Buin and take them back to Solomon Islands.



11.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Buka set for 1st triathlon

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Autonomous region of Bougainville is bracing for its first Bougainville Pikinini Aquathon and Triathlon 2010 games, which will be held in Buka on Independence Day.

The aquathon is for children under the age of 15 years and includes a swim and run. In a team event one team member will swim, and after the swim, the swimmer will tag the other team member who will run.

Aquathon age group distances are:

7-10 years old: 100 metre swim and 11-15 years old: 200 metre swim, 500 metre run and 1 km run. There is no entry fee for this event and has support from Weetbix and Blue Light New Zealand.

The triathlon distances are as follows - 500m Swim, 20km ride and 5km run. The entry fees for the triathlon are — individual K100, village/school teams K250 and corporate/business teams K500. The organisers of this event are Gregory Wong, Peter Tsiamalili Jr and NZ police adviser, Karley Western and this event is supported by PNG triathlon, Blue light NZ Ltd, and Weetbix.

“This is going to be a great event for the people of Bougainville and all money raised will be used to purchase equipment for the children’s and maternity wards at Buka Hospital and formally presented to the community at a later date,” Tsiamalili (jnr) said. “This is the start of something really exciting for you and the Bougainville People, and we hope you will support it.” Tsiamalili also advised the events co-ordinator of the PNG Triathlon, Stephen Damian, will be at the event, and depending on the community support this could be the start of something big and exciting for Bougainville, with the opportunity for more support and sponsorship being offered for similar events in the years to come.

“These events are for the people and children of Bougainville, and will be instrumental in youth development and community morale. All money raised for this will be used to purchase much needed equipment at the children and maternity wards at the Buka Hospital. This equipment will be purchased and presented to the doctors at the Buka hospital at a later date,” Tsiamalili said.

The swimmers will start the race, and at the end of the swim they will tag the cyclists. The cyclists will complete the ride and tag the runners. The runners will complete the run and end the race. The team has not finished until the runner has crossed the finish line.

This event will start at the completion of the Pikinini Aquathon and will start and finish outside Reasons Bar, which is close to the Kuri resort in Buka Town. The triathlon distances for this event are: Swim 500 metres, cycle 20 km, run 5 km.

“The person doing the cycle leg must provide their own bike and helmets are strongly recommended. If there is any issue with this please notify the organisers as soon as possible to see whether we can assist,” Tsiamalili Jr said.

11.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Protecting our plantings

COCOA is the big new boom crop in the vast Morobe Province, according to reports.

The rural areas have taken on growing of cocoa in a big way.

Other crops have been found wanting in that potential food bowl of the nation.

Farming produce is the way to go for such a fertile province but it brings up an imperative need.

The insect pest that has plundered the cocoa trees of East New Britain has reportedly spread to the richest rural province of all, Bougainville, and to Namatanai in New Ireland. The authorities in ENB have been tearing their hair out, trying to find ways to insulate their cocoa growers from the ravages of the cocoa pod borer but without startling success.

It appears their best hope is in mitigating the effects with good practices on the plantations and in the

settler blocks.

We hope that cocoa will overcome this insect blight because in some ways the cocoa tree is a better prospect for the village growers than coconuts, rubber and even oil palm.

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Source: The National

Concerns raised over safety of Buka Airport

THE Department of Civil Aviation and the Autonomous Bougainville Government have been called on to make funds available to lift the safety standard of the Buka Airport.

The call was made by Bougainville MP Fidelis Semoso after contributing to cleaning the airport where tall grass had been left uncut for some time.

Two CAA officers based in Buka – Felix Buritua and Mark Karaman – told a radio talkback show programme that they were happy the MP had come to their assistance.

They said numerous requests to their head office to make funds available to fix the slasher had gone unheard.

10.08.2010

Source: The National

Bougainville to get K5m yearly

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

PAPUA New Guinea will continue to support the Autonomous Region of with an annual grant of K5 million.

Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso said this was agreed to at a special joint supervisory body meeting between the state and ABG last Friday in Port Moresby.

“The K5 million grant will help support the administration of the autonomous government annually,” Semoso said.

The allocation was contained in the Bougainville Peace Agreement signed in 2001, which also included recurrent unconditional grants, until the ABG becomes fiscally self-reliant.

“It costs the ABG K11 million to administer its affairs.

“The remaining K6 million will be derived from the autonomous government’s internal revenue,” he said.

Other topics discussed last Friday included weapons disposal, **preparation of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) review** and the restoration and development grant of K15 million from the state.

Bougainville affairs director Ellison Towallom said the next special meeting would be in Rabaul from Aug 23-25.

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Source: The National

Momis condemns attack on Japanese workers

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President John Momis has condemned the attack of two Japanese workers by drunken youths in Bougainville yesterday.

An engineer and a technical officer, both employees of Kitano Construction Corporation, the company building bridges in central Bougainville, were attacked when they refused to hand over the keys of a construction vehicle when approached by drunken youths.

Momis said this was a serious incident that must not be allowed to happen again.

“Any repetition of such incident at any of the 15 bridge sites can jeopardize the completion of the project.”

The Japanese workers were part of a team of expert sent by the Japanese government to Bougainville to provide engineering and technical expertise on building bridges under a K90-million Bougainville bridge project underway between Kokopau and Arawa.

Momis further called on local leaders and chief of the communities of which the bridges are located to ensure the safety of foreign workers.

“These people are here to help us with their money and expertise. We must look after them,” Momis said.

10.08.2010

Source: Post-Courier

World Bank to provide \$US40 million to PNG

By MOHAMMAD BASHIR

THE World Bank and the Government of Papua New Guinea signed two agreements yesterday for concessional financing totalling \$US40 million to significantly improve the livelihoods of the rural communities.

Ferid Belhaj, World Bank country director for PNG, Timor Leste & Pacific Islands and Treasury, Finance and Public Service Minister Peter O’Neill signed the financing agreements for the two projects which will provide support for agriculture and rural telecommunications services.

In a packed ballroom at the Holiday Inn, the signing was witnessed by several departmental heads and chief executive officers of statutory bodies.

The funds will finance the Productive Partnership in Agriculture Project (PPAP) and the Rural Communications Project (RCP), both of which aim to improve the livelihood of rural communities.

More than 80 per cent of Papua New Guineans live in rural areas, largely dependent on agriculture for their livelihoods and supporting rural population was imperative to both social and economic development.

The PPAP will assist coffee and cocoa farmers in adopting improved farming practices, facilitate the relationship between smallholder farmers and agribusiness and provide critical infrastructure for markets access.

The project will focus on areas dependent on coffee and cocoa production such as East New Britain, the **Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Eastern Highlands, Western Highlands, Jiwaka and Simbu provinces with possible expansion to other areas subject to review.**

The RCP will provide access to telecommunications for 420,000 rural people in Chimbu and East Sepik provinces and facilitate public internet access in about 60 district centres. As in many previously isolated communities around the world, women are expected to benefit from improved access to communications including income-generating opportunities. “Improving the lives of rural households is a priority for both the World Bank and the government of PNG. These projects will improve the incomes and livelihoods of smallholder coffee and cocoa farmers and provide access to communication services for hundreds of thousands of people and will open up opportunities for business growth, information on health and educations and contact with distant family members,” Mr Belhaj said.

On behalf of the Government, Mr O’Neill said he was grateful for the World Bank’s timely assistance.

“On behalf of the people and government of PNG, I sincerely appreciate this funding assistance from the World Bank. The World Bank has been very supportive of our development efforts over the years.

“I am equally confident the agencies tasked with implementing these two projects will ensure they are completed and delivered on schedule for the mutual benefit of our rural people,” Mr O’Neill said.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AKOITAI SUPPORTS MOMIS

By Aloysius Laukai

Former Mining Minister, SAM AKOITAI (*picture*) is calling on the people of Bougainville to support the Momis government to fast track the Bougainville Copper review.

He said the option taken by the MOMIS government is the best option for Bougainville to reopen the Panguna Copper mine.

The former Minister said that for Bougainville to achieve sufficient economic recovery it must review the Bougainville copper agreement because it has outstanding issues that can be ironed out to support the ABG to move forward.

MR. AKOITAI said that he does not support the new mining company that is carrying out awareness campaigns in Wakunai and Tinputz areas.

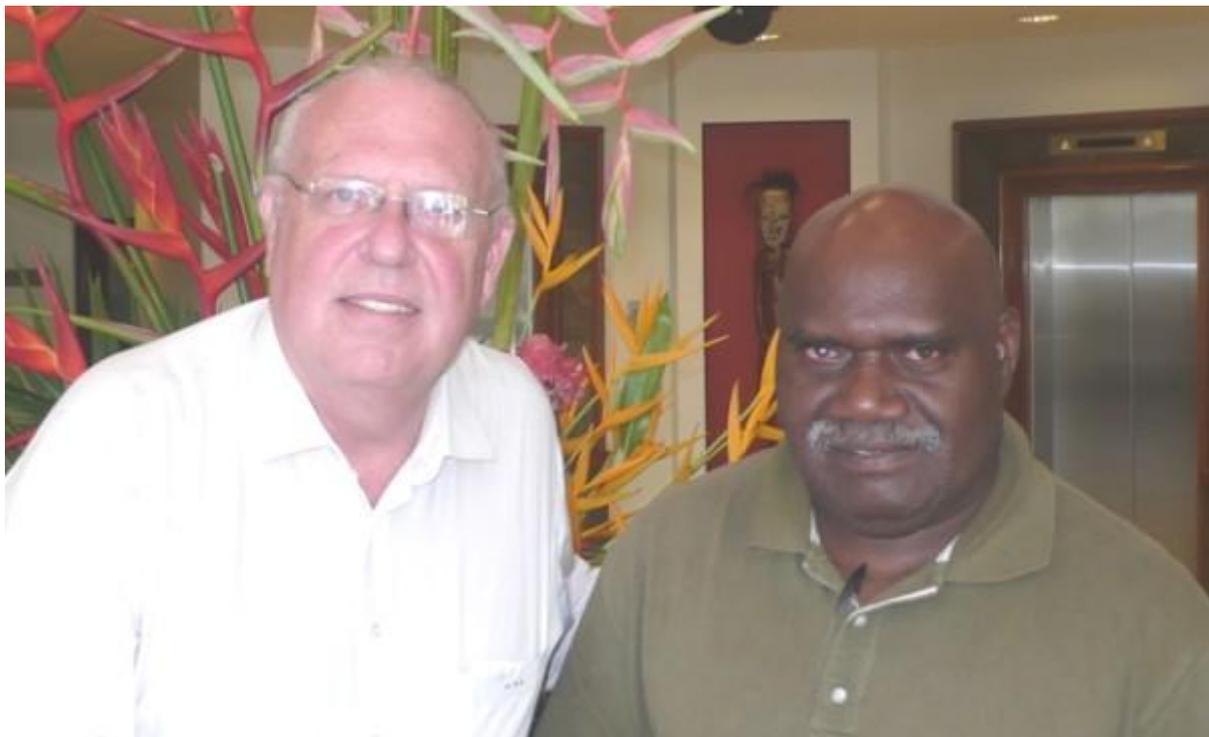
The former Minister said that for Bougainville to allow another mining company to do exploration it must lift the Moratorium placed over Bougainville.

He said that the mining group was confusing the people of Tinputz and Wakunai they can not bypass the ABG and talk directly to the landowners.

MR. AKOITAI said comments that they can start up mining after four years is not true as it would take a minimum of ten years to start up any mine.

He said because BCL has the maps and the expertise on the Panguna area it can take less than ten years to start operating.

MR. AKOITAI said that even BCL has to go through negotiations on the review that could drag on delaying the start up time.



May 2008: ESBC President Axel G. Sturm meets Sam Akoitai in Port Moresby

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CHURCH FUND RAISING

By Aloysius Laukai

The Malasang community yesterday raised more than ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND in less than three hours to complete their new church building.

The building which was built with steel beams and concrete would be opened on August 27th 2010. The villagers have been raising funds to complete the church ready for its opening and held their last fundraising at the KURI Village Resort.

According to the Regional member for Bougainville, FIDELIS SEMOSO the people needed some funds to complete internal walling and before the opening.

He said he was happy the corporate dinner raised more than enough to complete the building in time for opening.

MR. SEMOSO thanked the people who supported the fundraising and said that the people of Malasang are ready to assist groups that have supported the fundraising in future.

One table was charged K1,000 for ten people whilst other pledges and donations were welcomed.

The biggest donation of THIRTY THOUSAND KINA was given by a local company GANEI HOLDINGS.

KUTE LIMITED and the Regional member himself gave TEN THOUSAND KINA each.

The Acting ABG Vice President, JOE EGILIO pledged FIVE THOUSAND KINA.

Individual businesses and families gave in thousands towards the Malasang church building.

New Dawn FM understands that the Catholic people of TABAGO PARISH in Buin did similar fundraisings and build the biggest church in the South Pacific for more than ONE MILLION KINA.

Their church building was opened by the Pronuncio in September, 2005.

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Source: Post-Courier

Remote schools get classrooms

By GORETHY KENNETH

PAPUA New Guinea's K230 million Rehabilitation of Education Sector and Infrastructure (RESI) funds, although criticised for misappropriation in 2006 and 2007, has been hailed for helping three remote schools in Bougainville.

Mamaromino and Buin primary schools, both in South Bougainville and Piruana Primary School in remote Kieta, Central Bougainville have all the reasons to smile as they benefited from the K230 million RESI funds.

The three schools now have permanent classrooms together with a staff office and for the Buin schools electricity and for all schools, water tanks. This was thanks to Bougainville Engineering and Construction Limited, a thriving South Bougainville contractor owned by Michael Pakei, who built these classrooms and fully supplied them with necessities including water tanks, especially when tanks were a problem for these schools. It was done at a total cost of K900,000. The schools are up in the mountains and others out of reach from ships and in the wilderness but the company did all these projects to help the people get schools.

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Source: Post-Courier

ABG meet ends on high note

By Alex Munme

A PARLIAMENTARY committee training workshop for Members of the Autonomous Bougainville Government has ended on a high note.

The two-day workshop was part of the continuing induction program for the new Members. It was organised by the ABG House of Representatives with the NSW Parliament.

The focus of the training was on the role of Parliamentary Committees with an emphasis on engaging the community through committee work.

The aim was to assist the House of Representatives to ensure its parliamentary committees perform their proper roles. Members of Parliament were encouraged to gain a greater appreciation of the value of parliamentary committees as a means of “taking Parliament to the people,” enabling Members to be better informed about community views and providing a bridge between Members constituents concerns and a broader community interest.

They also looked at promoting public debate, how to scrutinise the Executive contributing to better government through a more informed administration and policy-making process.

Simon Johnston from the NSW Parliament also the Twinning Arrangement project co-ordinator was present at the MOU signing on Friday and facilitated at the workshop. He was assisted by parliamentary staff including the Speaker Andrew Miriki, Clerk of Parliament Robert Tapi, and Director for Committees Moses Havini. The workshop included two former Members and Committee chairs who enlightened the Members on their new roles as Committee Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Members. Participants were presented with certificates.

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Source: Post-Courier

Business set to pick up in Buin

By GORETHY KENNETH

BUSINESS in Buin town, South Bougainville, is picking up with small scale business owners and contractors taking the initiative to develop the once neglected area since the Bougainville Crisis. Building construction in that part of Papua New Guinea is also looming with contractors showing their skills and efforts to complete contracts awarded to them, most of which are for schools.

Other projects also include the Autonomous Bougainville Government’s projects and the Australian Law and Justice projects which are a police office and local courthouse. Guest houses have sprung up, but since this report was filed only four are operating with two more new guest houses under construction - especially in a place like Buin, now rising from the ashes.

PNG Power the supplier of electricity throughout Papua New Guinea is also setting up in Buin. The town of Buin was once known as a “no law and order” town but that name is changing with the people of south Bougainville desperately trying to prove they are not what people think, that they are working tirelessly to be law abiding citizens. One major building contractor which has taken the risk of setting up against all odds in Buin is the Bougainville Construction and Engineering Ltd, According to people from Buin, the town is not what outsiders think it is. Buin is picking up its pieces, and proving that business is booming in this part of the country.

Owner of Bougainville Construction and Engineering Ltd Michael Pakei told the Post-Courier he had to “bite the bullet” and show prove to other Bougainville contractors that there was business in this part of Bougainville.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

COCOA LEADER

By Aloysius Laukai

A local cocoa farmer says Bougainville can beat mining if given the backing by the government and its agencies.

JAMES RUTANA told the National seeds gardens and the National Cocoa, Coconut Production Improvement Project steering committee in Buka this morning.

He said that Bougainville farmers need just small assistance to achieve this goal.

MR. RUTANA made these comments after the CEO for the Cocoa Coconut Institute (CCI), DR.ERIC OMURU mentioned that Bougainville has taken over the lead as the main cocoa producer in Papua New Guinea after 22 years.

He said Bougainville was a leader in the past, but went down during the crises and has taken over the lead again.

DR. OMURU said that CCI was working on a new strategic plan that is to partner with NGO and private partners.

And Memorandum of Understandings have been developed with Provincial Governments to further strengthen this program.

Another meeting will be held in Arawa this Wednesday before the team travels to Buin, South Bougainville to see projects there.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CCI MEET

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville is privileged to host two important Steering Committee meetings this week.

They are the National Seed Gardens and The National Cocoa, Coconut Production Improvement Program (NCCPIP).

The participants for the workshops arrived in Buka last Saturday and wasted no time.

They visited the Seed garden at Hanahan and also visited a model farm owned by the Regional member for Bougainville, FIDELIS SEMOSO.

They also visited another new cocoa rehabilitation project at Novah village.

The aim of the steering committee meeting in Buka is to see for themselves the activities of the farmers in raising their own revenue and at the same time maintaining the production level despite concerns on the Cocoa Pod Borer which has devastated cocoa production in East New Britain and other Provinces.

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Source: Post-Courier

Eager to achieve

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

WHEN you walk through the dusty streets of Buka town, you will mistake him for an ordinary villager from the west coast area of Bougainville.

However, this fellow that we are about to meet is no ordinary person. A look at his CV will tell you that he is one of those silent achievers who has gone through a lot of struggles and sacrifices to be where he is today.

Meet Xavier Tsiwa, a certified safety management systems expert from the least developed Torokina district in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Mr Tsiwa, 34, has been working as a safety officer for the giant world class Lihir Gold Mine (LGL) for 13 years before calling it quits and venturing into his own business.

During his term at LGL, Mr Tsiwa played a big role in setting up the safety management systems of LGL after attaining his diploma in safety management system from Brisbane, Australia in 2007.

The highest position that Mr Tsiwa held before resigning in 2008 was managing and supervising the safety operations for both LGL and its contractors.

However, it has not been a smooth ride for Mr Tsiwa to be where he is today-considering all the pain, struggles and hardships that he had to go through before finally arriving at where he is now.

Since completing his grade 10 at Bishop Wade High School in 1994, Mr Tsiwa could not further his education due to financial constraints.

For two years he stayed at his village and continued to raise funds because wanted to complete his education.

In 1996 Mr Tsiwa boarded a cargo ship bound for Rabaul with the hope of securing a job with the different organisations operating there.

Luck finally struck him when he got his first job with a security firm, Islands Securimax where he worked as a static guard and a dog handler, a position he held for four years.

During that time Islands Securimax was contracted by LGL to provide security at the mining township so Tsiwa was transferred to Lihir.

While working with Islands Securimax, he was sponsored by the company to undergo various safety management courses.

In 2001 another security firm, Niolam Security took over from Islands Securimax and Xavier decided to go with the news company.

During his term with Niolam, Xavier continued to undergo many more safety management courses.

On seeing Xavier's capabilities, his superiors quickly promoted him to the position of fire and rescue officer, sometimes assuming the responsibilities of the acting airport manager.

For four years he worked as the fire and rescue officer for Niolam Security.

His major breakthrough in the field of safety management finally came in 2004 when he was appointed LGL's safety adviser and training officer, a position he held until 2007.

In 2006 Mr Tsiwa was selected to undergo a two year safety management course in Brisbane, resulting in him completing the course in 2007 and graduating with a diploma in safety management systems.

While he was still employed by LGL, his desire to start his own business got him so during his field breaks to Buka he started to get things rolling and his company X Enterprise Ltd.

When he resigned in 2008, Mr Tsiwa happily returned to Bougainville because by that time his business was already growing.

Apart from operating a small trade store in Buka town, Mr Tsiwa has also ventured into building construction and has been employing certified carpenters from his village.

One of his first contracts was the construction of a new house for the nurses at the Piva health centre in Torokina.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MONA UPDATE

By Veronica Hannette

The Bougainville Mona Festival Chairman Lawrence Belleh and his colleagues are working round the clock to complete the ground work ready for the big festival

The Buka show ground will be the main host for the festival and so far so good the ground work has advanced and is ready

Bougainville Mona Festival will be a yearly festival therefore the chairman of Mona Festival, Lawrence Belleh is appealing to the people to fully support and learn from such activity

Bougainville Mona Festival is promoting culture and with that it can attract a lot of tourist to the province This cultural festival will also encourage the people to stand on strong grounds to hold their culture and traditions.

Therefore, cultural activities such as singsing kaur groups, bamboo bands and Solomon dances will be held at the time of festival.

Two traditional contestants, a male and a female from individual traditional group will contest during the three days show.

Meanwhile, CEO for Commerce, Mr Albert Kinani has confirmed that five Mona's are set to participate at the festival, one from Halia, one from Hahalis, two from Gogohe and two from Malasang.

Mr Kinani is also appealing to business companies like Jomik, Likui, Pemana, Elutu, Deborah and Ela Motors to support the Mona festival.

He said, this show will attract a lot of people and for that reason businesses will make good money from the three day show.

The CEO also announced a new web site that would promote Tourism on Bougainville as www.bougainvilletourism.com.pg

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PRESIDENT CONDEMNS ATTACK

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS has condemned the attack on Japanese workers working on the Bougainville Bridge Project on Bougainville.

The attack by drunken youths occurred at Bridge NO.7 at IRAKA Central Bougainville on July 9th 2010.

A Japanese engineer working for KITANO construction Corporation and one technical officer were attacked by youths when they refused to heed to the demand by youths to be given the keys to a construction vehicle.

This is a very serious incident that must not be allowed to happen again, as any repetition of such incident at any one of the 15 bridge sites can jeopardise the timely completion of the projects.

The chief of Bougainville Police, THOMAS ELUH has been directed by the Bougainville administration to investigate the incident and have those responsible arrested.

However the onus is on the local leaders and chief of the communities in which those bridges are located to ensure that the security of these foreign workers are looked after.

The President said that these people are here to help us with their money and expertise and we must look after them.

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Source: Post-Courier - Miscellaneous

Vote counting 'scam'?

COUNTING officers employed during the recent ABG election are still waiting for their allowances. Every

time they go to the Electoral Commission office, they're told "payment will be done next week". It's nearly two months since they started getting that response. Disappointed workers are comparing it to the famed scams that began in Bougainville . . . all talk and no payouts!

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Source: SunLive (New Zealand)

Top cop deployed overseas

The Western Bay of Plenty's road policing manager, senior sergeant Ian Champion, is preparing for an overseas deployment in Bougainville.



Senior sergeant Ian Champion is off to help build infrastructure in Papua New Guinea.

"I'm going over there as part of a police contingent under the New Zealand aid banner and providing some mentoring and coaching for the police service over there," says Ian. He departs New Zealand on August 16 and will return to Tauranga just before Christmas, starting back at work in early January.

"I think it's a really good opportunity to learn about another culture and be in a position to help out." Bougainville is in the early stages of developing its infrastructure and Ian says he is looking forward to imparting his knowledge as a traffic specialist.

"I've had a basic briefing in relation to it, but I'm looking forward to getting there and seeing it for myself. My area will be looking at a raft of things such as education and so on."

Ian will return to Bougainville for a shorter period next year.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DCA FEES

By Aloysius Laukai

Department of Civil Aviation and the ABG have been called on to make funds available to lift the safety

standard of the Buka Airport.

The call was made today in Buka after the Regional member for Bougainville chip in funds to clean up the airport which had tall grass left uncut for some time now.

Two DCA officers based in Buka, Felix Buritua and Mark Karaman told new dawn FM talk show that they were happy that the Regional member had come to their assistance.

They said numerous requests to their head office to make funds available to fix the Slasher had gone into deaf ears.

When asked about landing fees paid to airports they said that although payment is collected by their head office, they do not get anything back to maintain the airport.

New Dawn FM understands that the part for the tractor was worth less than ONE HUNDRED KINA.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TRESSPASSERS WARNED

By Aloysius Laukai

Drivers and Pedestrians crossing the Buka airport terminal would be made to pay trespassing fees as of today.

MARK KARAMAN the OIC for Department of Civil Aviation in Buka told New Dawn FM that as of today anyone found to be driving across the tarmac would be prosecuted by Police.

MR. KARAMAN was speaking on New Dawn FM this morning.

He said that the airport area is restricted to all vehicles and pedestrians but because the airport does not have any security fencing it was difficult to police the airport.

Commenting on funding made available by the Bougainville Regional Member to clean the airport, MR. KARAMAN said that his assistance was timely as he does not get any assistance from the head office.

He called on the ABG to allocate funds to maintain the Buka airport.

On landing fees collected by DCA, he said that their Buka office does not get anything from the head office.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

EX RIGU MEET

By Aloysius Laukai

Former students of St' Joseph's Rigu High School are reviving the OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION to support their old school.

The first meeting was held last month in which a small core group was appointed to organize its second meeting in which a full executive is to be elected.

According to the interim Co-ordinator, JAMES KOWIE the group is set to meet on Wednesday August 25th 2010 at the KENNYS HALL.

MR. KOWIE says that this time more old boys would be coming from Arawa, Tinputz, Suir, Selau, Kunua, Nissan and the Atolls.

Co-ordinator, KOWIE is calling on all other Ex Rigu students to attend this important meeting.

He says all students should come with TEN KINA to be donated to the Association.

The meeting will be held at TEN AM.

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Source: Post-Courier

MPs need to go back home!

ONE politician has at last taken a stand on colleagues who don't go home to their electorate often. Regional MP Fidelis Semoso has called on the three Open seat members in Bougainville to go home more often and spend much more time with their people.

The MPs should only be in Port Moresby when there was a sitting of Parliament, he said.

No doubt some of those MPs will have great justification for any time spent in the capital city, as do the rest of their colleagues whenever parliamentarians are criticised on this topic.

They cite important national duties, meetings of committees and boards they are on, the need to negotiate with HQ staff and other leaders.

Yet the plain fact is that they were elected to represent their home electorate and they can't do that satisfactorily if they hang around Port Moresby almost the year round.

For some, maybe the attractions are not in the hallowed halls of power at Parliament or Morauta Haus.

That is the worry for the folks back in the electorate, struggling to get their bags of cocoa down to the main road and off to Arawa or Buka to sell.

You see, in Bougainville, a lot of roads and bridges are in a sad state. Schools and health centres are also struggling to get back to pre-crisis standards. There's a lot for all the MPs to do. But this situation is not confined to Bougainville. It is a major concern for the people in almost all provinces of our nation. Grassroots people joke, with cynical looks, about waiting for the next election campaign so they can say "yes" to every candidate when they come with cash and goodies to lure votes. The people are wiser than they seem. They've seen the political candidates do the promises routine every five years, only to find the winning candidate disappear to Moresby and hardly ever return to see "the people".

They know their big chance is when the candidates are sweet-talking for votes and get what they can from the budding politician while they can. Papua New Guinea needs more patriotic politicians, people who are genuine in their concern for their people, and not their own bank balance and real estate portfolio.

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Source: Post-Courier

Buin to host 3rd ABG games

By WINTERFORD TOREAS

THE 3rd ABG Games this year will be held in the Buin District of South Bougainville from December 13 to 17.

The ABG Games, which are held every two years to commemorate the formation of the first Autonomous Bougainville Government, was supposed to have been held in June, but was deferred due to the ABG elections and swearing in of the newly elected members.

This event will be the biggest sporting event to be held in South Bougainville and will see top sporting athletes from around Bougainville converging at the Buin Secondary School oval to take part in the sporting activities that will be played during this week-long event.

The ABG Games are a very important sporting event in Bougainville because it is through these games that the best athletes are identified and selected to represent the region in any sporting events held around the country.

According to games co-ordinator Robert Semoso, the purpose of having this game in the area is to strengthen peace, reconciliation and unity throughout Bougainville through sport.

"This 3rd ABG Games which will be held in December in Buin will be the first and biggest sporting event

to be held in South Bougainville. The main purpose of staging this game is to strengthen peace, reconciliation and unity throughout Bougainville through sports,” Semoso said.

He said they will need around K429,000 to stage the game this year in Buin.

He said so far he has received positive responses from those that have made a commitment to sponsor the game.

These sponsors include the ABG government (K50,000), AusAid-sponsored Governance Implementation Funds (GIF- K50,000) and Minister for Bougainville Affairs and Bougainville Regional MP Fidelis Semoso (K100,000).

Minister Semoso has already given the first K50,000 towards the games.

Leading mobile phone company Digicel has also expressed interest to sponsor the games.

Games co-ordinator Robert Semoso said apart from major sponsors, the 14 COEs in South Bougainville have also indicated that they will fund K5000 each towards the games, bringing the COEs total contribution to K70,000.

Meanwhile, ABG member for Baubake constituency Joseph Buia has welcomed the decision to stage the games in his constituency.

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Source: The National

BCL records K2.8mil net profit

THE Bougainville Copper Ltd (BCL) has recorded a net profit of K2.8 million for the six months ending June this year compared to a net profit of K1.8 million (A\$0.9 million) posted for the same period last year.

BCL chairman Peter Taylor said in the next remaining six months, the company would focus on preparing for a formal engagement with landowners and the national and Bougainville governments over the future of the mine and settling all outstanding issues between the parties.

Taylor said the Bougainville government had indicated its willingness to participate in such talks.

“All parties have agreed that it is necessary to establish a landowner group that can represent all landowner interests during negotiations,” Taylor said in a statement posted on the company’s website.

“The Bougainville government is taking the lead and the company has offered its assistance where appropriate.

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Source: The National

Buka General Hospital needs new sewerage system

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

THE Buka General Hospital which serves the 360,000 people in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville may soon have a new sewerage system if there is sufficient funding.

Bio Systems Indonesia managing director Mark Cambell visited the hospital last Saturday for an inspection on the current sewerage system.

Cambell, who was accompanied by his company director Brian Manthey, said when funding was available, Buka General Hospital would be the first hospital in the country and in the region to have a sewerage system that uses computerised and modified technology.

“Buka General Hospital sewerage system is a small project which can take up to four weeks to install.

“Everything is manufactured in a container that can be easily managed from within the container and

also shifted to any location as required by the hospital management team,” Cambell said. Local businessman from the Tsitalato constituency, who did not want to be named, said the hospital’s current sewerage system was re-opened by contractors to fix the problem of packed waste last year. However, to-date, nothing had been done.

According to the resident, the open sewerage system which had been releasing a stench was now a cause of concern for residents in the surrounding areas of the hospital.

“Buka General Hospital is the only hospital in the region that is looking after the people of Bougainville. “The four MPs from South, Central, North and the new minister for Bougainville affairs, should jointly fund the project to put in place the new sewerage system,” he said.

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Source: The National

Cholera status lowered in Buka

THE high alert on the cholera outbreak in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville has now been downgraded.

The region has not reported a single case of the disease apart from normal diarrhoea.

The decision was reached by the Buka urban council (BUC) – the authority responsible for public and environmental health – following consultations with the Bougainville cholera task force and the Buka General Hospital.

The nationwide outbreak has forced authorities in the region to ban the sale of all cooked food items at the main Buka town market and other public places.

The ban had severely affected the main revenue source for the islands of Matjugan, Petats, Pororan and few other smaller islands, who depended on fish sales as their revenue.

Environment health officer with BUC Lawrencia Kumis told The National, the ban had now been lifted after one month of monitoring and public awareness on how to prevent the disease.

In a letter issued by the BUC, manageress Brenda Tohiana advised of the lifting of the ban on specific food items including smoked and mumu fish and cassava.

The BUC warns the public about basic hygiene, especially the washing of hands with soap before preparing food.

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Source: The National

Buka to host mona festival

By REUBEN KALAUNG

THE Buka township in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville will be given a rare treat this month with the hosting of the annual mona festival.

The festival is slated for Aug 12-14 at the Buka showground.

Festival committee chairman and tourist operator Lawrence Belleh anticipates a good number of tourists to visit the region during the festival period.

“The popular Kuri Resort is fully booked throughout the festival period.

“We’ve had calls from as far as the United States for accommodation. Other guest house operators are also taking in bookings for that period,” Belleh said.

The event had attracted 18 groups from the region including two from South Bougainville, Central and

North Bougainville. The festival was initiated a few years back, however, the first one was held last year. Belleh explained that the festival aimed to unify all Bougainvilleans as part of the restoration exercise towards peace building and return of normalcy.

“It also aims to promote Bougainville as a preferred tourism destination,” he said.

The mona is a Bougainville traditional canoe which carries the pride of Buka people as it was used by their ancestors as a sea transport means.

The mona comes in three types – the warrior, voyage and for fishing.

The festival chairman confirmed six monas, one each from Hahalis and Kuri Resort and two each from Gogohe and Malasang.

Belleh acknowledged the Lae Biscuits Company for its cash and kind donation to the value of K15,000 and Digicel has undertaken to be the major sponsor acquiring naming rights.

The festival will start from Malasang village with a welcome and tradition rituals performed by the village chiefs.

A voyage will then be taken to leta village then to Sohano Island before heading to Buka township.

Well known entertainer Kanage will be part of the celebrations from Buka town.

Belleh said their fundraising drives had raised K75,000, however, they still needed more to cover all expenses.

He urged kind donations to be made to festival bank account – Bougainville Mona Festival, 1001641151, Bank South Pacific, Buka.

Belleh can be contacted on mobile number 7261 7288 or via email bougainvilletourism@gmail.com

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Source: The National – Letter to the Editor

Momis must eradicate corruption

THERE is evidence that corruption is rampant in all levels of our society.

This means that the Autonomous Region of Bougainville is not immune to corruption either.

Therefore, I call on our new president John Momis to be on the lookout for signs of corruption before it becomes entrenched.

Some of the symptoms of corruption prevalent in Bougainville are:

- 1. Educated Bougainvilleans setting up network within and outside of the region to secure funds in the name of impact projects, however, diverting them to serve their own interests;*
- 2. Funds intended and acquitted for specific projects are diverted to other projects to meet cronies' expectations; and*
- 3. Acquisition of government houses and land by certain individuals through corrupt channels throughout the region.*

Therefore, for the sake of transparency and for setting good precedence to pave the way for the drawdown of powers, I suggest the following remedies:

- 1. Investigate and thoroughly screen companies who bid for contracts to undertake major impact projects within the region. For instance, a reputable company must have its books in order and a track record of prudent management;*
- 2. Funds released from the national government for impact projects must go through the ABG for scrutiny;*
- 3. Ensure acquisitions such as houses, parcels of land, etc, are acquired through legal means; and*
- 4. Implement policies and regulations so that people follow proper procedures when acquiring government properties on sale. This is to allow a fair go for everyone rather than certain individuals benefiting.*

For us to reach our ultimate goal of good governance, economic independence and an intelligent society, we must have conviction, confidence, and clear set of principles and values.

This is a critical assessment period for Bougainvilleans to show everyone that we are capable of running our own affairs.

If we let corruption become entrenched and institutionalised, then the future will not be that bright for Bougainville.

As stated by Stephen R. Covey: "While we are free to choose our action, we are not free to choose the consequence of our action."

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DETAINEES HELD WITHOUT CHARGE

By Veronica Hannette

A senior police officer has revealed that some detainees at the Buka Police cell have been there without being charged.

Provincial Police Commander, Chief Inspector Cletus Tsien says some thirty detainees have been there for too long without any formal charges.

Commander Tsien, attributed the problem to non co-operative action by the detainees themselves.

He said some of these people behind bars are not helping police in their investigations to lay charges.

He said there are two main factors holding the detainees back

(1) Statements on issues committed

(2) They are kept for security purposes

Police are doing their best to minimise the number of occupants in the cell therefore he is encouraging the complainants to come forward so that they are able to lay charges on detainees

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Source: Post-Courier

BCL to meet over Panguna mine

By ERIC TAPAKAU

THE owner of the abandoned Panguna copper/gold mine, Bougainville Copper Limited, will focus on preparing to meet with the landowners, National Government and the Bougainville Autonomous Government over the future of the mine,

Company chairman and managing director Peter Taylor said this in the company's June quarter report released to the Australian Stock Exchange, adding that the company would also look at settling outstanding issues between the parties.

Bougainville Copper Limited made a net profit of K2.811 million in the first six months to June this year compared to a net profit of K1.8 million made in the corresponding period of last year.

The company has not declared any dividend in respect of the six months to June this year.

Much of the profit was from interests from investments as the only mine owned by the company reported no activities in the first six months.

Mr Taylor said that the Bougainville Government had indicated its willingness to participate in talks with the company.

“All parties have agreed that it is necessary to establish a landowner group that can represent all landowner interests to establish a landowner group that can represent landowner interests during negotiations,” Mr Taylor said. “The Bougainville Government and the company has offered its assistance where appropriate.

“The new Bougainville Government has tenure of five years and the early signs are that it is interested in reopening the mine provided the local landowners are in agreement.”

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Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville festival on

BOUGAINVILLE is preparing for the biggest event of the year, the Mona Festival, to be held on August 16, 17 and 18. This is the annual festival that attracts business houses, the ABG and traditional groups from all over Bougainville. The festival is an event which showcases traditional canoes used in the past. They were used on three occasions - war, fishing and trade. They are now extinct in Bougainville and the tourism office in Buka has been working hard to bring back this festival to show young Bougainvilleans these canoes.

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Source: Post-Courier

Foreigners pose threat to Bougainville businesses

By Alex Munme

FOREIGNERS are quietly moving into Bougainville and operating small businesses in Buka town. Bougainville businessmen and leaders raised their concerns on this issue because of the influx of foreigners into the region.

Former Member for Rau in Wakunai District, Thomas Keriri yesterday warned that there will be a checkpoint at Wakunai District for the sake of screening all foreigners passing through to Central and South Bougainville.

“I am very concerned with an increase in the number of expatriates and foreigners coming into Bougainville and want to know whether they have the ABG’s approval to explore business opportunities and set up business in the region,” Mr Keriri said.

He said the checkpoint was set up to protect lives and screen people entering Bougainville without approval. He said police will be notified.

Several businessmen in Buka said this was a real threat to small businesses owned and operated by Bougainvilleans.

“These are multi-million-kina companies from outside coming in to compete with Bougainvilleans and we are no match for them, looking at our financial and management capacity. Bougainvilleans order their goods from these very companies from outside and are now competing with them through retail shops in Buka. A lot of cash will also flow out of the region and the country through these investors as they are foreigners,” they said.

The businessmen said if they want to invest, “they must come through the ABG and invest in other

business ventures, infrastructure and trade skill building and not little shops here, there and everywhere.”

They urged the ABG to regulate and control the situation. Bougainville Business Association executive member Thomas Raban said it was a serious problem because it happened in other centres in PNG and it had to be addressed.

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Source: Post-Courier

Arawa plans afford

By GORETHY KENNET

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government, with help from the National Government have to sort out the defunct, Arawa town sewerage system before they can talk about rebuilding the former provincial capital. The Post-Courier has been told by authorities in Arawa that the sewerage system will cost the ABG and the National Government more than K10 million to fix. Early this year, it was acknowledged that rebuilding of Arawa may take about K35 million.

The region’s capital was moved to Buka during and after the 10-year civil war on the island.

Administrative officials said that rebuilding Arawa would take several years, and would involve short and long term projects.

Arawa’s sewerage system was also part of the rebuilding plans but with a separate budget.

It is understood that Central Bougainville MP Jimmy Miringtoro has allocated K1 million towards rehabilitating the sewerage system in Arawa, his hometown.

The Bougainville administration yesterday also said the Australian Government stood ready to assist Bougainville and that the National Government was also committed to helping the region rebuild its former capital.

There are also plans to move Bougainville’s House of Representatives back to Arawa in the next couple of years.

These plans are still sketchy but the Bougainville authorities and leaders responsible for these are adamant that all these would be sorted out once finance is available and a scope of work is done.

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Source: Post-Courier

Hutjena gets new truck

BOUGAINVILLE’S largest secondary school, Hutjena secondary, happily received a new school truck yesterday.

The truck was handed over to the school by the Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso and fulfills a commitment made by former deputy prime minister Sir Puka Temu during a visit to the school. The truck was paid for using part of a K3 million funding given to Mr Semoso by the National Government recently to help Hutjena and other schools in the region.

During the presentation, Mr Semoso challenged the students and staff to look after the truck.

“I am happy to deliver this new truck to the school. I want you to take care of this new truck, which has cost about K92,000 to purchase,” Mr Semoso, who is also the Bougainville Regional MP, said.

He said he hoped that the delivery of the new truck would contribute to improving “the educational standard of the school” and challenged the school administration to find a suitable driver to drive the truck.

He warned that if he finds any driver driving the truck under the influence of alcohol, he will smash the truck's windscreen before assaulting the driver and handing him over to the police.

Deputy principal Wamsie Sae said the truck will address many of the school's transportation problems. Meanwhile, maintenance work to be carried out the school's hall is expected to start soon.

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Source: Post-Courier

ABG plans to raise local revenue

By Alex Munme

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President John Momis is adamant that his principal task of promoting good governance and the rule of law, and in the process ending the evil of corruption will effectively be implemented.

“ The issues here are closely connected to weapons disposal. Part of the reason why many people continue to make use of weapons is that they have never experienced the operation of a fair and effective law and justice system,” Mr Momis said recently.

“... my government is working now to develop the details of specific proposals for greatly improving the law and justice system. My government is also developing proposals in relation to weapons disposal which will be announced in the next few weeks. For now I will just mention that I am continuing my efforts to engage with key leaders of armed groups in South Bougainville. I am seeking to persuade them to dispose of their weapons. We are exploring ways of getting the key leaders to exert control and influence over elements that have been hiding behind the leaders in order to get protection needed to commit criminal acts. We are working towards opposing leaders reconciling and to a wider group of former combatants developing a new and more comprehensive weapons disposal plan. Learning from our past efforts, such a plan will need to provide incentives to those with weapons to dispose them. I do not mean only financial or economic incentives (such as development projects), though these may have their part. I mean things like amnesty and things like combatants recognising the link between weapons disposal and the setting a date for referendum,” he said.

Mr Momis said in carrying out his policies, his government aims to build revenue sources within Bougainville. At the moment they rely heavily on the National Government and donors.

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Source: Post-Courier

Buka airport needs fence

NEWLY appointed Minister for Bougainville Affairs and Bougainville Regional MP Fidelis Semoso has blasted the National Government for its failure to make funds available in the past years to fence the perimeters of the Buka airport.

Mr Semoso has called on the newly appointed Minister for Transport and Civil Aviation Benjamin Poponawa to immediately secure K5 million to fence the airport.

He said Buka airport had always missed out on government funding allocated for improvement purposes in all the airports in the country and therefore it was posing a great risk to the people travelling in and out of the region.

Mr Semoso warned that if Mr Poponawa and the National Government fail to make funding available to fence the airport, they should immediately close the airport because it was posing a threat to the travelling public.

“The urgent need now for the Buka airport is fencing and I am calling on my brother Minister for Civil Aviation Benjamin Poponawa to secure K5 million so we can fence the airport. If the Government cannot give us this money, then they should immediately close the airport because Buka airport is now a safety and security risk airport. The safety of the passengers is of paramount importance so if the government cannot give us the money, they should immediately close the airport,” Mr Semoso said.

He said Bougainville had contributed a lot to the development of the country in the past years and the Government’s negligence in making funds available to fence the airport was a slap in the face for the people of Bougainville.

“From 1972-1989, Panguna was the only mine operating and serving the whole country. Now that we have more mines operating in the country, why can’t the National Government give us the money to fence the airport as a token of appreciation for the development that the Panguna mine brought about to the country.”

Mr Semoso is also calling on the Autonomous Bougainville Government to also do the same by securing funds to fence the Buka Airport.

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Source: The National

Plan closure of projects, says consultant

By BOSORINA ROBBY

THE closure of any resource project, such as mines, should be included in the operational plan before any work should begin, private consultant Prof Richard Jackson said.

This was to avoid failure of any sustainable and investment projects that mining and oil companies plan for their communities in preparation for the closure, he said.

Speaking at the 8th chamber of mines and petroleum community affairs seminar last week, Jackson pointed out that most of the communities where mines had closed are among the world’s most poor and depressed people, despite having these opportunities.

He suggested to all the stakeholders and resource project managers that though it was commendable to assist the communities with sustainable projects in preparation for the closure, it was most wise to invest in training and education.

“You need to emphasise on education so that future generations will have a chance to seek opportunities outside of their post-mine communities.

“So during your operational years, school teacher’s housing is a better investment than a school itself,” he said.

Jackson also pointed out one thing that did work as seen from the Misima mine was the training and transfer of skills.

He said the locals were taught during the mine life and when it closed, these men then received further training and became most sought after at various mine sites within and out of the country.

“That is true sustainability that is within the power of any company to do.

“It comes from within an organization, and the skills are portable and lasts a lifetime,” Jackson said.

Jackson also suggested that companies should also, during the course of the mine life, slowly integrate local government and ensure local capacity to maintain ongoing mine benefits.

“It has been shown very clearly around the world that the real key to the sustaining of mining benefits after closure is the presence of an efficiently functioning local government,” Jackson said.

04.08.2010

Source: The National

Gas Apa to invest in Bougainville

GAS Apa Ltd (GAL), a landowner company based in liquefied natural gas development area, will invest in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

GAL made the decision after ARB-based Invincible Resources Corp (IRC), a foreign investor-partner of Bogenvil Resources Development Corp Ltd (BRDC), invited the company to participate through shareholdings with IRC, according to Simon Ekanda, GAL executive chairman.

“BRDC is a holding company in which GAL and IRC will have a joint venture stake and not direct into BRDC,” Ekanda said, denying an earlier report that it was buying stake in BRDC.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MEMBERS IN DARK

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG member for Baubake, JOSEPH BUIA today released his frustrations over not getting any funding for his electoral work since the swearing in of the ABG second house in June this year. The new member said that since their election and swearing in he and many of the members are still stuck in Buka waiting for some funding to start their electoral work.

He told New Dawn FM in Buka today that his people are expecting him to return to the electorate and visit them but he is unable to make any electoral visits until he gets some funding.

The member said that he was very disappointed as a elected member because the first one hundred days for the second house should have been felt by his voters but he can not do anything without the necessary funding.

He called on the ABG President JOHN Momis to do something about the funding situation for the ABG. Meanwhile the member for Eivo /Torau, MELCHIOR DARE has been visiting villages in his electorate since last week.

He told New Dawn FM from Manetai that his people were happy to see him visit them in their villages. MR. DARE said that he could not sit and wait for the ABG to release funds but had to move within the first one hundred days to see his voters.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SO MEET

By Aloysius Laukai

The speaker of the ABG House of Representatives, ANDREW MIRIKI is to convene the first meeting of the Standing Orders Committee appointed recently on August 12th this year.

The members of the Standing Orders Committee of which the Speaker is the chairman is calling on all the members to attend this first meeting.

The committee would discuss the ABG's meeting schedule, a draft work program and other urgent matters.

The Clerk will also advise the members on matters relating to the Standing orders.

The members are, Deputy Speaker, ROBIN WILSON, member for Torokina STEVEN SUAKO, member for Baubake JOSEPH BUIA and Regional member for women representing North Bougainville, ELIZABETH BURAIN.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HONIARA INVITES MOMIS

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG President JOHN MOMIS has been invited by the Speaker of the Solomon Island government, SIR PETER KENILOREA to deliver the Keynote address during the 9th Solomon Island Parliament Induction program.

The Solomon Islands will go to the Polls starting tomorrow August 4th, 2010.

According to the ABG parliament Clerk, ROBERT TAPI, MR. MOMIS has been chosen because of his wealth of knowledge in Politics, Governance, Diplomacy and Academia.

The induction will be held on 29th August, 2010.

All travel and accommodation to Solomon Islands and back would be met by the Solomon Islands Government.

Meanwhile, Bougainville's Acting Electoral Commissioner, REITAMA TARAVARU is already in the Solomon Islands to be part of the International Election Observer team that would monitor the conduct of the Solomon Island elections

03.08.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MONA ON TARGET

The Bougainville Mona Festival is on target as contributions and donations are coming to the Organizing committee.

And work on the Stage is already underway.

And also more cultural groups have registered to take part in this festival.

Mobile giant Digicel has pledged K80,000 for naming right at this show..

Other companies have also pledged their support.



Picture from last year's festival

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

JSB MEET

By Aloysius Laukai

Officials from the ABG and the Papua New Guinea government will sit for the first Joint Supervisory Board meeting since the second ABG was inaugurated in June this year.

The two-day meeting will start tomorrow, Wednesday.

Combine ABG technical team and cabinet members left Buka for Port Moresby yesterday to join the ABG President JOHN MOMIS who was already in Port Moresby.

The ABG team would want to address the following agendas during this meeting.

1. The Restoration and Development Grant totalling FIFTEEN MILLION KINA which was not included by the National Government in its 2010 budget.
2. Funding of an Establishment or settling in grant of FIVE MILLION KINA.
3. Revisit the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the transfer of powers and functions.
4. Preparation for the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review.
5. Restructure of the National Co-ordination Office of Bougainville Affairs(NCOBA).

And number six, Additional support grant to the ABG.

New Dawn FM understands that the last JSB meeting was held in March this year under the former President, JAMES TANIS.

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BREAKING NEWS!

Special JSB Meeting even this week!

A sudden Special Joint Supervisory Board Meeting (JSB) has been fixed for this week. The top level conference (PNG and ABG) is to be hold from August 4th to August 6th, 2010 in Port Moresby and will contain two important items that already have been scheduled:

Item # 6 Preparation for the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) review

Item # 8 Establishment of Committees for the BCA Review

Außerordentliches JSB Meeting noch diese Woche!

Eine Sondersitzung des Joint Supervisory Boards ist für diese Woche einberufen worden! Die Konferenz, an der Spitzenpolitiker beider Seiten (PNG und ABG) teilnehmen wird vom 4. bis 6. August 2010 in Port Moresby stattfinden und zwei wichtige Tagesordnungspunkte beinhalten:

TOP 1 Vorbereitung des Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) review

TOP 2 Berufung von Arbeitsgruppen für das BCA review

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Source: ESBC / [TOP 100 BCL Shareholder](#)

Step by Step!

Rio Tinto Group Increases Investment in Bougainville Copper!

The Rio Tinto Group now owns 215,920,089 (January 2010: 214,887,966) shares as follows:

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| Rio Tinto Limited | 211,774,646 |
| Rio Tinto Base Metals PTY Limited | 4,099,452 |
| RTZ Limited | 45,991 |
| TOTAL | 215,920,089 |

This represents an increase of more than one million shares (+1,035,123) or +0.25 per cent within the last seven months!

Schritt für Schritt!

Die Rio Tinto Gruppe erhöht ihre Beteiligung an Bougainville Copper!

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Dies entspricht einer Erhöhung der Beteiligung um mehr als eine Million Aktien (+1.035.123) oder 0,25% innerhalb der letzten 7 Monate!

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

RESETTLEMENTS

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville is currently seeing more migration by people which is creating problems and Ton is no exception.

This was revealed at a workshop at Ton, in the Selau Constituency last week.

The workshop was told the in Ton people have been moving in since landowners from the area have been selling their land to outsiders.

They called on the people to think of their future and minimize the sale of land as land was already becoming a problem in many parts of Bougainville.

The workshop was told that tendering land would bring development but at the same time will cause land owners to lose their identity and value in the society they live in.

Economic Development was mainly highlighted as one of the pillars delivered by the Secretary of Minister for Women, Youth and Community Development Magdalene Toroansi.

Toroansi said that we should carefully study the changes and cultivate resources for economical development.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TON WORKSHOP ENDS

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville Inter-Church Women Forum BICWF continues to penetrate through to remote communities with workshops to empower the communities

Participant at the closing workshop at Ton village last week were pleased at what they had learned from the workshop.

The participants said that the workshop had empowered them to work with youths and the communities to set visions for their individual communities.

They said that they would want more such workshops that would open their minds to developments in their areas.

Speakers when delivering their speeches elaborated on stamping out no care attitudes in their communities.

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Source: Post-Courier

Cult 'queen' arrested

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE alleged queen of a cult group operating in Buka has been arrested with several of her followers and is awaiting charges at the Buka police cells.

Bougainville Assistant Commissioner of Police Thomas Eluh yesterday confirmed the arrest and said investigations are underway before charges can be laid.

The cult group was operating at Eltupan, the northern tip of Buka Island.

This is one of several cult groups that Bougainville is currently battling.

Leaders of the Eltupan cargo cult claim their group is not a cult but a traditional and Christian way of handling family issues.

There are two other claimed cult groups operating in Central and South Bougainville.

According to police in Buka there is also a youth group at Kopikiri village at the Manetai area and another in South Bougainville led by Jasper Founder.

Police could not give out more information about these cults because their investigations were still being carried out.

But a council leader in Kieta, Dominic Pakei told the Post-Courier from Arawa that the activities of the Manetai group included young and old men and women practising this for the sake of having sexual intercourse with the underage females.

"This one at Manetai, they say that it is not a cult, but a traditional and Christian way of handling social issues in the village. Kopikiri community are being led to worship a devil stone telling the people that they are going to receive presents from God. But this is totally wrong, incest is rife and most women are now getting pregnant with children not having steady fathers," Mr Pakei said.

He also called on the authorities to help destroy this cult group and appealed to the Kopikiri community to stop this activity because it was affecting their lives.

For South Bougainville, Founder was allegedly leading another cult group there but police yesterday said information on this group was sketchy and that investigations were also still being carried out.

Police said that their activities were also similar to that of Buka and Manetai.

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Source: Post-Courier

Hides firm seals deal with Bougainville

By MOHAMMAD BASHIR

Gas Apa Ltd of Hides PDL1 area is buying into investment in Bougainville following an invitation from the Bougainville Resources Development Corporation Ltd.

Since an invitation in September 2009 following Gas Apa's expression of interest in January 2009, the Hides based company expressed gratitude at the opportunity to go into a joint venture arrangement with BRDC.

Gas Apa's managing director Simon Ekanda said yesterday that the opportunity was too good to ignore.

"Since the PNG LNG project is going ahead, we the landowners are losing big time because it appears the way it is going that we will not participate in the project," he said.

Mr Ekanda said the government and developer promised in the initial stages of the project to get their (LOs) approvals but so far they had not benefitted or participated in any activities as promised.

"We have been used and all the fat promises are turning out to be hot air," he added.

The outspoken Hides landowner leader claimed that the developers had already started recruiting in the Philippines and Thailand with no concern for local manpower development.

“It has now become evident that the developers of the PNG LNG project are here for the money and have no regard for our people’s welfare,” Mr Ekanda said.

He said that was the reason why Gas Apa Ltd opted to go into partnership with BRDC under the Kabui model.

“We already have some funds and will be sourcing more to go into this partnership and hope to fend for ourselves instead of awaiting the PNG LNG project windfall that seems will never come,” Mr Ekanda said.

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Source: Bougainville Copper Ltd. (Compushare) and updated by the ESBC.

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Source: Post-Courier Weekend

‘Peace to drive priorities’

BOUGAINVILLE Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso says his immediate priorities for the region will be driven by the Peace Agreement and includes the three pillars of the government, which is the Weapons Disposal Program, Referendum and Autonomy and the economy.

Another of his immediate tasks would be to progress the JSB meet-ing where draw down of powers can be addressed further and key development initiatives also undertaken. Semoso who was welcomed by the ABG leaders and family in Buka soon after his appointment as the minister assured Bougainville and PNG that he would give 110 per cent of his time to concentrate on the issues of Bougainville, now that he had more powers to deal with the region. The portfolio was previously under Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare, but had now been bestowed on the young and vibrant leader of Bougainville.

Mr Semoso announced the National Government, upon acknowledging the confidence and the honour bestowed him, gave K5 million-K3 million for the Hutjena Secondary School Hall refurbishment and K2

million that he will use for resourcing all schools in the region by installing educational television across the Bougainville schools.

“We also have economic priorities to look at. In Bougainville we need to sustain our economy and grow it,” Semoso said. You see, referendum will not eventuate unless we fulfil all our priorities as guided by the Bougainville Peace Agreement. Every activity from now on will be to make sure we comply with the Bougainville Peace Agreement and especially in our pursuit of growing our economy.”

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO IN ATAMO

By Aloysius Laukai

The Minister for Bougainville Affairs and Regional member for Bougainville FIDELIS SEMOSO last week called on the people of Atamo to refrain from taking drugs and support the ABG in its efforts to develop Bougainville.

MR. SEMOSO said that if there is no law and order no investor would want to come to Bougainville. He told the people of Atamo that even though Bougainville is blessed with all kinds of minerals as long as there is no law and order we will remain the same. The Bougainville Affairs Minister was in Atamo Primary School at the invitation of the School's Board of Management. Semoso gave Five Thousand Kina to the Atamo Women's Association and also the Atamo Primary School.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PAY BEFORE YOU RECEIVE

By Tom Kathoa

Parents and guardians of Grade Ten students attending the Devare Seventh Day Adventist High School in the Tinputz District have been urged to complete their 2010 school fee payments before the end of the school year.

Failure by to pay the total school fee would result in the withholding of the student's school certificates by the school.

This is the stern warning from the Devare High School Principal, Mr. Enoch David to parents, guardians and students during the school's first grade ten graduation ceremony yesterday.

Mr. David said grade ten students owe the school more than twenty-thousand kina in outstanding school fees.

He also said parents and guardians owe the school more than fifty-Thousand kina for this year.

And, he warned that the school may be forced to close early due to lack of money to keep it operating till its normal closure in December.

Mr. David said the money has been worsened by the empty promise of the ABG Government to pay its 40% subsidy for the student's school fees.

The ABG school fee assistance will not be possible this year, due to financial problem faced by the government.

Grade ten students with outstanding school fees would not be given their school certificates until they have completed all outstanding.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DEVARE'S FIRST GRADUATION

By Tom Kathoa

The two year old Devare SDA High School in Tinputz, North Bougainville saw its first grade ten student's graduate from the school this week.

More than eighty pioneer students both male and female passed out of the school after a two year stint at the school.

Their graduation was witnessed by several leaders including the Member for North Bougainville in the National Parliament and Minister for Higher Education, Hon Michael Ogio.

The graduates were presented with the school's own grade ten certificates during the ceremony.

It was explained that the National Grade Ten School Certificates would be presented to them when they arrive in December.

Education Minister Ogio and other speakers challenged students to strive for the best while studying.

An educated population would result in a progressive and prosperous Papua New Guinea.

30.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Panguna mine answer to reviving economy

BOUGAINVILLE seriously needs a major impact project to pump its economy back to reality especially when the region has less than 10 years already towards referendum and independence, Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso said.

And Mr Semoso says the Bougainville copper mine is an ideal answer for Bougainville's economy, provided all issues are sorted out quickly and the Autonomous Bougainville Government in conjunction with the National Government address the issues surrounding it.

Mr Semoso has been singing out everywhere that Bougainville can boast about the cocoa and coconut it has, or the marine resources it brags about, but the autonomous government still needs the copper mine to re-open so that all problems on economy of the region can be solved.

"Yes, revenue from copra and cocoa before the crisis used to bring to Bougainville's economy K60 to K70 million a year.

"We also speak about seven other mines not yet operated in Bougainville and many more things that we talk about that can bring money into Bougainville.

"These new mines will take may be 10 years, agriculture can help but not so much at this time, the Panguna mine will take about three to five years and surely we can get back to where we were or better before the crisis.

"Our education system has gone really down, our health services are just picking up, classrooms in all remote and town schools are run down, no libraries or no computer labs and we seriously need an impact project like the mine to get us back to our feet, this time more than what he used to gain before the crisis," Mr Semoso said.

Semoso echoed how the Bougainville Copper Agreement was still one of the best blue prints in place and appealed for all stakeholders in PNG and the ABG to come together and seriously address the BCL issue so that real development can start taking place.

He said it was a serious matter for the landowners and the PNG Government should seriously come to one table and review the Agreement or talk about the issues at stake so they see what they can do.

Mr Semoso is planning on making a visit to meet with the landowners and stakeholders of Panguna to seek first hand their views. He wants to do that before the getting to the National Government for any updates.

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Source: Post-Courier

Semoso: Respect mothers

By GORETHY KENNETH

WITHOUT women, Bougainville will not be where it is today. Imagine if the women of Bougainville went on strike for one day and refused to cook for the family, what will be the result? Families will go hungry and many more criminal activities will come about!

"People of Bougainville, mama istap na yumi stap!" this is the line of message Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso has been sending out to the whole of Bougainville everywhere he goes for his electoral visits.

He has been carrying out his own awareness for the youths and children of Bougainville to listen to their mothers or the women of Bougainville when they speak about issues affecting the communities they live in. How children, youth and men should listen and pay respect to women of Bougainville when they talk about saying no to marijuana and the threats and problems the weapons and the drugs create for women of Bougainville and the society.

Mr Semoso has been appealing to the people of Bougainville to respect women and mothers who are working tirelessly to help create awareness on a safer community for the young and the future of their communities.

For the past two years, Mr Semoso has changed his way of allocating funds for communities projects - he's pumped mini funds into womens groups in most communities especially in most rural areas where the government cannot easily reach and funding their small or in Bougainville they call them Liklik Kristen Komuniti (LKK or BKK).

He's financed women groups in remote Pinepel and Nissan islands, women groups in Buka, women groups in Manetai, women groups in Tinputz and women groups in Kieta and is already got a line-up to visit to women groups in south Bougainville.

"I have a lot of respect and a lot of confidence in women or ol mama bilong yumi," Mr Semoso said. "My presentation of funds to these womens groups all over Bougainville is to empower them, give them money

to hold so that they start little projects that will keep their community, their families and the region at peace. "It's time now we recognise women of Bougainville from right down to village level so that they too can help us create awareness and help move Bougainville forward."

30.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier's Drum

High and dry

Buka is running dry. There is no rain. For a long while that even all water tanks in town have run dry. Yesterday a company took to a nearby fast flowing creek to fetch water, only to confront a non-Bougainvillean charging K5 for every container filled. Talking about turning a bad situation around to make some quick money.

Cats and dogs

And while those in Buka town are running to their creeks for water, it is raining cats and dogs on the other side of the Buka Passage. It has been raining on mainland Bougainville for months, that flooding is a serious concern now. Nature certainly works in mysterious ways.

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Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville shows the way

BOUGAINVILLE'S peace process program officially known as "the Bougainville solution", one that helped resolve the 10-year conflict may be a good example for neighbouring countries to adopt, a human rights activist has advised.

The activist has referred to the conflicts in Fiji, Indonesia and West Papua. The Bougainville solution process was used in Solomon Islands, when former rebel leader Harold Keke took Honiara under siege. The United Nations has also praised the manner in which Bougainville helped resolve its crisis problems. Offers are now being made for these war-ravaged neighbouring countries to use the Bougainville solution to resolve their conflicts, depending on the issues surrounding them.

In a statement this week from New Zealand, one of the human rights activist Maire Leadbeater, who talked about Indonesia and West Papua, said while there was no offer from the New Zealand government to mediate talks between representatives of these areas, she was confident Wellington could draw on similar diplomacy tools which helped to resolve the 10-year Bougainville civil war.

"New Zealand needs to follow the 'Bougainville solution' and facilitate peaceful dialogue between representatives of Indonesia and West Papua instead of supporting the status quo and ongoing repression of West Papuans," she said in a statement.

"There is still time for New Zealand to make a new beginning and put the aspirations of the Papuan people first, before the need to please Indonesia," says Leadbeater.

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Source: Post-Courier

Jail at Bekut to open for Bougainville

CS Minister Tony Aimo and Bougainville President John Momis to sign MOA

By TODAGIA KELOLA

THE Autonomous Region of Bougainville will soon have a new jail. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Papua New Guinea Correctional Service and the

Autonomous Government of Bougainville will be signed this week by the Minister for Correctional Service Tony Aimo and President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville John Momis to pave way for the opening of the new jail.

The MOA comes after almost 21 years since the burning down of Kuveria prison at the start of the Bougainville crisis in 1989.

Mr Aimo is confirmed to travel to the region and the signing will take place on Thursday

The MOA document is basically on the operation and establishment of Bekut Correctional Institution facility on the land of Gengan called Bekut, on Southeast of Buka Island.

It identifies which areas of responsibilities CS and ABG administration will be responsible for after the establishment and operation of the prison. It is believed that ABG will look into infrastructure maintenance, accommodation of detainees and staff, perimeter fencing and electrical lightings plus water supplies. CS is providing custodial staff, salaries, rations and uniforms, office stationeries and training for both staff and detainees.

A temporary jail is now under construction in Bekut on Buka Island that will accommodate 40 low risk detainees while awaiting the full construction of a permanent prison facility.

Currently construction work on staff accommodation, administration block, temporary compound perimeter fence, a double dormitory for detainees, temporary mess , and toilet and shower facilities are underway. Construction of this temporary jail came about after the National Court made an order against CS, police and ABG, citing human rights violation of prisoners stemming from overcrowding and unhygienic condition at the police cells in Buka which holds both convicts and remandees.

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Source: Post-Courier

Forum in Arawa

By PETERSON TSERAHA

THE veteran affairs ministry in the Autonomous Bougainville Government will be hosting a public forum in Arawa tomorrow.

The forum will cover weapons disposal, Veterans Holdings Limited report, law and order, and update to ex-combatants about the ABG parliament house.

Pioneer Bougainville provincial government member, and former Defence minister in Me'ekamui, and present Veterans affairs minister David Sisito said the main aim of the forum is for combatants and the public to express their views and to ask questions.

"Apart from public opinions we will also be telling the public on the latest of the veteran's affairs, and weapons disposal," Mr Sisito said. "More importantly I as the veteran's minister will stress the importance of weapons disposal.

Mr Sisito said it is now time to invite investors into Bougainville as soon as possible, and invest in a gun-free Bougainville and our people have to enjoy life.

The speaker of the ABG parliament Andrew Miriki will also be present at the forum, to tell the people about the ABG parliament

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Source: Panguna Landowner Association (PLA)

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Die brandneue Homepage der [Panguna Landowners](#) !

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AIMO IN BUKA

By Veronica Hannette

The Minister for Correctional Service, Tony Aimo and Deputy Commissioner Operations, Henry Wavik arrived in Buka this morning on official visit to Bougainville.

The team was welcomed at the Buka airport by the Acting Chief administrator, Raymond Masono and a cultural group from Hangan Village who performed the traditional welcome ceremony of washing feet. The team would be visiting the Bekut Prison cells on Buka island before the newly completed facility can be declared for official Gazettal.

The team returns to Port Moresby on Friday.



Tony Aimo and Henry Wavik at Buka Airport

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Food safety awareness in Buka

By REUBEN KALAUNG
and VERONICA HANNETTE

THE National Health Department will conduct a 1 day awareness on the new food safety law tomorrow in Buka. Food Safety Technical Advisor Rose Kavanamur was in Buka for a week and has been working with Environment Health officers to identify food borne issues.

Speaking on Bougainville's New Dawn FM today, Mrs. Kavanamur said many new diseases has evolved nowadays due to the effects of climate change and global warming, that created the need for the enactment of new food laws to protect our people.

All food retailers, hoteliers, restaurants, food bars and even street vendors are urged to attend the 1 day workshop. Food inspectors from the Health Department will be inspecting all food sellers after the awareness workshop. Those who are found to breach the new law will be penalized accordingly.

Mrs. Kavanamur said one very important aspects of food safety is how food is prepared before its being sold for public consumption.

The National Government has signed an agreement with the world trade organization allowing free trade between countries in the world. Many imported food come into country and the Health Department need to regulate these food imports.

The new Food Law was passed by the National Executive Council in 2007. It aims to protect food that the public consumed.

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Source: ESBC

Die wundersame Börsenwelt der Baader Bank.

von Axel G. Sturm

Die Resonanz auf die Initiative der ESBC, den permanenten XETRA-Handel für Bougainville Copper einzuführen, ließ nicht lange auf sich warten: Alarmiert durch die Fülle des Posteingangs meldete sich am Montag ein Sachbearbeiter der Baader Bank München per Email und forderte kategorisch die Entfernung der Mailadresse der Bank von der ESBC Homepage. Begründung: Die Bank sei ausschließlich für den Parketthandel, nicht aber für die Änderung des XETRA-Handels zuständig. Das mag so sein.

Ein Telefonanruf brachte indes weitere Aufklärung: Die Baader Bank habe "überhaupt kein Interesse daran, an der derzeitigen Situation etwas zu ändern", schließlich verdiene man ja am Parketthandel, was bei XETRA eben nicht so wäre. Anders gesagt: Die Baader Bank hat offensichtlich keinerlei Interesse daran, unterstützend dabei mitzuwirken, nationalen und internationalen Investoren an den deutschen Börsen eine geeignete, zukunftsorientierte Handelsplattform zur Verfügung zu stellen. Und dies, obwohl einige andere Aktien, die sowohl auf dem Parkett, als auch permanent auf Xetra mit vergleichbar hohen Umsätzen gehandelt werden, durchaus als erfolgreiches Beispiel dafür herhalten könnten, dass ein harmonisches Nebeneinander beider Märkte möglich ist.

Auch die Nachfrage der ESBC, wer denn als Marketmaker für Bougainville Copper zuständig sei, wurde seitens Baader mit Ignoranz quittiert: Man habe keinerlei Grund, solche Informationen weiterzugeben.

Derartige Geheimniskrämerei und kurzsichtiges Denken ermutigen wahrhaft nicht, Vertrauen bei Investoren aufzubauen. Eher lässt beides den Verdacht aufkeimen, dass zu Lasten der Anleger die eigene Pfründe um jeden Preis verteidigt werden soll - selbst um den Preis, der eigenen Glaubwürdigkeit. Transparenz und Fair Play in finanziellen Angelegenheiten scheint offensichtlich im Hause Baader Bank nicht gerade zu den Generaltugenden zu gehören. Wen mag es da noch wundern, dass es gerade die Banken waren, die die jüngste Finanzkrise ausgelöst haben.

Tröstlich ist da allenfalls die Aussicht, dass das Geschäftsmodell derartiger Institute mittelfristig ein Auslaufmodell sein dürfte, das sich bald, sehr bald überholt haben wird.

Nun ist es an der Deutschen Börse AG, die entscheidenden Schritte zu unternehmen, um allen Anlegern exakt die Plattform anzubieten, die sie wünschen.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO COMMITS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Regional member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO has committed FIFTY THOUSAND KINA towards the setting up of a Bougainville's Disaster and Emergency Fund for Bougainville.

He told a press conference this morning that he supported the move by the Bougainville Disaster and Emergency office to raise funds on Bougainville for emergency programs.

Last week, six COE chairmen's on Buka island and the Atolls announced the setting up of the Disaster fund to be managed by the Disaster and Emergency section of the Division of Local Level Government.

Launching for the fundraising drive would be announced soon with plans for Wheelbarrow push in all COE's on Buka island.

The Regional member will be heading the wheelbarrow push in Buka town.

Meanwhile the Regional member has called on the Business Houses in Buka town to support the fundraising drive.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CS MINISTER VISITS BEKUT JAIL SITE

By Soditha Lavett

The National Minister for Correctional Services Tony Aimo will arrive in Buka tomorrow, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Beikut Land owners in the Peit Constituency.

The minister will inspect the site where the government will construct a prison cell in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Upon his arrival, the minister will pay a courtesy call to the president of the ABG Chief John Momis, Minister for Police, Correctional Services Law and Justice Leo Hannett and the Bougainville Chief Administrator Lawrence Disin..

The Ministerial delegation will then travel to Beikut on Thursday accompanied by Minister Hannett and the Bougainville Administration Officials.

A welcome ceremony has been organized by the land owners and village chief Paul Kerouh.

The delegation returns to Port Moresby on Friday.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO APPEALS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Regional Member for Bougainville and Bougainville Affairs Minister, FIDELIS SEMOSO today appealed to Bougainville leaders especially the ABG members and the National parliamentarians to support the fundraising drive to raise funds for Emergency purposes.

MR. SEMOSO said that Bougainville is prone to Natural and man made disasters and must have funds ready available if disaster strikes.

He said many deaths occur not because of the disaster but because the assistance needed is not immediately at hand.

MR. SEMOSO also said that Bougainville must stop begging and try to raise its own revenue to help its people.

He said Bougainvilleans used to be self reliant until the crises that has completely made them became beggars' on their own land.

The Minister wants the people to change from these negative attitudes.

28.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Help continue program

By GORETHY KENNETH

AT least 50 per cent or more of marriages in Bougainville during the war period were forced and maintained under the barrel of a gun, a peace foundation non-government organisation executive has confirmed.

Most of these marriages are falling apart and families are facing a lot of problems because of the way they were forced to marry.

At least every community in the region will have experienced rape and murder between the periods of the war and peace-building in Bougainville.

This is from the Bougainville centre for peace executive Clarence Dency, who echoed this last week when speaking about how the organisation was struggling financially to maintain its operations in the region. It was initially called Peace Foundation but changed its name to suit Bougainville. The programs are still the same and with an aim to carry out major awareness programs on reconciliation training, awareness on issues affecting the community and families, crisis related issues, solving problems within the community and families, and the issues concerning Wisai — one of the problem areas of Bougainville.

Mr Dency told the Post-Courier from Manetai last week that they were not getting any more support from the Law and Justice Sector Program, the ABG and the National Government.

Mr Dency said their program on Wisai was slowing down because there were no funds to carry out awareness there.

Mr Dency also said that not much effort was given to the drug and alcohol awareness that the centre was engaged and that literally their operations were coming to a halt .

Mr Dency cornered Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso in Manetai to ask him for funds to continue their awareness on peace, reconciliation, weapons disposal and drugs in all of Bougainville.

“Over the years, we’ve talked to families who have talked about how they were falling apart,” Mr Dency said.

“Yes, many of the marriages in Bougainville between 1989 and 2000 have been forced marriages (under the barrel of a gun).

“We’ve found them to be mostly BRAs and these marriages are now facing problems.

“We’ve also found out there are many rape cases and murders in all of these years.

“It is now time to rebuild and create total peace among all Bougainvilleans and we need a concerted effort to solve this once and for all,” said Mr Dency.

28.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Manetai children get special visit

By GORETHY KENNETH

For as long as they live, these young kids of Manetai in Central Bougainville will remember their Regional MP and Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso.

There are two reasons for this: first, the children heard about the Minister coming to their remote hamlet, and made it their business to meet him; and secondly, they put their leader on the spot with a special heartfelt plea to be educated.

Mr Semoso was so touched by the efforts of the children that he gave them K100 each to buy books, pencils and rulers so they could attend the nearest school.

The boys are Edmun carried by John Dovitupa (left); Mr Fidelis Semoso carrying little Luke Dovitupa, his big brother Alex Dovitupa (right) with their friend Brendon. To understand their dilemma, we have to figure out their location. Their village is Atamo which is in Manetai, a mountain region in Central Bougainville. During the Bougainville crisis, Manetai was a rebel stronghold and hot spot for armed conflict. Now that normalcy has returned, the children of the crisis are anxious to receive education.

But the conflict exacted a terrible price on the local population as well as the government established public utilities including schools, many of which were burnt to the ground.

Under a rebuilding and healing process, Government services are slowly returning to many remote communities like Atamo but the process is painfully slow, exacerbated by bureaucratic red tape in Waigani and Buka.

The nearest school for these children is Atamo Primary School, located on top of a high mountain. To get to school, John and Alex have to trudge up the forested mountain for nearly four hours. But the boys are willing and the Minister was forgiving.

To help them make their dreams come true, the Minister forked out enough cash for the children to buy themselves some decent clothes and some school material for the daily assault on Mount Atamo.

However, the nearest shop is in Arawa and that is another long challenge for the boys.

The case of the Dovitupa brothers is not isolated to Manetai. It is familiar all over Bougainville and has a far reaching consequence all over Papua New Guinea.

Also to help other kids attending Atamo, Minister Semoso increased his funding for remote schools from K10,000 to K25,000 per year.

The two little boys Edmun and Brendon, who only speak their local Asikopan language, told Mr Semoso that when they finish school, they would like to be politicians like him.

27.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

OGIO'S SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

By Tom Kathoa

Increased revenue and wealth created by the LNG Project in the Highlands Region has forced the National Government to prepare a Supplementary Budget says the Member for North Bougainville, Hon Michael Ogio.

The LNG Gas Project is in the Southern Highlands Province and is the single largest revenue earner for the country.

Papua New Guinea stands to earn billions of kina from the project which will start selling its gas products to overseas buyers in 2014.

Mr. Ogio who is also the National Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology said Papua New Guinea stands to earn K553 billion from the project.

This is a huge amount of money for the country and its people.

Due to this big money coming into the country, the national government is preparing a supplementary budget.

He told the people of Tinputz that a supplementary budget is prepared only when there is surplus money around.

Minister Ogio predicts the next annual budget for Papua New Guinea to be around the eight billion kina mark.

The minister was in Tinputz to present an Ambulance to the Tearuki Health Centre and some water tanks to the people of Kovanis and surrounding coastal villages.

A total of seventeen (17) water tanks costing more than K70, 000.00 would be delivered to these areas including the Six (6) presented at the weekend.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

EDWINA SAYS THANKS TO BOUGAINVILLE

By Veronica Hannette

The outgoing team leader and development specialist for AUSAID Edwina Betts thanked the Former Acting President JOHN Tabinaman, former President JAMES Tanis and the current President John MOMIS for encouraging Bougainville strategic policy that encourages donor and development partners to work as a team.

She was speaking at the farewell ceremony at the Kuri Village Resort last Thursday.

She said that she enjoyed working with development partners and the government of Bougainville during her short stint on Bougainville.

As a team leader for Ausaid she worked with development partners UNDP, VSA, CARE INTERNATIONAL, WORLD VISION, NZ police and the Churches.

Ms Betts also commended the ABG for spear heading new approaches so that all Donor in Bougainville can collaborate and work to develop Bougainville.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FAREWELL OF AUSAID TEAM LEADER

By Veronica Hannette

The team leader and development specialist for Aus Aid, Edwina Betts was farewelled last Thursday at the Kuri village resort.

Deputy Administrator Raymond Masono while at the farewell said that it seems that only a short while ago we gathered to farewell the first time officer that was posted to Buka on a full time basis, REBECCA WARNER who was later replaced by Edwina Betts.

This replacement has shown that Aus Aid and the Autonomous Bougainville Government are working closely to develop Bougainville.

The Administration of Bougainville also extended their gratitude to Aus Aid and New Zealand Aid for their additional resources provided through the Government Implementation Fund (GIF) in helping in the re-building process on Bougainville.

He also thanked Ms Betts for her effort in helping Bougainville return to normalcy.

She was replaced by another woman, MADELEINE MOSS.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

JOINT EFFORTS

By Tom Kathoa

The Member for Taunita/Tinputz and Minister for Works and Communications in the Autonomous Bougainville Government, Hon Carolus Ketsimur has publicly announced that he would work closely with the Member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education in the National Parliament, Hon Michael Ogio to develop the Tinputz area.

Mr. Ketsimur made the pledge during the presentation of an ambulance and several water tanks to people of Tinputz by Mr. Ogio at the weekend.

In accepting the ambulance and water tanks, Mr. Ketsimur said he would now be working in partnership with Mr. Ogio and urged the people of the area to do the same.

He said only through a collaborative effort the people of Tinputz can develop and bring the area back to its former glory days as the region's highest cocoa producing area.

Turning to the youth and young generation, Mr. Ketsimur appealed to them to refrain from what they are doing and work together with their leaders and village elders.

Mr. Ketsimur said Tinputz is known as the most trouble spot area of Bougainville and appealed for a change in this regard.

The people of Tinputz would have to raise above all these in order to invite economic activity into the area.

Mr. Ketsimur's statement was supported by the Sister In Charge of the Teauroki Health Centre who appealed to support politicians who delivered something to them and not false prophets

27.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

OGIO ON EDUCATION

By Tom Kathoa

The Minister for Higher Education, Hon Michael Ogio wants people to look after public institutions and properties in their areas.

Mr. Ogio who is also the Member for North Bougainville, said both the ABG and the National Government spent millions of kina in providing and setting up institutions like health and education for the people and they must look after these things.

The Member for North Bougainville said this when handing over an ambulance and some water tanks to people in the Tinputz area last week.

In Tinputz there are twelve primary schools, ten of which is still operating; two suspended while another four are on the verge of being suspended.

Schools are suspended only because of lack of community support in looking after the buildings.

On many occasions government leaders have been appealing to people to look after these infrastructures and to take ownership of them.

Mr. Ogio says these public institutions are constructed and given to people for their betterment. They are meant for them and their children and not for the government and therefore they should be responsible for their upkeep.

27.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Arawa hospital pleads for help

ARAWA hospital, serving Bougainville's former capital and the population of south Bougainville, is in dire need of electricity, repair and "stock up", as it has been neglected over the years by the authorities. The hospital, before the Bougainville crisis, was the best in the country and most probably in the Pacific. It was more than 10 hectares and burnt to ashes during the war.

Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso called into Arawa to overnight, after his electoral visit to Atamo, in Manetai, central Bougainville dishing out mini funds for women groups, youth groups and schools, and was approached by the Arawa Hospital head Charles Tawora and his nursing staff who heard that he was in town, so desperate for a "hear out" on issues regarding the hospital.

Arawa hospital does not have an ambulance despite serving the population of Siwai, Bana, Buin and many remote areas of central and south Bougainville. Referrals by the hospital to Buka for further medication, costs a lot of money because they either hire a vehicle or get patients to go on PMVs.

And as if the burden was not enough, the hospital has been without electricity for several months because there are no funds to purchase fuel for the two generators. This has affected operation of patients, the dental, birthing center and basically the whole hospital operation.

Furthermore, beds at the hospital are rotting and without mattresses, the birthing center desperately needs attention and an increase from two (beds), signboards are wearing away, dental and outpatients need a stock up and repair.

Even the reel water hose had been cut short by thieves affecting water flow for patients.

"Gees, I came at the wrong time here, I didn't plan my trip to Arawa for this, I am here from Manetai and tomorrow I will leave for Wakunai and back to Buka," Minister Semoso said shaking his head.

"No, minister, this is not the wrong time, you came at the right time because someone sent you here to save us. We are in desperate need.

"You are the only one we feel will hear our cries because other leaders, including ABG for years have not attended to our plea for this hospital to be maintained so we could serve our people better. You see, this hospital does not serve only Arawa, they come as far as Paruparu, Nagovis, Siwai, Buin - you look at two of those patients, they are from Paruparu," said Mr Tawora.

27.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

No 'shortcut' for Bougainville

BOUGAINVILLE will not prosper if two major issues are not seriously addressed - the law and order situation and the right political leadership.

And Bougainville does not need drug addicts or marijuana to run this nation. Furthermore, the future of Bougainville is in the children's hands and the card must be played right to move the region forward and educate children to the best.

This are the word from Bougainville Affairs Minister, Regional MP Fidelis Semoso who addressed the students of Atamo Primary School yesterday and the people of Torokina and Paruparu.

"There is no shortcut, Bougainville people! There is no shortcut, children of Bougainville, in developing Bougainville. There is no short cut to prosperity," Mr Semoso screamed to the crowd who eagerly listened to his speech. "Bougainville will not prosper if we do not address two things, the law and order and the right political leadership. We don't need gun-minded leaders, we don't need drug addicts, we don't need marijuana to run this region.

We need a good, strong, practical and vibrant leadership, people and children of Bougainville. Please children of Atamo and our children of Bougainville, I am begging you, do not lose hope, do not give up, we

have the resource for Bougainville to become a semi independent nation in the whole of the Pacific. That's why I am asking, please children of Bougainville, please youth of Bougainville, refrain or forget marijuana and think about your future, think about the future of Bougainville and let's move Bougainville forward." On the same note, New Zealand police on duty in Central Bougainville also echoed the same sentiments. NZ Police said Bougainville was blessed and did not need drug addicts in the region and that it was not good for the future of Bougainville.

25.09.2010

Source: ESBC

Better Trading of Bougainville Copper Shares on XETRA (Frankfurt/Germany) from abroad !

Within the last months, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange www.deutsche-boerse.com became more and more important for the exchange in Bougainville Copper shares. Unfortunately, until now, the high volume in exchange in this security was generated on the Frankfurt OTC market only. XETRA – the actual online broking platform of the German stock exchange – allows only little exchange because of one price fixing per day at 1:30 GMT+1 and the fact that online brokers do not provide access to such little traded shares.

The European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) claim for a more investor friendly solution of continuous trading in BOC shares on the XETRA trading platform.

If you are interested to support the ESBC's claim, please copy the following lines into an e-mail and send it to xetrahelpdesk@deutsche-boerse.com and to the market maker info@baaderbank.de as well. Please separate the email addresses by " ; " ! If you don't: your mail server may not deliver your mail correctly!

Ref.: WANTED: PERMANENT TRADING OF BOUGAINVILLE COPPER LTD. (PG0008526520) ON XETRA

Dear Sirs,

I am interested in trading Bougainville Copper shares (PG0008526520) online on XETRA. Unfortunately this is not yet possible because of the low exchange in this security due to the fact that most exchange in this share is executed OTC. As I am living outside Germany I do not have access to the OTC market through my online banking provider. In consequence, I am not able to trade in Bougainville Copper shares in Frankfurt as I want to. Until now I am obliged to buy and sell Bougainville Copper shares in Sydney only. Please, could you be so kind as to change your trading settings in a way that Non-German investors from abroad are also able to buy and sell Bougainville Copper shares on XETRA continuously during the XETRA opening hours as Germans are. This would be very welcome!

*Best regards,
(name, name)
Town, country, date*

The ESBC would appreciate a lot if you could keep us informed on your initiative by sending a blind copy to info@bougainville-copper.eu .

24.09.2010

Source: ESBC

Die ESBC fordern die Deutsche Börse AG auf, Bougainville Copper Aktien für den permanenten Handel auf der elektronischen Handelsplattform XETRA einzurichten:

**Einrichtung eines permanenten Handels
von Bougainville Copper Aktien (ISIN: PG0008526520) auf XETRA**

Sehr geehrter Herr Turba,

recht herzlichen Dank erst einmal für das ausführliche und aufschlußreiche Telefonat, das ich mit Ihnen führen durfte.

Wie schon am Telefon gesagt: Es ist nicht Aufgabe der ESBC den Markt so zu gestalten, dass möglichst große Umsätze an der Börse Frankfurt getätigt werden. Wir können nur Sie und den Marketmaker, in diesem Falle die Baader Bank AG, München, darauf aufmerksam machen, dass es im europäischen Raum, möglicherweise sogar weltweit, ein großes Interesse gibt, dass die Bougainville Copper Aktie einfacher zu handeln ist. Dies bezieht sich speziell auch auf die Online Broker.

Die derzeitige Situation bei XETRA mit jeweils einem Preisfixing pro Tag ist absolut investorenfeindlich, da zudem ausländischen Investoren kaum bekannt ist, dass Bougainville Copper auch auf dem Parkett gehandelt wird. Selbst wenn aber dieses bekannt sein sollte, bieten viele Tradingplattformen diesen Service gar nicht erst als Option an. Daraus resultiert, dass die Umsätze, die bei Xetra gemacht werden quasi gegen Null tendieren. Ich kann mir nicht vorstellen, dass dies im Sinne der Deutschen Börse war, als sie die elektronische Handelsplattform XETRA ins Leben gerufen hat. Ich denke mir, dass die Deutsche Börse alles daran setzen sollte, die Umsätze in Bougainville Copper auf XETRA nachhaltig zu steigern. Das ist nur möglich, wenn die Aktie auf XETRA permanent gehandelt werden kann. Angesichts der Tatsache, dass der weitaus überwiegende Teil der im Freefloat verfügbaren Bougainville Copper Aktien in europäischen Händen liegt, ist es geradezu ein Muss für XETRA speziell auch im Hinblick auf außerdeutsche, europäische Investoren ihre Dienstleistung zu verbessern, indem ein permanenter Handel auf XETRA möglich wird. Wie Sie oder Sie zusammen mit der Baader Bank das organisieren, ist einzig Ihre Sache. Schlussendlich sind es auch Sie beide, die von den höheren Umsatzvolumina auf XETRA profitieren.

Dass die Umsätze in Bougainville Copper massiv ansteigen werden, resultiert hauptsächlich aus zwei Gründen:

Erstens verlagert sich der Investorenfokus zunehmend auf die Originalaktie Bougainville Copper, nachdem die Bougainville Copper ADRs vom Markt verschwunden sind.

Zweitens wird die sich abzeichnende Wiedereröffnung der Bougainville Copper gehörenden Pangunamine sowohl die Preise, als auch die Umsätze befeuern.

Vor der bürgerkriegsbedingten Schliessung im Jahr 1989 war die Mine eine der drei größten Kupfer-, Gold- und Silberminen der Welt. Weitere Detailinformationen entnehmen Sie bitte der ESBC Homepage www.bougainville-copper.eu .

Ein Vergleich der Umsätze in Bougainville Copper in Deutschland mit den Zahlen der ASX in Sydney belegt, dass in Deutschland höhere Umsätze in dieser Aktie gemacht werden, als in Australien.

Wenn sich also die Deutsche Börse bereit finden würde, den elektronischen Handel in Bougainville Copper durchgehend zu ermöglichen, erwarte ich, dass Frankfurt kurzfristig die Börse Sydney als Leitbörse in Sachen Bougainville Copper spielend ablösen wird. Es ist sogar sehr wahrscheinlich, dass sich neben den europäischen Investoren dann auch Investoren in Australien und Asien in Frankfurt eindecken werden. Diese Chance würde ich mir an Ihrer Stelle nicht entgehen lassen.

Abschliessend möchte ich Ihnen sagen, dass wir die Besucher unserer Homepage auffordern werden, ihr Interesse an einer Verbesserung des XETRA Handels in Bougainville Copper per E-mail zu bekunden. Dazu werde ich den Investoren empfehlen an Ihre Adresse xetrahelpdesk@deutsche-boerse.com zu schreiben. Sie und Ihre Kollegen, sehr geehrter Herr Turba, bitte ich, die Mails dann an die geeigneten Stellen in Ihrem Hause und bei der Baader Bank AG weiterzuleiten.

Ich bin zuversichtlich, dass mit etwas gutem Willen aller Seiten, die derzeit unbefriedigende Situation in Kürze zu allseitiger Zufriedenheit verbessert werden kann.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Axel G. Sturm
Escaldes-Engordany, 24.09.2010

Bitte unterstützen Sie diese Aktion, indem Sie eine entsprechende E-Mail an die Deutsche Börse AG (xetrahelpdesk@deutsche-boerse.com) sowie an die BAADER BANK AG, München (info@baaderbank.de) schicken. Danke!

Hier ein Textvorschlag:

Betr.: Einrichtung eines permanenten Handels von Bougainville Copper Aktien (ISIN: PG0008526520) auf XETRA

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

im Hinblick auf eine Vereinfachung des Onlinehandels mit Aktien der Bougainville Copper Limited (ISIN: PG0008526520) unterstütze ich die Initiative der European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) und bitte Sie hiermit, den permanenten Handel dieser Aktie auf XETRA zu ermöglichen.

*Mit freundlichen Grüßen
(Namen und Datum nicht vergessen!)*

24.09.2010
Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Bougainville Government House of Representatives adjourned to December for the Budget Session.
The House met on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week and deliberated on many issues which is affecting the region.
They included Policy statements on public affairs from the President, HON JOHN MOMIS and members of the Bougainville Executive Council.
Parliament also received a petition from the Women's member for Central Bougainville JOAN JEROME expressing the people's concern on the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between NEW BOUGAINVILLE MINING and EXPLORATION Company and its foreign partners a matter of public importance on the Jaba Delta Tailings disaster raised by the member for Bolave Lawrence Uakai.
There was another report from the Parliamentary Committee on Local Level Government and Customary Authority and Peace, Reconciliation and Weapons Disposal.
Speaker ANDREW MIRIKI said that the House also passed a motion tabled by the member of Atolls, Frank

Pasini Marena requesting the Autonomous Bougainville Government to allocate a separate emergency budget for the Atolls on an annual basis beginning in 2011.
This allocation would be parked as a development component of the Atolls District Administration.

24.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

OGIO DONATES AMBULANCE

By Aloysius Laukai

The Member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education, MICHAEL OGIO today presented another Ambulance, this time to Tearouki Health Centre in Tinputz.

Minister Ogio personally presented the Ambulance as part of his ongoing assistance to Police and Health centres in North Bougainville.

The Minister was accompanied by two ABG Ministers, Works and Communications minister CAROLUS KETSIMUR and Education Minister JOHN Tabinaman.

The Minister appealed to the people to look after the Ambulance that will serve the people especially the sick in the area.

Meanwhile, WOMEN representative, MRS MARIANA ABABA whilst thanking the Minister on behalf of the women and children of Tearouki said that her people have suffered for a long time for such service.

New Dawn FM understands that the Minister's donation to Police has helped in the escorting of the National Court judge to Arawa for the first National Court Sitting in Arawa.

The two vehicles have helped the Police in its mobility to serve the community.

24.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

National Court End

By Aloysius Laukai

National court judge, JUSTICE JOHN KAWI says Bougainville will continue to use Judges and Court Officials until such time it develops its own judicial system.

Justice Kawi made these comments at the official launching of the National Court sitting in Arawa this week. He said under the Bougainville Constitution, Bougainville will have its own Judges and Magistrates to run its own judiciary on Bougainville.

Justice John Kawai this week became the first judge to hear National Court cases that had been outstanding for many years in Arawa.

The last time the National Court sat in Arawa was in 1985.

The National court sitting ended yesterday and the court officials returned to Buka today.

On the way back to Buka, the judge carried out awareness talks in Wakunai and Tinputz today.

Justice Kawi said that he would be having another National Court sitting in Buin early next year.

23.09.2010

Source: Panguna Landowner Association (PLA)

PRESS STATEMENT

RIO TINTO LAWSUIT IN UNITED STATES

I refer to the above press write up by Ms Gorethy Kenneth (Thursday 23rd Post Courier) and wish to make it quite clear that Mr. Brent Walton should not use Panguna Landowners as a cover up for his law firm's ignorance in the first place when they initiated the above court case as Panguna Landowners were never a party to this litigation. I know about this case as my family members were approached by Mr. Paul Stocker

when he was initiating this move after failing with his bet to buy BCL off as Rio Tinto would not sell. Mr. Paul Stocker who was a major player in this litigation about 10 to 12 years ago consulted with Non-Panguna landowners in the likes of Dr Alexis Sarei and as can be seen from the case, the Class case in the States is really between “Alexis Sarei Vs. Rio Tinto” NOT Panguna Landowners and in this respect PLA on behalf of all the landowners of Panguna Mine leases stand is:

“PANGUNA LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION OPPOSES CLASS CASE AGAINST RIO TINTO IN UNITED STATES”

The proceedings in the United States has now taken 10 years just for the court to decide on where to hear the case and even today the court has still got to come to this decision. Any person with a little bit of savvy will know that this case will take many years to materialize and even if it does there will be nothing worth all the wait for all the Bougainvilleans in pursuing this case. I might also add that I know for sure Rio Tinto will fight this case all the way and as such this case will drag on for many more years to come. Bougainvilleans here have a choice, I. e. to wait another ten to twenty years and get nothing or support our President with his and Panguna landowners call to re-open the Panguna mine and after three years get K5 Million every day the mine is open for business.

PLA is fully in support of our President and his Government’s move toward re-opening the Panguna mine after the review of Bougainville Copper Agreement. This case in the United States will hinder the progress that our government under the leadership of President Momis and also the National Government has made in the first 100 days in moving towards Bougainville Copper Agreement review.

Lawrence Daveona
PLA Executive
Port Moresby 23rd September 2010

23.09.2010
Source: Post-Courier

Rio Tinto lawsuit heard in the US By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE landowners who took mining giant Rio Tinto to court over human rights violations have had their long-standing case heard in the United States appeal court on Tuesday.

One of the lawyers representing the landowners, Brent Walton of Berman’s law firm said from the US yesterday that a full panel of 11 appellate judges convened to hear the case, which Rio Tinto was trying to have dismissed.

Walton said mining giant Rio Tinto also tried to persuade the court to dismiss the lawsuit, and that Rio Tinto argued that the Bougainvilleans should have taken legal action in Papua New Guinea first.

Walton highlights that at the time the landowners filed their lawsuit there was a war going on, the Bougainville crisis, and for most of the plaintiffs there was a bounty on their head so for them to walk in and file a lawsuit would have been a highly dangerous act.

“And the second reason is that there’s this statute that says any alien who’s been injured by a violation of international law can sue in US courts.”

According to the lawsuit, Rio Tinto decimated the island and forced its native workers to live in “slave like” conditions.

When workers sabotaged the mine, Rio Tinto allegedly goaded the Papua New Guinea government into exacting bloody retribution against residents of Bougainville, court documents said.

Walton said the lawyers are positive the case will be permitted to proceed to the Supreme Court.

22.09.2010

Source: Bougainville Copper Limited (www.bcl.com.pg)

After months of agony the homepage of Bougainville Copper Limited has been re-vitalized today by being updated! The outlook given by BCL is promising. Please find out here:

Nach Monaten der Agonie ist die Homepage der Bougainville Copper Limited heute mit einem Update revitalisiert worden. Die darin enthaltenen Informationen sind vielversprechend, aber lesen Sie bitte selbst:

A year of progress for Bougainville Copper

2010 is proving to be another year of positive development leading to the re-commencement of operations at the Panguna mine, owned and previously operated by Bougainville Copper Limited.

With copper reserves estimated at almost 3 million tonnes and gold production in the range of 400,000 ounces per annum, Panguna is one of the world's largest potential producers of both metals. Unexplored neighbouring tenements are also very prospective, and will be explored when a moratorium on exploration is lifted.

Present market values for both copper and gold are significantly higher than at the time of mine closure in 1990. The political situation within the Autonomous Bougainville Region has stabilised, and there is considerable appetite for development being expressed by the people. BCL is seen by many as the preferred operator of a re-started mine, and holds a very large bank of mine data. The Board is operating a comprehensive rolling plan with the vision of returning to active exploration and profitable mining.

Recent events

In July, BCL offered its congratulations to the newly elected President of the Autonomous Bougainville Region, John Momis, and assured him of the company's willingness to contribute in appropriate ways to economic development in the region, to the benefit of the people of Bougainville and the company's shareholders.

President Momis has indicated his preparedness to see the Panguna mine re-opened, with BCL as operator, provided the assent and involvement of local landowners is achieved. The President has further said that it was his belief that landowners at Panguna and elsewhere were generally committed to the re-start process.

It is expected that the Bougainville Copper Agreement re-negotiation will be actively pursued towards the end of 2010, with all sides committed to making significant progress. At the August meeting of the Joint Supervisory Body, principal agency implementing the Bougainville Peace Process, re-negotiation of the BCA was placed on the formal agenda, for immediate progress. If the main stakeholders are to gain mutual economic benefit from Bougainville's mineral potential a framework such as a re-negotiated BCA needs to be in place. Variations in copper and gold prices indicate that opportunities need to be taken up without undue delay.

Positive factors

Work continued evaluating the comprehensive Order of Magnitude study commissioned by BCL in 2008.

The OOM Study makes assumptions about the size of a re-started mining operation, based on a re-processing of the data base, and taking into account the existing assets including the port at Loloho and the port-mine access road.

An important component in achieving the vision will be an environmental plan that is not only based on best practice but also meets the expectations of the local community. Work will continue to identify the key issues and solutions. Secure access to the mine site and surrounding areas of previous operations will be welcomed, to assist the environmental assessment and future planning. The company has made known to both the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the National Government of Papua New Guinea its willingness to conduct safety and environmental audits on the island as soon as access can be facilitated.

Other issues

Other issues in focus include the resolution of a taxation issue, and a mine asset stock take. Existing mine assets have not until now been accessible to the company, and to understand the present value of these assets and the extent to which they may be used for future mining and exploration, access to the mine site is needed. For this BCL welcomes the support expressed by local landowners and will continue to work alongside them, and give practical assistance to the processes of reconciliation and social stability. BCL welcomes the growing consensus of landowner support for resumed exploration and mining, expressed in regular dialogue with landowner leaders.

During the year more work has been undertaken in preparation for the possible lifting of the moratorium on new exploration and mining. It is intended to identify targets within the company licences and how best to manage an exploration program. That may involve entering into an exploration agreement with others. Work will also continue to ensure that the extensive mine database is able to be utilised quickly and effectively if a return to mining at Panguna is agreed.

BCL works closely with the PNG Mineral Resources Authority (MRA), which acts as a statutory authority managing and regulating the industry. The company expects that the Authority will play an active and guiding role in facilitating the Bougainville Copper Agreement re-negotiation, and a number of studies will be undertaken in preparation for negotiations. The company is also in regular touch with the National Government of Papua New Guinea at a high level.

The second half of 2010

The company remains focussed on preparing for a formal engagement with landowners and the National and Bougainville Government over the future of the mine and settling all outstanding issues between the parties.

The Autonomous Bougainville Government and the body representing the PNG National Government on Bougainville Affairs have indicated their willingness to participate in such talks. All parties have agreed that it is necessary to maintain a landowner group that can represent all landowner interests during negotiations.

The Bougainville Government is taking the lead and the company has offered its assistance where appropriate.

Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) is owned 53.58% by Rio Tinto Limited. The Papua New Guinea Government owns 19.06% while public shareholders hold the remaining 27.36% of the share capital.

22.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Guns are a major threat to full autonomy – ACP Eluh

By REUBEN KALAUNG in Buka on 17th Sept. 2010

THE Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) is not prepared for full autonomy if guns are still within the communities. Those were the remarks made by recently appointed Assistant Commissioner of Bougainville Police Service (ACP) Thomas Eluh.

He sounded the warning when handing over a police vehicle to Tinputz police. The vehicle was purchased by Minister for Higher Education and Member for North Bougainville Michael Ogio under the national government's District Services Improvement Program (DSIP).

ACP Eluh told police men, women and the people at the Tinputz district station that although the vehicle will greatly assist in police mobility, it will not curb lawlessness in their communities. He said law and order can only be maintained and sustained by the people and not police alone. "Police can do so much but the solutions are with you the people of Bougainville. If you desire full restoration of peace and normalcy, you have to take the lead at your own communities," ACP Eluh stressed.

With 35 years distinguished service with the Royal PNG Constabulary, Mr. Eluh told of many discouraging advices he received from his colleagues not to take up the ACP post in Bougainville. "If there is any province that needed my service then there is no other place but Bougainville," Mr. Eluh said.

Mr. Eluh applauded efforts by the National Government, Autonomous Bougainville Government, and other partners in trying to rid guns from the region but emphasized more needs to be done if full independence is to be acquired through peaceful means. "Guns will always remain a threat in the region and pose serious ramifications and threat to the nation's sovereignty," Mr. Eluh stressed.

During his short speech, Provincial Police Commander Inspector Cletus Tsien, who is from the Tinputz area, however, he said the law and order in the area is more conducive for development after 2005. He said illicit drugs such as marijuana and homebrew is widely consumed in Bougainville and is the catalyst for problems in the communities.

Moreover, Mr. Eluh echoed similar sentiments at Hantoa in the Selau district during the country's 35th Independence celebrations. Over a thousand people marked the day with various activities. Some groups traveled to Hantoa from as far as the Buka Atolls and Malasang village in small Buka to celebrate the Independence with the people of Selau/Suir.

MP for North Bougainville Michael Ogio spent the whole day during the celebrations. He told those who gathered that Bougainville is still an integral part of PNG.

22.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

STRONGER TIES

By Aloysius Laukai

Traditional ties between Bougainville and Solomon Islands would strengthened by the ABG through trade and investments between Solomon Islands and Bougainville in consultation with the government of Papua New Guinea and inline with the Bougainville Peace Agreement.

ABG President Chief John Momis made this known at a press conference in Buka.

He was speaking after returning from Solomon Islands where he was the guest speaker at the Inauguration of the newly elected Solomon Islands parliament.

MR. MOMIS said the entire Western province of Solomon islands are related to the people of Central and South Bougainville and it was only natural for the government of Papua New Guinea and Solomon islands recognize this relationship.

President Momis said that his government would be opening new opportunities for trade and investment with the Solomon Islands in the future, especially on large scale fishing and tourism.

22.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FAKE MONEY

By Veronica Hannette

Warning is hereby issued for the public to watch out for fake monies that are in circulation in Buka town. New Dawn FM has reports from people who have been conned with fake monies in exchange for goods and services.

David Tsika, an employee of Elutu investment told New Dawn FM that they received a fake K20 on Saturday from a lady who came in to shop.

When they asked where she got the money she said that she got it in exchange for copra she sold. From that day, they kept a closer eye on customers and again yesterday a customer came with another fake ONE HUNDRED KINA note which was rejected outright.

22.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville ready to say thank you

BOUGAINVILLE will say thank you to Solomon Islands and East New Britain Province next year for looking after Bougainvilleans during the height of the conflict between 1989 and 2000.

ABG President John Momis on his return from Solomon Islands said that thousands of Bougainvilleans who sought refuge in the Solomon Islands and the East New Britain province would be given the opportunity to show their appreciation and gratitude towards the governments and people of Solomon Islands and East New Britain next year, when the Autonomous Bougainville Government is expected to host a "thank you" get together.

President Momis made this undertaking soon after arriving home from a hectic one week program of meetings with leaders of Solomon Islands government, including its new Prime Minister Danny Philip, Opposition leader Steven Abana, Independent Group leader Clay Forao Soanao-oi and Speaker Sir Allen Kemakesa.

President Momis was also able to visit the Island's Rove prison in Honiara where he met and talked to three Bougainville former combatants, who are presently serving a life sentence each for crimes committed during the crisis while engaged by the government authorities in the Solomon Islands.

Mr Momis was invited last month by the former Solomon Islands Speaker Sir Peter Kenilorea to officiate the induction of newly elected members of the its national parliament.

22.09.2010

Source: DER AKTIONÄR #39 / 2010



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In den vergangenen fünf Wochen hat sich die Aktie von Bougainville Copper um rund 51 Prozent verteuert. Nach dieser Kursrallye könnte es bei dem Anteilschein bald zu einem moderaten Kursrückgang kommen. Unabhängig davon deuten nach wie vor mehrere Fakten darauf hin, dass mittelfristig die Wiedereröffnung der Panguna-Mine von Bougainville Copper beschlossen wird. Deshalb sollten Anleger investiert bleiben und lediglich den Stoppkurs auf 0,55 Euro nachziehen.

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22.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Security in Arawa

Two New Zealand Police Officers with one Vanuatu Police Officer stationed in Arawa under New Zealand Police.

Who are the advisors on Bougainville Community Policing.



Ruben McCormark, Su Robinson and Tony Blue from Vanuatu.

Three Policewomen for Arawa



From left to right Catherine Onaisi, Magdalen Pone and Genevieve Kepino

21.09.2010

Source: Reuters

US court hears suit over Rio Tinto PNG mine

Mining giant Rio Tinto Plc tried to persuade an appeals court on Tuesday to dismiss a long running human rights lawsuit, one of a number of cases to test the reach of U.S. judges over corporations operating on foreign soil.

The lawsuit, a proposed class action, involves Rio Tinto's operations on the island of Bougainville in the South Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea, where it once ran one of the world's largest mines for copper and gold.

According to the lawsuit, Rio Tinto decimated the island and forced its native workers to live in "slave like" conditions. When workers sabotaged the mine, Rio Tinto allegedly goaded the Papua New Guinea government into exacting bloody retribution against residents of Bougainville, court documents said.

Current and former residents of Bougainville are seeking punitive damages and disgorgement of all profits earned from the mine under an 18th century law which allows foreigners to sue in U.S. courts in some matters.

The Rio Tinto case has ping-ponged between the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and a federal trial court for eight years. The hearing on Tuesday was the second before an 11-judge appellate panel, after a lower court allowed some of the claims against Rio Tinto to proceed. Rio Tinto shuttered the Papua New Guinea mine in 1989.

In a hearing before the 9th Circuit on Tuesday, Rio Tinto attorney Sri Srinivasan said the plaintiffs should have tried to bring their lawsuit in Papua New Guinea before being allowed into an American courtroom.

Because London-based Rio Tinto is not a domestic company and its alleged actions didn't occur on American soil, the case should be thrown out, he said.

"All the facts and evidence are in Papua New Guinea," he said.

The case seeks damages under the Alien Tort Statute, which recently has gained favor among plaintiffs as a vehicle to haul companies into U.S. courts for acts committed overseas.

Last week the 2nd Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in New York ruled that liability under the law should only apply to individuals, not corporations. Its decision dealt a blow to litigation against Royal Dutch Shell Plc arising from the company's Nigerian operations in the 1990s.

Steve Berman, who represents the Rio Tinto plaintiffs, told the 9th Circuit panel that his clients could not have filed the lawsuit in Papua New Guinea because they left with bounties upon their heads.

"They weren't willing to subject themselves to personal injury to go file a lawsuit in Papua New Guinea," he said.

The 9th Circuit could decide the Rio Tinto suit on narrow grounds, or it could follow the 2nd Circuit and issue broad guidance on how the human rights law applies to corporations.

21.09.2010

Source: ESBC

Confirmed: JSB meeting already this week!

The next Supervisory Board Meeting (JSB) will take place unexpectedly on Friday, September 24th, 2010 in Buka (North Bougainville). As already reported in the past, one of the major issues on the agenda will be the steps towards the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review (BCA). This information just reached us from Port Moresby.

Bestätigt: JSB Meeting schon diese Woche!

Das nächstes JSB Meeting wird unerwartet am Freitag dieser Woche, am 24.09.2010 in Buka (Nord Bougainville) stattfinden. Wie schon früher berichtet sollen dabei die nächsten Schritte in Richtung der Überarbeitung des Bougainville Copper Agreements (BCA) in Angriff genommen werden. Diese Nachricht erreichte uns soeben aus Port Moresby.

21.09.2010

Source: Radion New Dawn on Bougainville

SECOND PARLIAMENT SITTING ON

By Joyce Tohui

ABG Members of Parliament from other centers of the Region of Bougainville are in Buka for the second meeting of the ABG which started today.

New Dawn FM News was informed that today's meeting was delayed and adjourned to tomorrow because of the BEC meeting that went beyond time.

Agendas of the meeting have not been made available to the Media but we believe that Members will discuss important issues affecting the Region during their meeting.

This is the second meeting since this Government was inaugurated in June this year. Meanwhile, the Government has also reached its 100 days in office early this month, September 2010. Although the government has reached its first three months in office, questions is still being raised as to what has the new government achieved during this time. Some government critics say the president has made too many trips out of Bougainville, but these trips have not achieved any positive results.

21.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Judge declares Arawa 'normal'

By REUBEN KALAUNG

National Court judge Justice John Kawi has declared Arawa a normal town. He made the remarks during his speech at the Independence Park in Arawa yesterday, to mark the first national court circuit in Arawa after more than 20 years following the Bougainville Crisis. Almost all business activities and government services in Bougainville were destroyed when the crisis ravaged throughout the island province. The crisis which lasted almost 10 years resulted in the loss of thousand of lives and properties. But now Bougainville is different various business activities and government services have been restored. Buka township is a hive of activity while Arawa is also emerging. Judge Kawi says his presence in Bougainville resembles the rule of law in the autonomous region while declaring that peace and normalcy has returned to Bougainville. He said court sittings signifies problems in the communities that needs to be resolved. Justice Kawi spent two weeks in Buka before travelling to Arawa late yesterday, accompanied by Assistant Commissioner of Bougainville Police Service Thomas Eluh and officers from the Public Prosecutors and Solicitors office. Justice Kawi was given a guard of honour by the Bougainville Police Service at his welcome at Arawa's Independence Park yesterday. Various village and political leaders from Central Bougainville, the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the National Government supported and welcomed the move by the National Judiciary Services for organising the national court circuit in Arawa.

21.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Project funds probe on

By GORETHY KENNETH

INVESTIGATIONS into the alleged misuse of the K2 million Torokina Oil Palm project funds started yesterday, with Agriculture head Sam Rangai and project coordinator Gayle Tatsi appearing for questioning before the investigators. This is part of the K10 million earmarked for the project which is now in its first phase. Details of the investigation were sketchy and a detailed report would be tabled later as the investigation has just started. But while the investigation was being heard at the region's Kubu House of Representatives yesterday, a group of concerned Torokina villagers led by Peter Magei warned that the project should not be politicised. Magei said that his people were aware that a foreign-owned company was also making its way to Torokina to run this project and warned that they did not want another Bougainville crisis. They said already there were locals working on this project and the leaders involved should sit down and sort this issue once and for all.

21.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

National Court to sit in Arawa

By GORETHY KENNETH

ARAWA, Bougainville's former capital will for the first time hold a National Court sitting after 20 years. Justice John Kawi, will be the first National Court judge to start the court circuit in Arawa today. Judicial services came to a halt after the town was torched down in 1989 during the height of the Bougainville crisis.

Yesterday Justice Kawi was accorded a guard of honour by the Bougainville police and general salute at Arawa oval.

Bougainville's police head ACP Thomas Eluh was present to witness the ceremony.

Other notable people were Veterans Affairs Minister ABG, David Sisito, Central Bougainville National MP Jimmy Miringtoro, Me'ekamui head William Mungta, chief Linus Dake, Arawa town mayor Paul Nagara, executive manager, Panguna district Otto Noruka and Kieta district manager Lucy Traverets.

In a moving speech, Justice Kawi said when he arrived in Arawa on Sunday and slept that night, it was a peaceful and sound sleep, and he woke up yesterday morning a very eased person.

He said it was unlike Port Moresby where one had to be vigilant daily because of the lawlessness in the city. Justice Kawi said the people had to be made aware that the place was peaceful and was picking up with business and general activities.

He said the town was rebuilding itself from the ashes of the crisis.

The judge appealed to the children, students and youth of Bougainville to take education seriously and work towards becoming a judge like him or leaders in their communities one day.

Leaders of Central Bougainville – Kieta and Panguna were happy to welcome the National Court judge in their area.

They said they wanted to prove to the outside world that Arawa was now being rebuilt and normalcy was returning, therefore businesses were picking up like many other small centres in Papua New Guinea.

The court sessions will be completed by the end of this week.



Judge John Kawi during a court session in Arawa.

21.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

NGOs get set for two-day fair

NON-government organisations in Bougainville are preparing for a major community awareness fair which is coming up at the end of this month.

This is the first awareness fair to be held in front of the Buka police station, spearheaded by the Bougainville Community Policing Project in conjunction with the Bougainville Police Service.

Organiser Karley Western, from the New Zealand Police told yesterday that there were more than 25 NGOs that had applied to take part in the event next week, including AusAID and NZAid.

"This will be big and a major community awareness fair which is being staged in Buka on Thursday and Friday for all NGOs operating in the region," Ms Western said. The fair led by community policing and NZ Police will be to provide the public on a wide range of topics on social issues on Bougainville, roles of these NGOs, the community and what they can offer for the communities.

"This fair will be a valuable tool for providing the community of Buka and the wider Bougainville area's information on a wide range of awareness topics by various government and NGOs, as their roles in the community, assistance they can offer."

20.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Judge Comments

By Aloysius Laukai

National Court Judge, Justice John Kawi says that Bougainville is safe and just like another Province in Papua New Guinea with its own problems.

And that he was happy to take the National Court sit in Arawa this week.

He told a gathering in Arawa this morning that when he saw a list of cases for Arawa and South Bougainville he decided to have them heard in Arawa taking the court system closer to the people.

He said that alot of cases on Bougainville concerned families cases of

Sexual abuses within families was on the rise on Bougainville and he called on families to control and reduce the number.

Justice Kawi said that Bougainville needs to address these problems peace and justice can be felt to be working on Bougainville.



Arawa: Here comes the Judge! Ceremony for Justice John Kawi.

20.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

REGIONAL MEMBER

By Aloysius Laukai

The member for Central Bougainville in the National Parliament, JIMMY MIRINGTORO today commented JUDGE JOHN KAWI for taking the bold move to take the National Court hearing in Arawa this week.

MR. MIRINGTORO was speaking at the welcome ceremony in Arawa this morning.

The member said that for Bougainville to develop it must first address its Law and Order problems.

He said the move by the National Court to sit in Arawa also is an indicator in itself that peace and normalcy is slowly reaching Bougainville.

The member also called on the people of Central Bougainville to respect the rule of law and allow the justice system to do its work without fear or favour.

Meanwhile the Veterans Affairs Minister in the ABG DAVID SISITO said that Bougainville is one of the safest places on earth.

He said that he would be holding a meeting with all former combatants next week to address final weapons disposal for Bougainville.

Minister SISITO says that weapons that are still in the hands of former combatants would be discussed and destroyed to pave way for investment and development to take place on Bougainville.

20.09.2010

Source: ESBC

The German investor magazine DER AKTIONÄR will update its recommendation for Bougainville Copper on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2010. Subscribers will receive a PDF copy already on Tuesday.

Das deutsche Investoren Magazin DER AKTIONÄR wird seine Bougainville Copper Empfehlung am Mittwoch, den 22. September 2010 updaten. Abonnenten erhalten die Ausgabe als PDF schon am Dienstag.

20.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Training to aid women

A LEADERSHIP training will now help Bougainville women.

The week-long training was held in South Bougainville at the Jeal Centre for rehabilitation last week at Siwai.

The leadership training was officially opened by Siwai District office executive manager, Joseph Noro in the presence of the UN co-ordinator for South Bougainville Peter Siunai.

The training started from the September 6 to the 12 to help the women identify their roles in the society.

Three facilitators from the Nazareth Rehabilitation Centre including Anne Rangai who co-ordinated the training, gave skills on community mobilisation.

This training was funded by the Government Implementations Fund (GIF) through the Division of Community Development.

There were 36 participants from Siwai, Buin and the Bana district.

The main aim is to recognise the local needs for family structure and empowerment of women especially after the crisis that had destroy so many families.

20.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

PNG in ruins, says pioneer

By GORETHY KENNETH

ONE of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea's first MPs who helped Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare shape and take the country to independence in 1975 says "PNG em i bagarap pinis".

In an angry tone, Bougainville's first North Bougainville MP and the country's first Information and Extension (communication) minister and also Commerce and Business Development and Health minister Donatus Mola, is blaming too many consultants and university educated elites for running Papua New Guinea down today. He is also blaming too many advisers who claim they are doing justice but are ruining the country. Mr Mola also decried the service delivery into rural areas which he says is poor and at some stage, none at all. "I am cross, I want to talk to Somare, I can get angry with him because he is my brother. I have not had the chance to talk to him for a long time. I want to go and see him in Moresby and talk to him about all this. I want him to buy my ticket and I will fly to go and see him," Mr Mola says with his head down. You know, my bubu, he lifts his head up to speak, we only had enough money in the past, not much as we see today, and Bougainville Copper was helping us big time, that's why I had the upper hand.

"We also did not need or had no university degrees and no PHDs to run this nation, but we had a very effective delivery service and we were delivering service right through to rural areas on time, now, there is very little or at some instances, none at all and people are complaining, begging and everything else," Mr Mola says: "I am really cross because I don't know what happened?...it is Somare's advisers na planti save man blong tudei, giamanim Somare tumas na stealim olgeta mani blo pipol blong yumi.

"I get cross many times I think about how the Government and the people are being treated today," Mr Mola reciprocates his pidgin and English accent fluently.

In an interview on the eve of Papua New Guinea's 35 independence anniversary celebrations, Mr Mola, who proudly talks about how Sir Michael Somare vested on him and Sir Paul Lapun - first south Bougainville MP to negotiate PNG into independence and how they played instrumental roles in negotiating

for factions to vote for independence.

"I have every reason to get angry, I know people will say that time and technology have changed but the policies and laws to deliver should not have changed.

"When Papua New Guinea was preparing to go into independence, the whole Highlands faction was against it because the kiaps brainwashed them and told them that "ol nambis bai rulim kantri na yupla bai nogat".

"Somare at that time lost hope in negotiating these highlanders coming to terms with the southern, New Guinea islands and the Momase for independence.

"He sent me to Mount Hagen and Sir Paul Lapun to Goroka. I basically told the blokes in Hagen, if you don't agree with us now, we Bougainvilleans will break up and take our copper mine money away and you will suffer. That's what I told Sir Paul Lapun to relay to the Goroka group too. We both successfully returned to Somare with good news and that's it! We gained independence from Australia. I am also the person that chose the flag we fly today. The Highlands, Momase and southern regions settled for a blue and white and some other coloured flag. I refused them because there was no representation of Bougainville inside-the colour black. So when I saw the one we fly today, I told Somare to fly with me to Kerema and officially bring it and announce it because it contained the colour I was after - black!"

20.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Arawa Case

By Aloysius Laukai in Arawa

The former Bougainville capital Arawa came alive this morning with the National Court Sitting starting in Arawa after more than 25 years.

National Court Judge JOHN KAWI AND COURT officials arrived in Arawa last night to prepare for the first National court sitting which starts in Arawa this morning and ends on Friday.

This is also the first time for a National Court Judge to visit Arawa.

According to the newly promoted ACP for Bougainville THOMAS ELUH this was one of his tasks since taking office in Bougainville last year.

He told New Dawn FM that he always wanted the courts to go closer to the people and this is the beginning.

This morning an official welcome ceremony will be performed at the Independence Park Arawa

New Dawn FM will be broadcasting live from Arawa to its Buka listeners this morning.



Arawa: National Court Judge John Kawi inspecting the guards.

17.09.2009

Source: Profit Hunter

A spike in Bougainville

Speaking about making new highs, Bougainville Copper (BOC AU) has been on a run again. The stock was up as high as 1.30 AUD earlier in the week, the high point of a massive move of +46% since the start of September. It's since settled back to close at 1.125 AUD in the latest session.

Again volumes are stronger than usual as well, supporting the move. No news has been reported as far as we can tell. Copper prices are still strong, though, and may soon test the highs of April this year. Also one factor behind the move in BOC may be increased risk appetite in general among market participants. We're watching this ultra-speculative stock with interest.

That wraps it up for this week.

17.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NISIRA ON PNG DAY

By Aloysius Laukai

The Acting ABG President, PATRICK NISIRA wants the Bougainville Administration to budget for celebrations to commemorate PNG's Independence Day.

MR. NISIRA was speaking at the Hutjena Oval yesterday to mark PNG's 35th Independence.

The ABG Vice President said that Bougainville administration must liaise with the National Government's events committee to make sure that funds for celebrations are secured.

MR. NISIRA said that he was disappointed at the low turnout of people at yesterday's ceremony.

Meanwhile, former Member for North Bougainville during Pre independence days, DONATUS MOLA yesterday questioned the National Government for not allocating funds to celebrate PNG Independence celebrations on Bougainville.

MR. MOLA was one of the Speakers at yesterday's celebration in Buka.

He said that Bougainville supported Papua New Guinea to gain independence in 1975 and Bougainville still remains to be part of the beautiful nation despite Bougainville gaining Autonomy.

MR. MOLA said Bougainville will continue to commemorate Papua New Guinea's Independence however funding must be allocated to the Autonomous Bougainville Government to organize celebrations in the districts.

New Dawn FM understands this could be the first time Bougainville celebrated Papua New Guinea day in many years.

17.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

A pioneer recounts his days

By GORETHY KENNETH

THIS is Donatus Mola, Bougainville's remaining senior statesman and one of the pioneer national Member of Parliament who helped shape PNG.

Mr Mola, the late Sir Paul Lapun and ABG president John Momis worked alongside Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare when PNG gained independence and even before that.

Celebrating 35 years, Mr Mola recalls the hardship they went through in securing independence for PNG from Australia. Mr Mola was once Foreign Minister, and at some stage acted in Sir Michael's shoes representing PNG abroad.

The ABG always makes sure Mr Mola is picked up from his Haria, Lemankoa home every Independence day as was Sir Paul Lapun - to thank them and make them feel part of the community and show respect as Bougainville's pioneer MPs. Mr Mola stood tall in front of the PNG flag in Buka yesterday, saluting it remembering the days of the formation of self government even the choosing of the PNG flag.

Read about Mr Mola's life next week, as an MP, as the first Bougainvillean to own a telephone in remote Lemankoa village, a farmer and how he adopted, now one of Papua New Guinea's top gynecologists Dr Glen Mola.

17.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

K10,000 for Bougainville Foundation

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE German president of the European shareholders of Bougainville Copper, Axel G. Sturm, donated K10,000 to the [Bougainville Copper Foundation](#) this week.

Mr Sturm who celebrated his 60th birthday recently in Rome in a statement advised instead of his friends bringing presents to him, he did a fundraiser to raise funds for unfortunate Bougainvilleans.

These funds were disbursed with the hope to help the needy Bougainvilleans who are still suffering - his main agenda is help educating unfortunate students and to better health services in the region.

"When I've been to Port Moresby two years ago I met a couple of very well educated Bougainvilleans who are engaged in the island's future," Mr Sturm said.

"I also learnt that some of them had received BCF support for education. That's why I decided to raise funds

on my birthday party instead of receiving gifts.

"I am determined to improve the BCF's charity work on the island with this donation and I strongly hope that others will do the same." As one of Bougainville Copper's major shareholders Mr Sturm knows very well that the foundation disposes of little money since the Panguna mine was closed 21 years ago.

"So my dearest wish is that the mine will be re-opened as soon as possible. Under condition that Bougainville Copper Foundation will receive enough money from the company's earnings to provide much more sustainable services to the people of Bougainville," Mr Sturm said.

"There is nothing better than to invest into the youths' education and into health care. I am absolutely convinced that our company secretary Mr Paul Coleman will give the funds to those in Bougainville who are really in a need."

The Bougainville Copper Foundation has been sponsoring many students of Bougainville into tertiary institutions especially those that come from the mining area.

A lot of elite Bougainvilleans now holding top jobs in the public and private sectors have benefited from this foundation.

17.09.2010

Source: The National

ARB seeks closer ties with Honiara

PRESIDENT of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARB) John Momis says Bougainville has plans to further strengthen its historical ties with Solomon Islands under a more formal arrangement.

The Honiara-based Solomon Star newspaper reported yesterday that Momis outlined the plan when speaking at the Solomon Islands members of parliament's induction programme in the capital on Wednesday.

"We must jointly examine approaches to cementing some form of an agreement to further facilitate and foster the already close relationship which our two people enjoy in terms of commercial and social services," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

"I have given directions to my officials to begin exploring the possibility of such an agreement."

At the same time, Momis said funding had been secured for a fully operational border post at Kangu in south Bougainville which would make it easier for people to move back and forth.

According to the newspaper, Momis also extended his invitation to the Solomon Islands government to attend the upcoming proposed signing ceremony in Buka next month.

The signing was purposely for a portfolio of memorandum of understanding recording the transfer of the core administrative powers and functions from the PNG national government to the autonomous Bougainville government.

"We are on target for the referendum on the future of Bougainville, the threshold of which is 2015 with 2020 being the outside date by which it must be held," he said

Meanwhile, Solomons prime minister Danny Philip has appointed PNG-trained journalist and former politician, Alfred Sasako, as his press secretary.

The Solomon Star reported special secretary to prime minister Andrew Muaki confirming that Sasako took up his new job this week.

Sasako had contested the recent national general elections in East Kwaio but lost to current MP Standly Sofu.

He campaigned under Direct Development Party led by new minister for education and human resources Dick Ha'amori.

17.09.2010

Bougainville Seeks Legal Adviser

16.09.2010

Source: Solomon Star

MPs reminded of their roles.

By EDDIE OSIFELO

The PRESIDENT of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Chief John Momis has reminded Members of Parliament of their roles as leaders.

Speaking as an invited guest at the MPs Induction Programme Tuesday in Parliament, President Momis said the privilege of serving one's people in such a high office is granted to only a few.

"It is a sacred calling and you must take your obligations and responsibilities very seriously," he said.

President Momis said this leadership is both individual and collective.

"At the individual level, you represent your constituencies in the towns and villages across this beautiful archipelago that comprises the Solomon Islands.

"You have been chosen by them to represent their interests in this place," he said.

"It is an extreme honour dating as far back in time and history when man - with his natural ability of choice and reason - agreed among themselves that the will of the majority should prevail in politics as opposed to the forces of tyranny of a few.

"This is the essence of democracy," he said.

President Momis said on the collective level, MPs have also been chosen not only to represent their particular constituents but also through their participation in the business of parliament.

Mr Momis was sworn in as President of Bougainville on 10 June 2010, after defeating his predecessor, former President James Tanis, and five other challengers by a landslide in the 2010 presidential election.

During his inauguration speech in Bougainville, he said: "I had to observe that in all societies, the sacred task of leadership is bestowed on few."

He said it is a sacred trust bestowed by the people and in return for this act of trust, much will be required.

"I said this further that a leader becomes the servant of the many.

"Leadership is a partnership between the people, and we the elected ones.

"It must be your first duty to honour this sacred trust to serve," he said.

Mr Momis, who served as a Catholic priest from 1970 until 1993 and co-writer of the Constitution of Papua New Guinea, previously held posts as the Governor of Bougainville from 1999 until 2005 and the former Papua New Guinean ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

16.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2010

35 YEARS PAPUA NEW GUINEA !



ABG Acting President PATRICK NISIRA inspecting Police Guard of Honour in Buka.

16.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MONI WEA

By Aloysius Laukai

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Pictured is the former member DONATUS MOLA



15.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

LIQUOR ABUSE

By Veronica Hannette

Police station commander and Assistant liquor inspector for Central Bougainville, Herman Birengka is implementing Operation Hamamas in Arawa to curb increased crime in the district.

They are continuously doing these operations every Fridays to deal with the rising issue of Homebrew and other drug related problems in Arawa.

Mr Birengka said that the operation is proceeding and while at work on last Friday they confiscated 5 five liter container homebrew including three sellers when others fled.

He said that a meeting was held between the police and the liquor outlet owners last week to try to control liquor sales and other related problems in the area.

Meanwhile they are planning another meeting with the option of total banning liquor in the Central district to try to stabilize the situation.

The next programme is that police are launching anti Homebrew campaigns into the COE areas.

15.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

WOMEN ARRIVE

By Tom Kathoa

The small township of Buka in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville will play host to more than a thousand women pilgrims next week.

Women from several provinces in Papua New Guinea will start arriving in Buka on Monday for their weeklong conference to be staged on Sohano Island next week.

These women are members of the Christian Life Centre throughout the country.

The first batch of women to arrive would be the 150 strong delegates from Goroka in the Eastern Highlands Province who would arrive on a chartered aircraft on the twentieth of this month.

Delegates from other provinces are expected to arrive midweek before the conference proper starts on the twenty-fourth of this month.

Meanwhile, the hosting church members have been busy with the preparation which has been progressing well.

The arrival and presence of this large number of women from other parts of Papua New Guinea is a sign of confidence that peace and stability is in the region.

Their presence also means they will spend money while here and provide an opportunity for the women of Bougainville to make money through the sale of their market produce.

15.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

A SAD STORY: OGIO

By Tom Kathoa

Reports of damage and destruction of public properties in public institutions like health and educational buildings must be of great concern to every Bougainvilleans.

The Minister for Higher Education and Member for North Bougainville, Hon Michael Ogio said he is sad to hear that equipments provided by the government to public institutions for the good of the people have been damaged or stolen.

Mr. Ogio said this must be stopped for the good of every citizen who are users of such equipments.

The Member for North Bougainville said this when presenting an Ambulance to the Gagan Health Centre today.

Earlier speakers including the Catholic Health Secretary, Claris HAREPA spoke of the need to protect such public properties.

She said some building materials for the Health Centre have been stolen, the building damaged and urged the community to look after the centre including the new ambulance.

Upon hearing this, the Member for North Bougainville said these things cost the government a lot of money and they must be well looked after.

Mr. Ogio told the people that he has spent part of his sectoral funds to purchase three ambulance and two police vehicles

The three vehicles have been allocated to Lemanmanu, Gagan and Teaoruki Health Centers while the two police vehicles have been given to Kokopau and Tinputz Police.

These vehicles are for the maintenance of law and order and to help police and health workers to carryout their duties effectively and efficiently.

15.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

INDEPENDENCE

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville will celebrate PNG 35th independence celebrations tomorrow at the Hutjena Oval on Buka island.

According to the program for tomorrow the celebration would start at eight o'clock and end at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Most of the activities would be performed by students of Primary Schools around Buka town.

Official welcome would be made by the member for Tsisalato in the ABG, HON. Cosmas Sohia.

Speakers at tomorrow's celebration will include the newly appointed Chief Administrator for Bougainville, MR. LAWRENCE DISING.

New Dawn FM will carry live Broadcast of the activities for the benefit of its listeners in Buka Town and nearby villages.

Meanwhile the main boat stop near the main Buka market would be closed tomorrow to allow participants of the Bougainville Pikinini Aquathon and Open Triathlon 2010.

This is to make sure that no boat disturbs activities at this area and to avoid accidents.

Boats would be allowed to get passengers to Kamarau wharf and near the temporary market.

15.09.2010

Source: Solomon Star

Bougainville wants ties stronger

By EDDIE OSIFELO

BOUGAINVILLE plans to further strengthen its historical ties with Solomon Islands in a more formal arrangement.

Newly elected President of Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Chief John Momis confirmed this when



speaking at the Solomon Islands Members of Parliament's induction programme yesterday.

"We must jointly examine approaches to cementing some form of an agreement to further facilitate and foster the already close relationship which our two people enjoy in terms of commercial and social services," he said.

"I have given directions to my officials to begin exploring the possibility of such an agreement."

At the same time, President Momis said funding has been secured for a fully operational border post at Kangu in South Bougainville which will make it easier for people to move back and forth.

President Momis also extends his invitation to Solomon Islands

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15.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Misused K2m investigated

BOUGAINVILLE'S K10 million Torokina Oil Palm project is being debated among politicians and bureaucrats.

ABG's Agriculture chief executive officer Sam Rangai was officially suspended last week after allegations of misuse of K2 million from the project. The ABG administration confirmed his suspension and an acting chief executive officer has appointed while investigations are being carried out.

They said his suspension was over allegations of misuse of K2 million but they could not elaborate.

This project was started by Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso five years ago.

The administration and DPI office could not detail the problems surrounding it. Last Friday Torokina villagers presented a petition to ABG President John Momis regarding the project.

They were led by young men and the council of elders. They wanted an explanation from President Momis as to why he engaged a foreign company to work on the project when there were local experts already on the ground.

15.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Fundraising for hungry starts in Buka

THE Bougainville Disaster office and several non-government organisations operating in Buka yesterday officially kicked off a fundraising drive to raise funds for the unfortunates of the region.

The fundraising drive was for the 10,000 people of Buka Islanders, the Atolls, low-lying islands of Petats, Matsungan, Pororan and those of Haku, Halia, Tsitalato and Hagogohe, including Mahari. They are suffering because of the unpredicted weather patterns in the region. Franklyn Lacey and his officials started the fundraising drive in front of the Buka town's Isa Beach and advised that they would accept donations in cash or kind.

Official records show more than 10,000 people from Buka Island are hungry and need urgent medical assistance from the Government. Reports from Buka detail that frequent heavy rains had caused food shortage.

15.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Police get tough

By Veronica Hannette

POLICE in Arawa are doing an "Operation Hamamas" as a continuous operation to deal with homebrew issues on Fridays in Central Bougainville.

Kieta police station commander and assistant liquor inspector in Arawa Herman Birengka said homebrew production in the villages and then selling them in the towns and streets in Arawa was a big concern. He said the police in Arawa came up with the initiative to carry out such operations to stop people destroying themselves..

He said the operations had been progressing well so far.

Mr Birengka said while they were carrying out their operations last Friday, they successfully confiscated five containers of homebrew with three sells. There were others but they fled.

Last week Mr Birengka held a meeting with the liquor owners in Arawa on resolutions to control liquor consumption.

The Arawa police will be having another meeting to get suggestions on whether to ban liquor in Kieta and they are planning to take the initiative and this will control the law and order problems.

The policemen's next program will be to launch an anti-homebrew awareness.

He said program police teams will be divided to serve the villagers and as well as urban centres in Central Bougainville.

Mr Birengka says police are enforcing law and order with this operation and it has helped in slowing down liquor consumption.

15.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

MP funds electoral projects

By Veronica Hannette

CENTRAL Bougainville National MP Jimmy Miringtoro is funding many projects under the District Service Implementation Program (DSIP) in his Electorate.

DSIP is a seven sector program that consists education, health, transport, water supply, law and justice, churches, women and youth.

Mr Miringtoro gave K1 million for renovation of Arawa Secondary School, K1 million for restoration of electricity in Arawa, K1 million for the Arawa town sewerage and plus many other projects not detailed.

The National Government created the DSIP five years ago when it realised that they had not spent enough in rural areas and it is focusing on rural areas now. It is through DSIP that the MP funded school buildings and helped in school fee assistance to vocational schools.

There are DSIP funds for transport to fix existing roads like Mapearo road in Wakunai, Main-trunk road at Koromira and Biangpa/Sikoreva road in Kieta district.

15.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville eyes NSL in 2011

By REUBEN KALAUNG in Buka

SOCCER players and enthusiasts in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville can look forward to competitive football at the national level in the months to come.

This is true following the establishment of a regional bid team, who will work towards entering a team from Bougainville in the semi-professional National Soccer League (NSL) by 2011.

The announcement was made in Buka over the weekend by the executives of the newly established Bougainville United Football Club Limited (BUFCL).

Chairman of the bid team Peter Tareasi explained that the BUFCL has been registered as a corporate entity, which will buy a franchise in the NSL.

The announcement was witnessed by the executives of the Bougainville Soccer Federation.

President Justin Helele thanked the bid team for the initiative that will allow football players in the region to show their talents in the semi professional competition. Tareasi explained that the bulk of the players in the proposed BUFCL franchise will be Bougainvilleans.

The operation of bid team was given a healthy head-start by Gannei Holdings Limited with an initial injection of K30,000.

The announcement was made by owner Gerard Masa and Justin Helele of Bougainville Soccer Federation also backed the initiative with K20,000. Gannei Holdings and Bougainville Soccer Federation are now shareholders in the proposed BUFCL.

Tareasi called on business houses in Bougainville to support the bid team in its endeavours to enter NSL on behalf of young footballers from the region.

The bid team will also be approaching the ABG and the Government to back the initiative.

Records showed that Bougainville had produced top football players in the national team before the crisis.

A few players have played on contracts overseas. Meanwhile, the Bougainville Soccer Federation has announced that a piece of land has been approved at Hahela for the development of a mini soccer stadium.

15.09.2010

Neuer Kommentar (German) !

14.09.2010

Source: Börse Frankfurt

Bougainville Copper shares soar in Frankfurt with huge turn-over!

Bougainville Copper Aktien haussieren in Frankfurt mit großen Umsätzen.

Hausse des actions de Bougainville Copper à Francfort avec un niveau d'échange très élevé!

14.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

GREEN

By Aloysius Laukai

Buka Branch of Bank South Pacific is organizing Clean up of Buka Town as part of the BANK's overall GO GREEN campaign throughout PNG.

Branch Manager, BENJAMIN KIWAI told New Dawn FM that the Go green campaign is targeting Ten schools in Buka and is also targeting the business community in Buka town.

The Go green campaign would involve the ten schools around Buka on Friday 17TH September whilst the community at large would take to the streets of Buka town on Saturday morning 18th September.

MR. KIWAI said that the Bank would like the public to also participate in removing plastics and other rubbish around Buka town to help beautify Buka town.

He said plastic bags would be provided to participants of the Go Green campaign.

Persons who wish to participate in this exercise can pick up forms from the BSP branch in Buka.

The forms are just to collect data on how many people would be participating in this exercise.

14.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DSIP

By Veronica Hannette

Member for Central Bougainville, Jimmy Miringtoro is funding a lot of projects under the District Service Implementation Programme (DSIP) in his Electorate.

The DSIP is a seven sector programme that consists of Education, Health, Transport, Water-supply, Law & Justice, and Churches, Women and youth.

The National Government created the DSIP five years ago when it realized that they have not been spending enough in rural areas there for it is now focusing into rural areas.

And it is through the DSIP funds that the member funded school buildings (i.e.: a four in one two stories buildings) and has also help in school fee assistance to vocational schools in the region.

Meanwhile there are some funds in the DSIP under transport that has been set to face lift the existing roads like Mapearo road in Wakunai, Main-trunk road at Koromira and the Biangpa/Sikoreva road in the Kieta district.

Using the DSIP funds, Mr Miringtoto will also assist Health centres in Wakunai, Manetai and Sipuru with erecting of staff houses and make it possible for the centres to have health workers.

14.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ROAD BAD

By Aloysius Laukai

A chief from Haku, SYLVESTER NIU is calling on the Minister for Works to immediately engage earthmoving equipments to fix the road that is in its worst stage due to continuous rains in the area.

The chief told New Dawn FM last night that trucks from Haku have been finding it difficult to travel to Buka since last week due to the deteriorating road conditions.

He said that if nothing is done to fix the roads it would be very difficult for trucks from Haku to reach Buka by the end of this week.

MR. NIU who operates a PMV truck between Haku and Buka town said that it is costing a lot of funds for PMV operators to operate in such conditions.

Meanwhile NEW DAWN FM also understands that the recent heavy rains have completely destroyed the

road network between Buka, Arawa and Buin.

And some rivers have completely removed drainage pipes and destroyed most of the work that the Japanese bridge builders have already put in.

14.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CENTRAL GAMES

By Veronica Hannette

The District games in Central Bougainville have been moved from September to October this year. There have been hold ups due to bad weather and financial constraints.

The central region will play 12 codes excluding Paralympics, softball, bodybuilding, tae kwando which will be played in the seven (7) COEs of Central district.

From the dates 4th to the 8th of October that will serve the District games as their Referee in each code will part take in a workshop from the 30th of September to the 1st of October 2010.

According to the Secretary for sports in Central, Philip Kamuka he said that he has approached the Member for Central to seek assistance to commit funds to assist the game because this is the way to strengthen peace in Bougainville.

He says that since the games started drug consumption has decreased as sport interest increased.

So far so good the games are still on despite the weather problem..

14.09.2010

Source: ASX Sydney at 11:12 am

Bougainville Copper Limited (BOC) : UP 14.81% = AU\$ 1.24 !

14.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Daltron signs deal with Bougainville firm

By PETERSON TSERAHA

BOUGAINVILLEANS will no longer have to spend money repairing their computers by sending them to Port Moresby because they will have this service right at their doorstep.

The Bougainville Microfinance Association (BMA) last Friday signed a memorandum of understanding with major PNG information technology company Daltron Limited.

BMA is the first local Bougainvillean company to sign an agreement with a major investor to Bougainville, Daltron Electronics Limited, which is a part of WR Carpenters.

BMA general manager Joe Bepa and Daltron Limited general manager Rob Chard signed the agreement with two government ministers as witnesses including the ABG Minister for Communications Carolus Ketsimur, and Wilfred Komba.

Mr Bepa on behalf to BMA said service delivery and satisfaction of customer service was very vital in modern day business, especially here on Bougainville.

"We started with the microfinance mini bank and then started an It store to provide It support to people, and Daltron was our main supplier.

At the same time since we were their major clients here on Bougainville we were also promoting a lot of Daltron products." Mr. Bepa said.

14.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Where there are no doctors

In the light of a torch made from burning coconut leaves, mothers deliver their newborn babies, sometimes without the aid of a birthing kit, clean water or proper equipment . . .

By GORETHY KENNETH

A simple village couple is doing an extraordinary deed to save the lives of pregnant mothers in remote villages on Nissan Island.

The couple, Louis Nicky, 48, and Liza, in her late 40s, have been delivering babies since 2003.

Liza and Louis have five children and they are like any other village family whose daily life revolves around gardening, fishing and going to church on Sundays. They rarely travel to Buka town, in fact, Liza has not set foot in Buka since she started delivering babies in 2003.

Liza is the unofficial nurse on the island. She also has knowledge in "bush medicine."

This knowledge was complimented with a course she took in 2002 when a non-government organisation travelled to Balil Island to train mothers on safe motherhood and how to deliver babies in remote villages.

The course was vital for mothers who had no access to proper health facilities, mainly areas such as Balil, Siar and Sirot, where proper health facilities are lacking. The course was only for a month and within that short period, Liza learned a lot for a simple villager. She is now the unofficial nurse saving many multi-

parous (mothers already given birth) and primi-para (first-time mothers) of Balil 1, 2, 3, Sirot and Siar. With a population of about 700 to 1000, Liza and her husband do the best they can for the women who come to them. Liza has delivered, to date, 66 babies - about 40 new mothers and 20 who had other children.

Pregnant women on Balil, Siar and Sirot are most times referred to the Nissan Island Health Centre if complications arise with their pregnancies, but due to the island's proximity and remoteness, Liza and Louis most often take in these women, and use the skills they have learnt to ensure a safe delivery for mother and child. There is an aid post on Balil that is supervised by two male aid post orderlies (APO). But with traditional taboos, mothers often shy away from using the aid post when it is time to deliver their babies.

And it is not just Liza who is saving lives, her husband Louis is by her side 24/7, even at odd hours of the night, without a single complaint. Having seen his wife at work, Louis knows all too well the pain pregnant mothers go through and the hardship they face in bringing a newborn baby into this world.

"On several occasions, say many times, because my wife delivers mothers at very odd times, say 1am, 2am, 3am or even 4am and 5am, I have to play my role as her other half, light up the coconut leaves that we gather and prepare in advance - because we don't have torches or lamps - and I provide the light while she delivers in coconut-lit leaves. That has been our operation since 2003," Louis said. He is now in Buka, trying to negotiate with the Health Department and the ABG to assist his wife Liza with an allowance every month. All Louis is asking for is K50 a month. This is so his wife can buy birthing kits, torches for light, or even some buckets or dishes to fetch water for the mothers as Liza doesn't have a tank for the mothers to wash or to use during birth. The Balil Council of Elders and the APOs have written to the authorities to at least provide K50 a month for Liza, but their calls have fallen on deaf ears at the Health Department.

Last month, Liza was told by Nissan Health Centre not to deliver any more babies. But mothers are still going to her for help, despite the ban, because without Liza, these women have no-one else who will help them.

14.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Hunger grips 10,000 in Buka

By GORETHY KENNETH

OFFICIAL records show more than 10,000 people from Buka Island are hungry and need urgent assistance from the Government.

Reports from the disaster office in Buka show that continuous heavy rains in Buka have caused a food shortage in atoll islands, low-lying islands of Buka, villages in Buka and many other places in north Bougainville.

Franklyne Lacey of the disaster office said yesterday that the Government at this stage was ill-equipped and was not in a position to immediately assist financially but confirmed that there were people now going hungry and living on sea food, store goods or what they could lay their hands on.

The disaster office in Buka has also confirmed initial reports that all districts of north Bougainville are facing food shortages due to the prolonged heavy rains during the months of March, April, May, June, July and August, severely affecting all food gardens in the Buka districts.

There is a report undertaken by the disaster officers led by Mr Lacey, and that report was based on the experiences of villages like Pororan Island, the Tsitalato, Halia and Peit constituencies.

Already, there are complaints from the Haku, Tonsu, Mah-ari, Tinputs and Selau, Suir and the Atolls on the issue of vegetable gardens going bad and people going hungry.

The report based on the inspection conducted last month and presented to the Department of Primary Industry and the disaster office in Buka detailed that there are possible threats in:

- * THE outbreak of different diseases or sicknesses because of the continuous wet weather which will result in deaths of children;

- * THE increased rate of criminal activities;

- * Increased prostitution leading to family problems;

- * Increased rate of HIV/AIDS.

The report also showed that children in Buka schools are forced to stay away from school because the classrooms are flooded, children are hungry or the environments are not conducive anymore.

14.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville women form group

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE now has an effective women's group, Autonomous Bougainville Government Women's Affairs Minister Rose Pihei has announced.

Mrs Pihei said recently that this federation covers women from all over south Bougainville and north, but has not fully covered Central Bougainville because there are still some problems to sort out there.

"This is a very effective women's federation, which is going to be affiliated to the National Council of Women until we are capable of running it ourselves and then we can operate the same as the NCW," Mrs Pihei said.

"This is the avenue to discuss, address and sort out outstanding issues for women of Bougainville. Their grievances, their cries, their pleas and any problems that they face will be addressed through this group.

Also apart from problems, this is the group that will be moving women of Bougainville forward in terms of projects for them, development issues for women and many others concerning just about every women of Bougainville."

14.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

NGOs gear up for fair

Non-government organisations in Bougainville are bracing for a major community awareness at the end of this month.

This is the first awareness fair to be held in front of the Buka police station, spearheaded by the Bougainville community policing project in conjunction with the Bougainville Police Service.

Organiser Karley Western, from the New Zealand police, said yesterday that more than 25 NGO groups have applied to take part in the event next week, including AusAID and NZAid. "This will be big and a major community awareness fair which is being staged in Buka for two days for all NGOs in the region," Ms Western said.

13.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

RADIO IMPORTANT : PIHEI

By Tom Kathoa

The ABG Minister for Community Development, Women, Youth, Sports and Religion, Hon. Rose PIHEI says radio plays a very important role in disseminating information to the rural people.

Ms PIHEI said the use of radio for community mobilization is very important to peace building and stability in Bougainville.

The minister said this at the close of a one week workshop on Community Learning in which she was a participant herself at the Kuri Village Resort last week.

Minister Pihei said the workshop was an eye opener for her and has helped her in her role as a minister. She told the closing ceremony that her minister would be launching an Integrated Community Learning Center soon and the Community Learning through the use of radio would be a perfect model to use in implementing the program.

.The minister said the most important outcome of the workshop is that it brought together people from all sectors of the community with an interest in dealing with women's health to find answers and ways to minimize them.

Participants at the workshop were drawn from the Health Profession, Community Workers, especially from the Non-Government sector, Media personal, especially radio and policy makers.

It was conducted by officers from the Commonwealth of Learning in Canada.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

LAUNCHING TOMORROW

By Tom Kathoa

Users of the Lemanmanu Health Center in the Haku Constituency, Buka District will at last take delivery of a new ambulance.

The new ambulance has been purchased by the Member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology, Hon Michael Ogio through his allocation.

The Lemanmanu Ceremony will be held at the Health Center tomorrow and would be presided over by the Member for Hagogohe Constituency, Hon Robert Hamal Sawa who is also the Deputy Chairman of the North Bougainville JDP Committee

A similar ceremony is planned for Gagan Health Center in the Peit Constituency on Wednesday this week.

The third ambulance allocated to the Tearoki Health Center in the Tinputz area would be presented to the centre by the Member for North Bougainville himself, Hon Michael Ogio on the twenty-sixth of this month.

Minister Ogio told an earlier ceremony to present these vehicles and four police vehicles said the ambulance would greatly assist mothers and other patients in their locality.

13.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HILARY PASSED AWAY

By Tom Kathoa

The people of Malasang Village on Buka Island are mourning the death of one of their sons who passed away early this morning.

Former Member for Tsitalato Constituency in the Autonomous Bougainville Government, Mr. Hillary Laris passed away early this morning.

The late Laris represented the people of Tsitalato in the first ABG House of Representatives from 2005 to this year.

The late Laris did not defend his seat due to his court conviction. Meanwhile, the body of the late broadcaster, Aloysius Nase was taken to Nissan Island yesterday for burial. Nase spent most of his life in Malasang where he was married. Staffs of New Dawn Station send their condolence to the family and relatives of the late Nase and Laris. Our thoughts are with you all in this time of sorrow.

13.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

[Post-Courier reports on ESBC warning \(PDF here\)](#)

Locals warned of foreigners

EUROPEAN shareholders of Bougainville Copper, one of the largest organisations comprising private shareholders of BCL, have issued a stern warning to Papua New Guineans entering into business deals with "questionable" European individuals.

Their warning comes at a time when the Autonomous Region of Bougainville is being flooded with so-called investors from all over the world including Australia, USA, England and Canada who are after all sorts of things worth making money out of.

Many of these investors are entering into joint venture partnerships with the locals to ship out what was left behind including scrap metal, by Bougainville Copper Limited.

It is understood that some Canadians are in Panguna teaching Bougainvilleans how to extract gold from waste rock and the Java River.

They expect to be paid back in gold bullion for their services and investment on equipment.

The British High Commission in Port Moresby has said that the UK legislation encourages all British companies to operate with integrity and to the highest international corporate and social standards.

"We continue to work closely with the PNG and Bougainville governments to identify commercial opportunities and attract and maintain quality long term investment partners from the UK,"

British High Commissioner to PNG David Dunn said.

President of ESBC Axel Sturm advised Papua New Guineans and Bougainvilleans to be extremely careful if they intended to do any business with people from Europe.

"Very often these people have an extremely doubtful career at home and only come to small Pacific (Island) countries to trick the local people," Mr Sturm said.

"Do not become a victim of these people without any scruples! Do not be misled by their declarations or the fact that these people keep up good private relations to locals. Very often these people only pretend to maintain good worldwide relations to top governmental institutions etc. - in most of these cases this is absolutely false."

He advised potential local partners to be aware that these people would only come to them to steal money. In case of any doubt please ask the representatives of the European Community, the French Embassy or the British High Commissioner for help," Mr Sturm said. "They are a12 based in Port Moresby. You can also contact the German Embassy in Canberra; Australia for references. Especially if you are intending to do any contract with these individuals: inform yourself on the reputation of your partners in their home countries first. Do protect yourself against fraud," Mr. Sturm said.

13.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Drugs, alcohol causes of crime

ALMOST all criminal activities on Bougainville are alcohol and drug related, leaders of Bougainville have announced.

Bougainville police minister Leo Hannett during his official welcome together with the commissioning of Bougainville's new Assistant Commissioner of Police Thomas Eluh announced that a report has been completed on the restructure of the Bougainville Police Service.

Mr Hannett said that the consultations and research from this report indicated that much of the crime on Bougainville was alcohol related and they included assaults, public drunkenness, fighting and disorder with stealing also being a problem as well as sexual offences such as incest and rape being frequently mentioned during community consultations.

The Buka courthouse on the other hand has an increased data of rape and incest cases in north Bougainville, in south and central Bougainville the number court cases of incest and murder is on the increase. These had been because of alleged high alcohol and drug consumption in those regions.

Mr Hannett said that community groups had confirmed the need for policing services to be improved generally as well as a desire for rural police posts to be established to provide support to local leaders and village courts and to coordinate and better manage the community auxiliary police working in village communities. He said with the Bougainville Police Service, now that a re-structure report had been tabled to him, they would have a serious look into it and with the appointment of Assistant Commissioner Thomas Eluh, it was timely as the ABG had faith and hope in him to ease the problems.

"There is a need to improve investigations and prosecutions as well as management and supervision of police, including the provision of a proper rank structure and a greater number of women in policing. Discipline and professional standards need to be greatly improved as do the policing of road safety awareness around Bougainville," he said.

13.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

'Bush doctors' recognised

By GORETHY KENNETH

ABOUT 30 Bougainvilleans graduated as "bush doctors" last Friday, officially recognised by the National Government and Autonomous Bougainville Government as alternative health aides.

Dr Prem Rai from the mental health and rehabilitation unit of the Health Department last Friday did the honours with Health Minister, also the acting President Patrick Nisira, presenting certificates to these participants.

The bush doctors who deal with traditional or herbal medicine every day of their lives and are from all over Bougainville, have formed an association, now headed by a president and have been recognised fully for their jobs in the community.

In most remote parts of Bougainville, as well as other parts of Papua New Guinea, where modern medical treatment is scarce and not available, bush medicines or traditional/herbal medicine have been the alternative, healing the people. Bougainville became the eighth province in PNG to establish a traditional medicine association; the others are Chimbu, Oro, Milne Bay, Madang, Morobe, Abau in Central and Eastern Highlands Province.

Mr Nisira pledged his support and recognition for these people who have now been fully recognised for their help to their communities.

Dr Rai explained the PNG Government was supportive of this program, forming a traditional medicine task force and supporting this programs through the national department of health and launching the national policy on traditional medicine in 2008 and including the program in the National Health Plan (2001-2010).

"Indigenous traditional medicine is an important resource providing relief to a vast segment of our population in variety of afflictions and ailments," Dr Rai said.

13.09.2010

Source: The National

10,000 in Bougainville starving

MORE than 10,000 people in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville are in need of food and medical assistance after continuous rainfall destroyed food gardens and devastated roads. Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) President John Momis highlighted the problem last Friday when accepting 4,000 cartons of biscuits worth K180, 000 from the Lae Biscuit Co Ltd. The company will ship the biscuits in two containers to the ABG office this week. Weather experts had linked the continuous rainfall to the change in climate as a result of global warming. According to the 3news.co.nz website, the months prior to July were hot and dry in Bougainville. "Rainwater storage tanks were running low and any rainfall was occasional and light. "However, in the last couple of weeks, there has been a major change – rain is now heavy and frequent," the website said.

Many Bougainvilleans lead a mostly subsistence lifestyle growing most of their own food in gardens. Others rely on generating income through growing cash crops like cocoa and coconuts. According to locals, people grow crops fit for the climate, and the crops are grown according to the seasons. "If weather patterns start to change and crops do not grow, many people have little safety net and will struggle for income and food," the 3news.co.nz website added. Typically, July is part of the dry season but, this year, the wet season came early and the heavy monsoon rains were having a massive impact. "Only small sections of the roads in Bougainville are sealed and the remainder has quickly turned to a series of deep water-filled potholes. "The rain also caused slips and landslides, creating road blocks that the government in Bougainville does not yet have the capacity to clear quickly," the website added. This had impacted greatly on the local communities, as the poor roads meant they could not take their cocoa and copra to the buyers. Many government and non-governmental projects and programmes had also been affected, officials said. The rains had not stopped since last month. "We express our sympathy for the hardships and the life-threatening situations in the affected areas. "We assure the president and other leaders of the ABG that we are happy to provide whatever we can for the health and safety of the victims of the natural disaster," Lae Biscuit southern region manager Fabian Chow said. He also called on the good people of Bougainville around the country to assist their families as much as possible. "The leaders of Bougainville and other stakeholders can only do so much but it is the families that must now stand together to assist in any way possible your relatives back home," Chow added. Also present to receive the donation with Momis were the Minister for Higher Education and North Bougainville MP Michael Ogio and director of the national coordination office of Bougainville affairs Ellison Towollom. "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Lae Biscuit. Thank you for the tremendous help you have given us in our time of need," Momis said. Ogio echoed similar sentiments and emphasised on the importance of strengthening partnership in all sectors of development. "I call on the people of Bougainville to encourage partnership in your business so that, in times of need, this partnership exists," he said.

13.09.2010

Source: The Australian Financial Review

Interest reawakens in Panguna copper mine

The political situation in the Bougainville region of Papua New Guinea is showing signs of improvement, boosting the stock of Bougainville Copper. While the off-shoot of resources company Rio Tinto is still listed in Australia, it has not been able to operate its major Panguna copper mine in the area since civil war erupted in 1989. Executive chair Peter Taylor has held talks with the new leaders in Bougainville and says they are keen to have production restart. The news is combining with expected strong demand and price rises for copper to lift the share price.

12.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

on air

By Aloysius Laukai

The first introductory programme on Bougainville Women's Health Issues went on air on time last Friday at 4pm on New Dawn FM.

This was after two days of deliberations between Health Officials Community Health workers and NGO groups who were also dealing with Health issues affecting Bougainville today.

The workshop organized by local Station New Dawn FM in Association with participation from the Ministry of Community Development, Division of Health, Buka General Hospital, Bougainville Interchurch women's forum, CARE international, United Church Health Office, Bougainville Police Service, Buka Urban Council's Environmental health, World Vision, NBC Bougainville, with sponsorship and training by the Commonwealth of Learning based in Canada and the Regional Media Centre of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community based in Fiji.

The workshop concentrated on dealing with Women's Health issues affecting Bougainville women and children today.

They were able to design a 12 month radio Programme that would address these issues with face to face learning programmes for targeted audiences.

Participants of the workshop were very pleased to use the message matrix tool to identify different issues. Issues that would be addressed by the Radio programme would cover, Malaria prevention and treatment, Teenage pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and STI's, Tuberculosis and Pneumonia, Nutrition and Life style diseases, Obesity and Traditional medicine.

The workshop was officially closed by the CEO for the Health Division DR. JOE BUMPARA who was very happy to work with the Community partners to address health issues.

The Minister for Community Development, Women, Youth, Sports and Churches, HON. ROSE PIHEI and her Officer, Magdalene Toroansi attended the workshop.

The programme would start in one we ek's time and would be aired on New Dawn FM and NBC Radio Bougainville.

Time of Broadcast would be announced later.

A senior Broadcaster with NBC Bougainville, ADRIAN RASIN also attended the workshop and would be one of the co-producers of the programme WITH New Dawn FM's SODITHA LAVETT.

This would be the first time for the two local Radio Stations to collaborate with Community Partners and Health Professionals to address Health Issues affecting Bougainville today.

New Dawn FM's Manager also thanked the facilitators for choosing Bougainville for this workshop as they concentrate more in Asia and Africa in such programmes.

Pictures are participants of the workshop with the course facilitators.

(Standing) Joyce Tohui, Reuben Kalaung, Adrian Rasin, Maria Laukai, Graeme Binin, Mary Kololi, Dr.Barnabas Matanu, Clarence Vinoko, Aren Baoa, Lawrencina Kumis, Ian Pringle(COL)

From Left to Right(sitting) Soditha Lavett, Magdalen Toroansi, Minister Rose Pihei, Constable Leslie Meten, Magareth Kukupe, Aloysius Laukai



11.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BAKI CHALLENGING ELUH

By Veronica Hannette

Today makes a significant day for the New Commander for Bougainville police service and the Royal PNG Constabulary.

Police commissioner, Garry Baki installed a new rank to the ACP Bougainville Thomas Eluh in a parade of guard's witness.

He congratulated Thomas Eluh for taking the rank.

Mr Baki said with this appointment, Bougainville peace service will be able to protect and serve the people of Bougainville.

Law and Order should be promoted within the community development for the future prosperity for Bougainville.

He says the ranks given to him is a privilege and this is through commitment responsibility and dedication. Mr Eluh was challenged that he is now a public figure and will be held accountable for those who are under his command.

Mr Baki mentioned that this is also a sign of commitment and anticipation to provide for more police personals for a prosperous future for Bougainville.

11.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

KENGS' LABOUR WORRY

By Tom Kathoa

The Autonomous Bougainville Government has been called upon to speed up the process of Draw down of powers from the National Government.

The call has been prompted by the low wages paid to employees of private companies operating in Bougainville.

An angry Chief from Bana in South Bougainville, Chief Peter Kengs in an unsigned letter to New Dawn and copied to his constituency member said employers were not paying the right labour wage to their employees.

Chief Kengs said he has witnessed employers paying their employees very low wages even lower than the agreed labour wage.

He says he has witnessed workers of a particular company named worked long hours, but are rewarded with very little pay, comes payday.

Mr. Kengs described this as inhuman and wants the authorities to immediately look into the matter.

He also claims that these workers are not paid their final entitlements of FINISH PAY when they leave.

And, he wants the ABG Government to bring in the Labour Department into Bougainville to look into this situation.

11.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HANNETT'S NO GUN ERA

By Tom Kathoa

Peace is what all the people of Bougainville want, according to the Bougainville Police Minister, Hon Leo Hannett.

Mr. Hannett said peace is the desired outcome of our collective energies in Bougainville today.

Minister Hannett told a police parade in Buka today that the people of Bougainville want normalcy and a 'NO GUN ERA' to enable people to conduct business activity to move the region forward..

He said only peace and bring about an environment conducive to positive change and a peaceful Bougainville starts with restoration of law and order.

The ABG Police Minister said the threat presented by the presence of unlicensed guns in our midst, alcohol; drug abuse and other law and order issues present us with a challenge that needs to be addressed.

Mr. Hannett said his transfer of Eluh to Bougainville is timely with the completion of the re-structure of the Bougainville Police Service.

Chief Superintendent Eluh will as Assistant Commissioner head the work of police in the region.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DEUKARI'S EDUCATION

By Tom Kathoa

A former school teacher from South Bougainville, Mr. Luke Deukari has challenged the Autonomous Bougainville Government to implement the stated education policy objectives.

Mr. Deukari said the ABG has failed miserably to implement that stated policy on education.

He said section 32 sub-sections 2 of this policy says that all aged school children have a right to be taught to read and write in their own language (TOKPLES).

While sub-section 3 of this section requires the ABG Government to continue to consult with traditional chiefs and other community leaders on the development and effectiveness of the curriculum in all levels and

kinds of education.

Mr. Deukari who runs such a school at Siwai says the government and the education division have failed the Bougainville constitution in this regard.

He said he started this school twenty years ago without any government assistance.

On the question of salary for his teachers, Mr. Deukari says he pays his eight teaching staff out of his own money.

Mr. Deukari said some of his students have gained tertiary level of education.

Some have even reached university level.

He challenged the new ABG Government to recruit the best qualified teachers to teach in elementary schools.

He said most of his teachers are village based teachers who have completed grade 10 studies.

11.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ELUH PROMOTED

By Tom Kathoa

Head of Police in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville; Mr. Thomas Eluh has been promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent.

Mr. Eluh was bestowed with his new title by the Papua New Guinea Police Commissioner, Mr. Gary Baki in ceremony in front of the Buka Police Station today.

ABG Police Minister, Hon Leo Hannett described Chief Superintendent Eluh as a committed police officer and deserved his elevation to the highest police post in the region.

Minister Hannett said Mr. Eluh served the Police Force and Papua New Guinea with distinction and he is confident he would continue the good work here in Bougainville.

Mr. Hannett said the transfer of Mr. Eluh to Bougainville is a loss to Papua New Guinea, but a gain for Bougainville and its people.

Autonomous Bougainville Government President, Hon Chief John Momis, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon Andrew Miriki was among officials who attended and witnessed the pinning of the new title on Chief Superintendent Thomas Eluh.

10.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Momis calls for change

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President John Momis wants to create a new Bougainville where everyone, locals as well as foreigners, will be accorded human respect, freedom and security.

President Momis said this in his keynote address to a Bougainville police parade to mark the appointment of the new police minister and the confirmation of the Assistant Commissioner of Police - Leo Hannett and Thomas Eluh respectively. Justice John Kawi, Police Commissioner and all other dignitaries were present for the occasion at the Buka police station area.

"I congratulate the new Assistant Commissioner of Police on his appointment and thank him and his men for their contributions to the normalisation of our society in Bougainville," Mr Momis said.

"We want to create a new Bougainville where all of us, locals as well as foreigners, will be accorded human respect, freedom and security. The new-look Bougainville will require us to experience a new paradigm shift, a new culture of peace, justice and hope as we stand together and work hand in hand to rise out of the ashes and reigns of the deadly bloody civil war.

"The people of Bougainville must now embrace and promote both intellectual and moral enlightenment in the new look Bougainville.

"We cannot afford to have ignorant and ill-informed people with no moral values in the new society we envision and hope to create for ourselves.

When things are still fluid and tractable in our region, despite the lingering post crisis culture, we must take deliberate proactive actions to raise the awareness of the people regarding the tremendous human potential inherent in them that can be utilised to transform Bougainville.

“We can transform Bougainville if we empower our people as active agents of change and development.”

09.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Chief administrator’s appointment clarified

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE President John Momis and legal adviser Chris Siriosi yesterday explained that the Bougainville Peace Agreement and the National Constitution were not “silent” on the appointment of the chief administrator.

Mr Siriosi in his legal advice to the ABG and the National Government said: “the procedural arrangements agreed to by the ABG with the National Government were merely arrangements of ‘political convenience’ and do not change the reading of section 14 of the Organic Law on Peace-Building in Bougainville. The law which provides the process for the appointment of a person to the office of the Bougainville chief administrator is provided by the combined operations of the Bougainville Peace Agreement, the National Constitution and the Organic Law on peace building in Bougainville. The specific provisions are clause 197 of the Bougainville Peace Agreement and section 14 and 16 (2) (b) of the Organic Law on peace building in Bougainville. Section 297 (2) of the National Constitution provides for the minimum requirements for the consultation between the National Government.” Mr Siriosi explained that the laws used by the ABG to appoint Lawrence Disin as the region’s new chief administrator were correct. Mr Momis sought his advice from Mr Siriosi and made the appointment. “Bougainville is not a provincial government any more. As far as I am concerned, as far as the legal advisers are concerned, it is the ABG that is only the legal and legitimate authority that can appoint the chief administrator.

“The Provincial and Local Level Government laws do not apply. Bougainville now has a special arrangement. The Provincial and Local Level Government law has no effect on Bougainville. The Provincial and LLG do not have any jurisdiction in Bougainville. The National Constitution was amended by us to exclude Bougainville from the application of the Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Government,” Mr Momis said.

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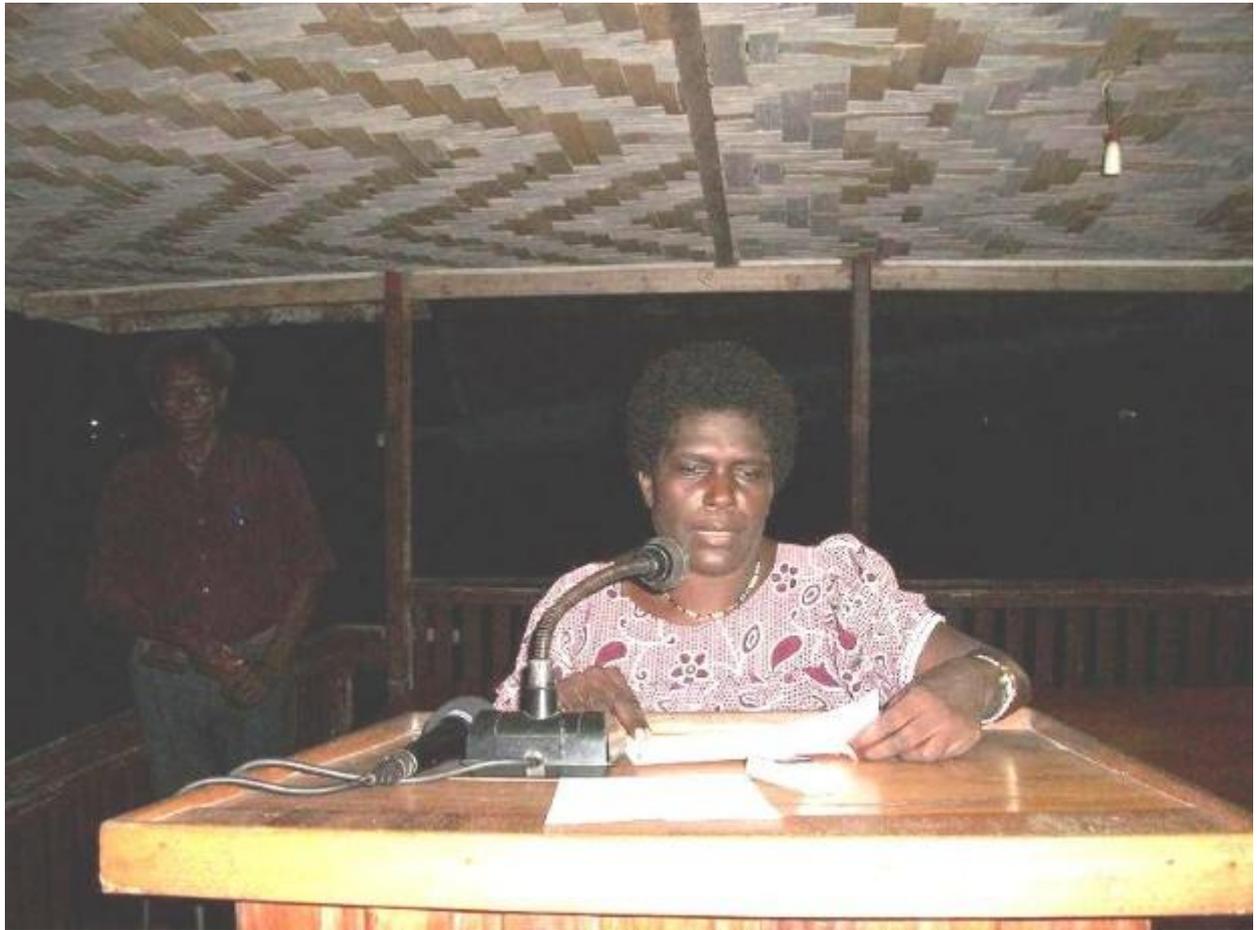
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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville



ABG Minister for Community Development Youth Women and Churches ROSE PIHEI at the Official Opening ceremony.

BOUGAINVILLE WORKSHOP

New Dawn FM in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning and Secretariat of the Pacific Community are running a five day design workshop to develop a Community Learning Program on Health Issues on Bougainville.

The Workshop started with Welcome on Monday and will end on Friday with airing of the first Program on NEW DAWN FM at 4pm.

Pictured are Workshop participants who are in this workshop,

Participants are from all the key partners who carry out programs on Health Issues.

Participants are from the NBC Radio Bougainville, Bougainville Interchurch Women's Forum, Care International, World Vision, United Church Health Program, Bougainville Police Service, UPNG Buka Open Campus, Buka General Hospital, Buka Urban Council and the Ministry of Community Development Women Youth, Sports and Churches which has its Minister attending.



08.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Continuous rain causes flooding

CONTINUOUS heavy rain in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville has forced the authorities to issue warning to the travelling public to take precautionary measures on the road between Buka and Arawa. Heavy rain of late has caused rivers to overflow their banks and cause flooding, making it difficult for vehicles to cross.

Travellers have lost food rations and other goods carried away by the heavy floods.

Head of police in Bougainville, Assistant Commissioner Thomas Eluh is concerned about the lives of people travelling during this time and appealed to road users to take precautions.

Mr Eluh said this is not the right time for travelling, for it is now risky especially when there is flood and currents are fast.

08.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Japanese assaulted

JAPANESE workers who are in Bougainville building bridges must be treated with respect and fairness. Police in Buka have received reports of people assaulting the Japanese workers.

A man arrested and charged with assaulting a Japanese worker was released on bail and failed to turn up for court in Arawa.

Head of police in Buka Assistant Commissioner Thomas Eluh warned if the assaults continued it could be disastrous for the province.

The Japanese Embassy in Port Moresby has threatened to pull out workers because of assaults and harassments.

Mr Eluh said these people “are trying to deliver services to us and with this attitude we will lose in a big way”.

He said that they should be respected and appeal to the public to report if they are not happy with

something concerning the contractors.

Mr Eluh said a repeat incident will be disastrous for Bougainville as well as the Government due to the fact that contractors will consider the behaviour not suitable to live with.

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Source: Post-Courier

Liquor trading disturbs peace

By VERONICA HANNETTE

LIQUOR trading and consumption are causing a lot of inconveniences for people in nearby residential areas in Buka and all over Bougainville.

Liquor outlets have been extending their trading hours making it impossible for residents to have peace in their neighbourhood.

Liquor licensing should reconsider the location of liquor outlets and give trading hours. Trading liquor is not safe especially near residential areas.

There are problems like shouting, swearing, teasing and harassment happening in towns and villages.

The concern was raised after an incident by a father who wants to remain anonymous fought with a man for swearing at his daughter.

The ACP Buka Thomas Eluh told the Post-Courier that Liquor Licencing Commissioners must be strict on the trading hours.

Police will be inspecting liquor outlets therefore it is a must for the outlets to display their licence.

He also appealed to nearby residents to report anyone who breaches the laws and regulation to the police so police can take appropriate actions.

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Source: ESBC

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS TOUCHED

By Tom Kathoa

A reception and welcome ceremony by Bougainvilleans living and working in East New Britain touched the heart of the President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government, Hon Chief John Momis.

President Momis visited Bougainvilleans living in Rabaul at the weekend in respond to an invitation from the East New Britain Governor, Hon Leo Dion.

Momis told a press conference on his return to Buka yesterday that he was very surprised to see so many Bougainvilleans living and working in Rabaul.

He described the welcome by his people there as the biggest welcome ceremony in his political career.

The president said he was touched and moved by their action in performing our traditions away from home.

The large number of Bougainvilleans living outside the region is evident and proof that the ABG has not provided and met the people's need like as making educational facilities available locally. Many of our people flock to Rabaul in search for educational institutions and employment opportunities for their children and themselves, something that they cannot find here on Bougainville. The president said these students and others spent a lot of money outside of Bougainville, money that the ABG badly needs to establish these institutions

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NGI PARTNERSHIP

By Tom Kathoa

Regular passengers between Buka and Rabaul in East New Britain and other provinces in the New Guinea Islands Region would soon be traveling in comfort if moves by the Islands Governments become a reality. Many passengers have on numerous occasions voiced their dissatisfactions about the condition and treatment offered by the only shipping company that provides that service.

The Autonomous Bougainville Government President, Hon Chief John Momis revealed at the press conference that a discussion on a better passenger shipping service has already began.

President Momis this issue has already been started during talks with the East New Britain Governor, Hon Leo Dion.

He said shipping companies should not treat people like animals, but provide them with proper amenities while traveling in their boats.

He said the proposed move would also pave way for joint business ventures to be established between the New Guinea Islands Governments.

Such partnership would contribute to greater stability and economic growth in the Islands region.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PIHEI'S RADIO

By Tom Kathoa

Bougainville's Minister for Community Development, Women, Youth, Church and Sports, Hon Rose PIHEI highly commended radio for its effort in dissemination of information.

The minister said radio played a very important role in creating awareness on health issues affecting the people of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea as a whole.

Minister PIHEI singled out New Dawn FM as one such radio station that is really behind all these.

She made the statement when officially welcoming officials from the Commonwealth of Learning Center at a welcome dinner at the Kuri Village Resort last night.

The minister urged the media to continue to be an active partner in the move to make people aware of the different diseases affecting us today.

Sickness like HIV AIDS, TB, SICK SUGAR and many others could be avoided only if people are made aware of their dangers and on the best way of avoiding it.

Minister Pihei said the ABG Government is looking forward to working closely with the media in this area and would ensure the media gets government support.

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Source: ESBC and BCF

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Source: Post-Courier

Rains cause havoc in Buka

PASSENGERS to and from Arawa, Buin and Buka are having trouble crossing the flooded rivers, and this has been going on for the last couple of days.

On Sunday several truckloads of passengers were stranded at the Asitavi river, the Bakanobi and Pukarobi rivers because of the weather.

Travelling passengers and PMV owners said that the problem had caused a downfall in business for small scale-PMV owners and those coming to do business in Buka.

Buin PMV trucks have also been subjected to floods in their area, and affected the same as those in Central Bougainville. One of Kieta's instrumental businessmen, Michael Tanei, who passed away early last week and whose body was kept in the Buka Hospital morgue because of the flooded river, had to be taken to Kieta on a boat.

Because they could not transport the coffin on the road, the family and relatives chartered MV Nukumanu to take the body home to Kieta. They left at 5pm on Saturday afternoon and would have arrived at the Kieta wharf by 6pm last night.

This is due to the weather and engine problems. The weather in Buka has been varying, one day rain, one day sun but most nights raining. This weather pattern has not only affected the rivers and the sea, but the population of Bougainville, especially islanders and several inland villages, who are complaining their garden produce is not bearing well and they are going hungry.

Kitano, a Japanese company contracted to build 15 high tech bridges on the island, advised they should complete all bridges by 2013, and that because the weather cannot be determined at most times, they are building all bridges and attending to them at the same time.

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Source: Post-Courier

A vision beyond blindness

He was a headmaster and could have made a difference in teaching future leaders. Instead he opted to retire and help his son who is blind. Gorethy Kenneth reports on Steven Binna's undying love for his son . . .

THIS is a story of one of Bougainville's aspiring leaders, a headmaster who could have made a difference in educating the elites of Bougainville.

But he opted to quit the job early because he had to play his role as a father to his disabled son who spent all his childhood years at the Goroka Blind Centre, even through the Bougainville crisis. A Post-Courier article last Tuesday may have this disabled person's dream of becoming a teacher come to reality.

Tarcisius Binna is 28 years old and blind. He lost his sight at the age of four from severe malaria which could not be treated because his father was teaching at a remote school and they could not seek proper medical help on time. Steven Binna, the father, was a headmaster at the time Tarcisius was pronounced blind and 20 years after his visual impairment, Mr Binna (dad) resigned from his post to look after him in the house.

His mother Regina is also in the village helping Steven look after the affairs of Tarcisius. Altogether their family consists of seven siblings and Tars as he is known to his peers is the fifth in the family. His elder sister Celine and the author of this article went to the same school until the Bougainville crisis destroyed the education years.

"I know I made a big mistake by quitting my job, because at the moment we struggle but who doesn't struggle?" Mr Binna said smiling. Tarcisius has grown into a man and his needs and demands have also increased and I wanted to give him special attention so he will not be left out in our family and our community."

Soon after Tars' dilemma was detected in 1985, his father stumbled into an era where it dawned on him that

he now had a disabled child who needed extra care and more support from him and his family. For a year Tars stayed at home until Steven started making arrangements and found him a place at the Goroka Blind Centre, now Mt Zion School of the Blind, the following year - 1987. Tars entered the blind school when he was only five years old and for the next eight years, called it home. When the Bougainville crisis erupted in 1989, Tars was up at Goroka, with his teachers and peers. He would only ask them to check if his parents were alive or shot dead already. Tars spent seven years in Goroka from 1987 to 1994 and could not continue his education there because his father faced a financial problem.

Tars was taken out from school because of a reason the father still wants to know about - Tars doesn't want to tell.

Tarcisius is eyeing a scholarship in Japan as he really wants to be a Braille teacher. If he wasn't blind he says he would have become a captain of a plane.

Tarcisius has on many occasions been used by Callan Service as a resource person for the blind and disabled in Bougainville. Steven also wants to further his son's education but cannot do that because he has quit his job and is still financially strapped. But last week in the Post-Courier he spotted a news article that advised Japan was sponsoring education for special disabled people from the Asia and Pacific.

Tarcisius and his dad were the first to enquire at the Post-Courier office and yesterday he received an application. His dreams of becoming a Braille teacher may soon be realised as he fills the applications for a scholarship from Japan with the hope he will qualify to further his career. Tars borrows the Callan service Braille machine and spends his time typing in Braille.

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Source: Post-Courier - Yutok

Plucking money from would-be-pickers

JOBS picking fruit in Australia and New Zealand must seem like a gift from Heaven, to many people who are lining up for the chance.

The stories abound about the great pay rates on offer and the wide open options of lifestyle while in those Down South countries.

Now comes the latest account of business opportunists who are trying to cash in on the wave of expectation from our people.

Our report from Bougainville highlights the rampant interest from rural people in the Autonomous Region, but it is known that recruiters have been active in other parts of the country.

Recruiters are charging individuals up to K850 to be listed and to get one of these jobs.

Yet the high commissions for both countries have recently made it clear that such jobs are not yet available and that people should not be signing up applicants at this stage.

The Australians recently voiced the view that, while it was not their direct responsibility, they believed no companies had been approved by the PNG government to accept fees for the processing of potential workers. A spokesman urged caution against dealing with any companies or individuals claiming to be able to provide such a service.

"All enquiries regarding the participation of PNG workers in the pilot scheme should be directed to the International Relations Division, PNG Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade."

And that is where the issue rests, with our own bureaucrats.

The issue of fruit picking in Australia has been in the grasp of those officers for a long time, while the ministers have been dealing with it at the top level.

Both sides are anxious to make sure that the scheme, when it begins, works well.

We cannot afford to be sloppy about the process because we want both the pickers and the hosts to be happy with the arrangement.

It would be bad for both parties if we approved people without briefing them properly and find that a combination of big money and a lack of knowledge about local customs and expectations produces some nasty results.

For example, the conduct at a Buka or Goroka public bar might not go down well with proprietors of drinking holes in Mackay or Bundaberg or similar coastal cities in Queensland.

Other Pacific island countries have done very well out of such seasonal work in New Zealand, especially.

Small islands sometimes survive on the remittances sent home by their people working in New Zealand.

Coming back to the issue of the recruitment agents signing up people, it is a major worry at this stage.

Such recruitment can only be done within the framework of an official government to government deal. Such

a deal must set down firm rules for what is agreed to.

We need to ensure that recruiters will do what they are paid for. Then, that their deals are approved and will be accepted by the authorities. Finally, that these arrangements are followed through in practice and that the human beings in the middle get the work they seek and are given the conditions that line up with expectations.

It will be worthwhile for the governments or the workers to get to a rural location and find that conditions are poor or that the workers do not fit in with expectations.

The Australian fruit industry can afford to pay well because their own citizens refuse to do such work. We can fulfil a major need of industry if our people are looked after well and are prepared for the work and the conditions.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

KIKIT'S MONEY & POWER

By Tom Kathoa

A local chief from the Nova area of Tonsu has called on Bougainville's two political heavies to stop their media war and work towards bringing development to Bougainville.

Chief Elai Kikit appealed to the ABG President, Hon Chief John Momis and Regional Member and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Hon Fidelis Semoso to refrain from criticizing each other on the radio.

Kikit was referring to recent media war between the two leaders during the past weeks over certain issues such as the cancelled JSB meeting and the appointment of the Chief Administrator.

Chief Kikit wants the president and minister to discuss such issues face to face in a round table conference. And, he has called on the two leaders to concentrate on peace building and progressing the region towards its goal of referendum and independence.

He said the people of Bougainville are crying for peace.

All the people of Bougainville gave the two leaders the same mandate to represent them at these two different levels of government to fight for their needs.

Mr. Kikit said what the people of Bougainville need is money to undertake economic activities in the region. He said money is power and having a lot of it means progress and development for the people of Bougainville.

06.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NASE OBITS

By Tom Kathoa

One of the pioneer Bougainville Radio Broadcaster has passed away.

The deceased, the late Aloysius Nase of Nissan Island passed away at the Buka General Hospital yesterday.

The news of his death shocked his former workmates, relatives and family friends.

The late Nase joined the then Department of Information and Extension Services DIES in the mid sixties and served with Radio Bougainville.

His working career he served as the Assistant Director at the head office before moving to Madang and Goroka in the Eastern Highlands as Station Manager of these two stations.

He was employed by the Bougainville Affairs Minister at the time of his death.

He leaves behind a wife and children.

Meanwhile, staff of New Dawn FM sends their condolence message to the wife, family and relatives of the late Aloysius Nase.

We equally share your sorrow for the loss of your loved one.

06.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Tussle far from over

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE BOUGAINVILLE administrator position and the controversies surrounding it, are far from over. Yesterday, Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso announced that as far as he was concerned Patrick Koles was still the chief administrator of Bougainville as his appointment had not been revoked by National Executive Council and the process was still under the National Government authority bodies like the Department of Personnel Management, the Central Agency Co-ordinating Committee and the Cabinet. He said there was no vacancy for the position of the chief administrator and as a result, Bougainville's hand-over take-over ceremony last week between Mr Koles and incoming chief administrator Lawrence Disin was improper.

Bougainville Chief Magistrate Peter Toliken last week swore in Mr Disin as the new chief administrator for Bougainville, chaired by ABG President John Momis who advised that the appointment was proper because ABG was the legitimate appointing authority.

Mr Momis said that the National Government was ill-advised by the legal advisers on the issue of ABG's administrator's position.

But the Attorney-General's office in Port Moresby on Friday denied allegations from Mr Momis last Friday that they gave bad advice to the National Government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government on the law surrounding the appointment of the chief administrator.

"The National Government has top legal advisers who work on the Bougainville issue and cannot be accused of ill-advising the National Government.

The office of the Attorney-General said the ABG is the appointing authority, but "the powers have not been fully drawn down for Bougainville."

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Source: Post-Courier - Reader's Comment

Show these visitors we appreciate them

THERE is a marvellous sense of goodwill about our country and its people from many people of other lands. It is a goodwill that we must promote and protect.

Currently, we have two major efforts going on in our rural areas to help the welfare of our less fortunate citizens.

One is the Youth With a Mission group and their Mercy Ship service to the Gulf Province.

The other is the combining of military forces from Australia, the United States of America and our own Defence Force, in East New Britain.

Many people in Madang and other parts will remember the excellent assistance from the American armed forces visit there a couple of years ago.

Also at this time, Japanese road and bridge builders are doing it hard in the tough conditions of rural Bougainville, spearheading a major rebuilding campaign in that crisis-ravaged domain.

There have been attacks on the Japanese in Bougainville, reportedly from drunken young men. Other foreign workers have been assailed by the tiny minority of troublemakers in the past, also.

This is where our leaders at all levels have to make their presence felt. When these people come to our country, working on projects that help our people, we must be able to guarantee their safety and freedom from interference.

We in the news industry can do our bit, but it really requires the on-the-spot efforts of those who have accepted leadership roles in our society, to influence our people.

From national government ministers and MPs, down through the provincial government and local level ranks, to village court officers and village "committees", we need these leaders to welcome the foreigners and to ensure that all of our people are understanding of the sacrifice being made by the visitors.

It is the visits of people such as these that can go a long way to countering the effects of our well known urban "rascal gangs" and the barbed wire mentality of those who visit Port Moresby, Lae and Mt Hagen.

When foreigners come to help our rural people with, for example, reading glasses, dental work, roads and

bridges, rice-growing and tropical crops, we who are to benefit should do our utmost to protect the visitors. It is not good enough to say, in effect, "oh, they're going to our neighbours down the road, it's not our project" and then rob them or vandalise their property.

The right attitude to take is the attitude that any such development work will help all of us, in one way or the other. When these aid workers return home, they will take impressions of us.

If we have shown our best side, we will benefit as a nation and as a people.

However, if we allow our discontented layabouts in the village, the ones who spend much of their time getting high on home-brewed alcohol or smoking marijuana, to wreak harm on the visitors, we will lose the great benefits that come from these visitors.

Let us not kid ourselves. For the many in our rural settings, things like dental repair, reading glasses for the elderly and the like, are precious services.

These are things that are extremely hard to get from our own government services.

This is why people come to help us, when they get to hear about our shortcomings.

If you have an elderly uncle or grandfather who has been struggling to survive in the village without good sight, or somebody who has been enduring dental agony for weeks or months, you will appreciate what such help can do.

For those who are living where these services are being rendered, we urge you to do your bit to protect and welcome these people. Show them we appreciate what they are doing.

06.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville set for games

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville is geared up for the ABG Games that are to be held in Buin in December.

This is the third ABG Games; the first was at Arawa while the second was held in Buka.

There are games going on in each constituency within the three regions. The constituency games will be held from the 13th to the 17th of this month for the chance to participate in the regional games on the 13th to the 17th of October.

The October games will be for each region and will also be for the Governors cup for North Bougainville. At the regional games in October selection of the players will be done to go to the ABG Games.

According to the Acting President for the Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation (ABSF), Joseph Mobisi the ABG Games were supposed to be in June to celebrate the Inauguration Day but due to the ABG elections it was deferred to December.

The ABG Games is supported by the Autonomous Bougainville Government which uses sports to bring everyone together.

The main purpose of the ABG Games is to combine the youths in sports and at the same time strengthen peace and reconciliation.

Mr Mobisi said that they are trying to include the Atoll Islands to take part take in the games as well.

Meanwhile there are many codes that have been chosen for the coming ABG Games. They are: athletics, basketball, boxing, darts, kickboxing, netball, paralympics, rugby 9s and 7s, rugby touch, soccer, softball, taekwondo and volleyball.

The Regional Member helped with K50,000 towards the preparation of the sports grounds in Buin and so far the progress is good.

Mr Mobisi says Bougainville has only three months to go and they are looking forward to the games from December 13 to 17.

06.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Tigers reign on island

BOUGAINVILLE'S island of Petats was packed over the weekend to witness a soccer grand final on their island.

For the first time, the islanders had a minister to witness the game- Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso took his family on an island outing and stumbled onto this grand final. He kicked off the game between Pilco Tigers and Zoller Seagulls on Saturday.

The game was made bigger than usual with highly recognised referees to run the matches.

Pilco Tigers retained their title as reigning champions, defeating Zoller Seagulls 2-0.

The game was tough in the first half which saw no goals scored because both teams showed good soccer skills and played hard to cover their opponents.

Pilco Tigers had to break the deadlock and 15 minutes before the end of the game, they scored their first goal. The following ten minutes saw Seagulls with a chance for a goal through a penalty kick. But a score was not possible as Tigers goal keeper Malele Barahun moved fast to deny the attempt.

It was Tigers game throughout the final, Seagulls had their share of opportunities but couldn't find the goal.

06.09.2010

Source: The National

Rains cause food shortage in Buka

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

HEAVY rainfall in the past four months has destroyed food crops and caused food shortage with many resorting to stealing from food gardens in the Haku area of Buka Island, Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Haku council of elders (COE) chairman Timothy Lagom said the stealing of garden food was disrupting the harmonious relationships of families in the area.

"It is a big problem for my assembly because we do not want the community fighting over their gardens once they realise their gardens had been dug up by thieves," Lagom said, adding that the COE had dispatched a team of village assembly officers to the affected areas last week and reports confirmed that thieves were stealing food crops from gardens.

He said a full report would be sent to the region's disaster office for assistance.

He said while a response from the Buka disaster office is yet to be received, families were making contact with their relatives around the country for financial support until the remaining food crops were ready for harvesting later this year.

Vivian Kurangik, mother of three, pleaded to local authorities to address the situation immediately before people start attacking each other or starve.

Kurangik, whose garden was dug up by thieves, said the increase of store goods added with the shortage of food

was putting more strain on families.

04.09.2010

Source: Radio: New Dawn on Bougainville

BE UNITED—SEMOSO

By Tom Kathoa

Regional Member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Hon Fidelis Semoso has called on public servants to keep out of politics.

Minister Semoso said this when calling for unity among all Bougainville politicians and bureaucrats to be united in their struggle for peace on Bougainville.

He said every Bougainvillean should make it their business to work towards peace that would lead to the conduct of the referendum and eventual independence.

The Minister strongly called on all Bougainvillean public servants to stop playing politics urging them to leave politics to politicians.

Mr. Semoso says political discussions between the national and ABG Governments should be left only to

politicians like himself and the ABG President.
Public servants should remain neutral and not to take sides with politicians.

04.09.2010

Source: Radio: New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO REPLIES

By Aloysius Laukai

The Regional member for Bougainville FIDELIS SEMOSO today explained that he has no authority to access ABG funds.

He was replying allegations that he has been using funds.

Monies allocated to the ABG under the Budget is the responsibility of the ABG on how and where to spend it.

MR. SEMOSO said that whatever funds he is using are from his own allocation as the Regional member for Bougainville.

The Regional member also said that he was working with the ABG to secure more funds to develop the region.

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Source: Der Aktionär online

Axel G. Sturm: „Die Bougainville-Copper-Aktie wird sich langfristig extrem verteuern“

Martin Münzenmayer

Die australische Bergbaugesellschaft Bougainville Copper besitzt eine stillgelegte Kupfermine, deren Wiedereröffnung noch in diesem Jahr beschlossen werden könnte. Diese Aussichten nahm der AKTIONÄR als Anlass für ein Interview mit dem Präsidenten der European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC).

Bougainville ist eine etwa 8.800 Quadratkilometer große Insel im Pazifischen Ozean. Gemeinsam mit der 500 Quadratkilometer großen Nachbarinsel Buka bildet sie die einzige autonome Region in Papua Neuguinea. Auf Bougainville befindet sich die Panguna-Mine, die der australischen Bergbaugesellschaft Bougainville Copper gehört. Diese Kupfermine wurde 1989 wegen eines Bürgerkriegs stillgelegt. Eine Wiedereröffnung der Mine könnte noch in diesem Jahr vertraglich besiegelt werden, da der neue Insel-Präsident John Momis an einem solchen Beschluss stark interessiert ist. Diese Aussichten nahm der AKTIONÄR als Anlass für ein Interview mit dem Präsidenten der European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC), Herrn Axel G. Sturm. Die von ihm geführte Vereinigung vertritt die Interessen der europäischen Aktionäre von Bougainville Copper.

DER AKTIONÄR: Am 9. Juni 2010 hat John Momis als Nachfolger von James Tanis das Amt des Präsidenten auf der Insel Bougainville angetreten. Warum will sich Momis für eine Wiedereröffnung der Panguna-Mine einsetzen?

Axel G. Sturm: Die Wiederaufnahme des Minings ist eines der wichtigsten Ziele von Momis, weil er weiß, dass die Inselbewohner nur dadurch zu Wohlstand kommen können. Positiv zu werten ist diesbezüglich, dass Momis bis Anfang dieses Jahres Botschafter von Papua-Neuguinea in China war. Deshalb könnte er eventuell einen Deal mit der chinesischen Regierung bezüglich der Finanzierung der Investitionen vermitteln, die notwendig sind, um die Mine wieder in Betrieb nehmen zu können.

Weiß man schon über die Höhe dieser Investitionen Bescheid?

Gemäß einer Studie, die von der renommierten Beratungsgesellschaft Hatch erstellt wurde, müssen circa drei Milliarden US-Dollar investiert werden, um die Panguna-Mine in Betrieb nehmen zu können. Dieser Betrag ist jedoch aus meiner Sicht eine zu hohe Schätzung. Denn alleine die Kosten für die Unterkünfte der Minenarbeiter wurden zu hoch veranschlagt. Laut Hatch-Kalkulation könnte man dafür Arbeiterwohnungen errichten, deren Standard dem eines 5-Sterne-Hotels entspricht. Da dies aber nicht notwendig ist, rechne ich lediglich mit Kosten von circa 1,5 bis zwei Milliarden US-Dollar.

Wer könnte Ihrer Meinung nach diese Kosten übernehmen?

Eventuell werden die Bergbaukonzerne Rio Tinto und BHP Billiton gemeinsam die Kosten tragen. In diesem Fall dürfte jedoch Rio Tinto den größeren Teil der Kosten übernehmen, da das Unternehmen ohnehin schon mit mehr als 53 Prozent an Bougainville Copper beteiligt ist. Möglich ist aber auch, dass die Weltbank im Rahmen eines Entwicklungshilfeprojekts einen Kredit gewährt oder vermittelt. Auch denkbar ist, dass die Regierung Chinas ein Darlehen zu attraktiven Konditionen gewährt, falls Bougainville Copper im Gegenzug bereit ist, nach der Wiedereröffnung der Mine, Kupfer an China zu Preisen zu liefern, die merklich unter den jeweiligen Marktpreisen liegen. Für die letztgenannte Variante könnte vor allem die örtliche Nähe zwischen dem Lieferanten Papua Neuguinea und dem Abnehmer China sprechen.

Bekanntlich nutzen viele Firmen den Kapitalmarkt, um Geld zu günstigen Konditionen zu beschaffen. Wie wahrscheinlich ist dieses Szenario bei Bougainville Copper bezüglich der Wiederinbetriebnahme der Panguna-Mine?

Eine Kapitalerhöhung und die damit verbundene Gewinnverwässerung würde bei den Kleinaktionären von Bougainville Copper nicht gut ankommen. Möglicherweise läge sie aber auch nicht im Interesse des Großaktionärs Papua Neuguinea oder dessen wahrscheinlichen Rechtsnachfolgers der Autonomen Regierung Bougainvilles. In der Konsequenz hieße das nämlich, dass jeder Aktionär (ob Haupt- oder Kleinaktionär) genötigt wäre, in teils erheblichem Umfang Mittel zur Verfügung zu stellen, um seinen bisherigen prozentualen Beteiligungsanteil zu erhalten. Deshalb glaube ich nicht, dass eine Kapitalerhöhung durchgeführt wird, um das Geld für die notwendigen Investitionen zu beschaffen. Zudem: Viele von den Kleinaktionären sind Bewohner der Insel Bougainville – und mit denen möchte es sich der Mehrheitsaktionär Rio Tinto ganz sicher nicht verscherzen.

Wann könnte der Beschluss für eine Wiedereröffnung der Mine gefasst werden?

Das könnte sogar noch in diesem Jahr passieren. Das sogenannte Bougainville Copper Agreement, das in den kommenden Monaten verhandelt wird, regelt die wirtschaftlichen Rahmenbedingungen der Reaktivierung und des Betriebs Panguna-Mine. Für eine aktualisierte Fassung der bislang gültigen Vereinbarung gibt es bereits passable Entwürfe. Sofern alle Beteiligten (Landeigner, die Regierungen Papua Neuguineas und Bougainvilles sowie Rio Tinto) mit einem dieser Entwürfe einverstanden sind, könnte das neue Bougainville Copper Agreement innerhalb weniger Tage verabschiedet werden.

Was spricht dafür, dass sich der neue Präsident der Insel Bougainville für eine Wiederaufnahme des Minings einsetzen wird?

In den vergangenen Jahren wurde im Rahmen der Friedensverhandlungen auf Bougainville festgelegt, dass die Bevölkerung spätestens 2015 im Rahmen einer Volksabstimmung über die volle Unabhängigkeit der Insel von Papua Neuguinea entscheiden kann. Eine solche Abstimmung kann aber nur durchgeführt werden, wenn die wirtschaftliche Unabhängigkeit der Insel sichergestellt ist. Dies ist jedoch nur möglich durch Einkünfte durch das Mining, denn mit Tourismus und Landwirtschaft können die Inselbewohner allenfalls geringe Einkünfte erzielen. Allein schon die Entscheidung für eine Wiedereröffnung der Mine würde ein beispielloses Investitionsvolumen generieren, das den Bürgern Bougainvilles binnen Kürze einen Aufschwung bescheren würde. Und dieser schon Jahre vor der Förderung der ersten Tonne Kupfer beziehungsweise der ersten Unze Gold und Silber greifen. Angesichts dieses Sachverhalts ist John Momis hochmotiviert, sich für eine Wiedereröffnung der Panguna-Mine einzusetzen.

Wie lange wird es dauern, die Panguna-Mine zu sanieren und die für den Minenbetrieb notwendige Infrastruktur zu schaffen?

Dies wird gemäß meiner Schätzung circa drei bis vier Jahre dauern. Von großer Bedeutung ist aus meiner Sicht, dass die Investitionen für die Sanierung der Mine und die Schaffung der Infrastruktur zunächst einmal eine deutliche Verbesserung des Lebensstandards auf der Insel Bougainville zur Folge haben werden. Denn die notwendigen Arbeiten werden voraussichtlich zu einem großen Teil von Inselbewohnern ausgeführt. Daher bin ich davon überzeugt, dass die Wirtschaft auf Bougainville bereits lange vor der Wiedereröffnung der Panguna-Mine florieren wird. John Momis sieht das sicherlich genauso.

Wie schätzen Sie das Risiko ein, dass Widerstandskämpfer die Wiederinbetriebnahme der Mine verhindern werden?

Dieses Risiko ist aus meiner Sicht eher gering. Zum einen, weil es nur noch wenige gewaltbereite Inselbewohner gibt, die gegen eine erneute Eröffnung der Mine sind. Um zum anderen, weil Momis den wenigen noch verbliebenen Gegnern klar machen wird, dass sie letztendlich von der Wiederaufnahme des Minings auch persönlich enorm profitieren werden. Schon vor zwei Jahren haben die europäischen Aktionäre vorgeschlagen, ehemalige Widerstandskämpfer als Sicherheitsdienstmitarbeiter in der Mine einzusetzen. Ich nehme an, dass der erfahrene Diplomat Momis schon eine geeignete Strategie ausgearbeitet hat, um alle Seiten zufrieden zu stellen.

In welchem Zeitraum könnte Bougainville Copper Kredite tilgen, die für die Wiedereröffnung der Panguna-Mine gewährt werden?

Ich gehe davon aus, dass das Unternehmen die Kredite innerhalb von fünf Jahren tilgen kann, sofern während dieses Zeitraums keine Dividenden ausgeschüttet werden. Nach der Tilgung der Kredite dürfte Bougainville Copper dann eine stattliche Dividende zahlen.

Was hat das Rio Tinto-Management bislang bezüglich einer möglichen Wiedereröffnung der Panguna-Mine gesagt?

Diesbezüglich haben sich die Vorstände des britisch-australischen Bergbauunternehmens bis vor Kurzem vollkommen bedeckt gehalten. Vor wenigen Tagen hat allerdings Rio Tinto-Vorstandschef Tom Albanese in einem Interview mit dem Wirtschaftsmagazin Business Standard eingeräumt, dass die Kupferpreise auf mittlere und längere Sicht weit über den Produktionskosten liegen werden. Der Business Standard folgert daraus, dass das Rio Tinto-Management zukünftig die Bemühungen um eine Wiedereröffnung der Panguna-Mine aktiv vorantreiben wird. Schon vor Jahren hatte der Rohstoffkonzern Rio Tinto verlauten lassen, dass sein Bougainville-Copper-Aktienpaket die „Perle“ in seinem Beteiligungsportfolio sei. Dafür, dass diese Einschätzung noch immer aktuell ist, spricht das Rio Tinto seinen Anteil an Bougainville Copper im vergangenen Jahr klammheimlich um eine Million Aktien erhöht hat.

Warum sollten Anleger jetzt bei Bougainville Copper einsteigen?

Fakt ist, dass der aktuelle Kurs der Aktie deren inneren Wert keineswegs widerspiegelt. In diesem Zusammenhang muss man bedenken, dass Bougainville Copper mit der Panguna-Mine über eine der weltweit größten Kupferminen verfügt. Schätzungen zufolge kann in der Mine nach ihrer Wiederinbetriebnahme noch mindestens 35 Jahre lang Kupfer abgebaut werden. Von großer Bedeutung ist zudem, dass Bougainville Copper Schürflizenzen für weitere sieben Gebiete auf der Insel besitzt. Eines davon ist das Atamo-Areal, dessen Reserven laut Expertenmeinungen noch größer sein könnten als die des Panguna-Gebiets. Der Clou ist, dass bislang über das Unternehmen in australischen Medien kaum berichtet wurde und sich nur wenige Analysten mit Bougainville Copper beschäftigen. Dies könnte sich jedoch mittelfristig ändern, was einen merklichen Kursanstieg der Aktie zur Folge haben dürfte.

Wie schätzen Sie das Chance-Risiko-Verhältnis der Aktie ein?

In den kommenden fünf Jahren wird sich die Aktie gemäß meiner Einschätzung extrem verteuern. Aber unabhängig davon müssen Anleger, die sich Bougainville-Copper-Aktien ins Depot packen, immer auch mit einer sehr volatilen Kursentwicklung rechnen. Denn auch in Zukunft kann es bei dem Unternehmen sowohl positive Überraschungen als auch Verzögerungen geben. Alles in allem sind die Perspektiven von Bougainville Copper derzeit aber positiver denn je.

Viele interessante Hintergrundinformationen zu Bougainville Copper finden Anleger auf der [Internetseite der European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper \(ESBC\)](#).

03.09.2010

Source: ESBC

Neues Interview zu Bougainville Copper in DER AKTIONÄR online !

Dem Vernehmen nach soll heute Abend oder morgen erneut ein Interview mit ESBC-Präsident Axel G. Sturm auf der Homepage des AKTIONÄR erscheinen. Nach den Erfahrungen mit der Veröffentlichung des [Print Artikels in DER AKTIONÄR vor zwei Wochen](#) ist dann möglicherweise wieder mit einem üppigen Kursaufschlag Anfang der nächsten Woche zu rechnen. Investoren sollten also ernsthaft überlegen, ob sie die günstigen heutigen Kurse für einen Nachkauf nutzen.

[Homepage DER AKTIONÄR](#)

03.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HEAVY RAIN

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Region is currently having heavy rain and flooding in all its rivers. Cars are having trouble coming into Buka from Buin and Arawa. Yesterday many cars were stranded on both side of the Asitavi river. This morning two cars were nearly washed away as they were trying to cross the Asitavi river. Cars from Arawa managed to reach Buka very late in the afternoon yesterday.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

POWER TO APPOINT

By Aloysius Laukai

The power to appoint the Chief Administrator for Bougainville rests solely on the Autonomous Bougainville Government according to the ABG President JOHN MOMIS.

He says section 14 on the Organic Law on Peace building provides that the Bougainville Government shall consult the Departmental Head of the Department responsible for Personal Management matters before appointing a person to be the most senior Public officer responsible for public service matters on Bougainville.

The ABG president made these remarks at the hand over take over ceremony of the new Bougainville Chief Administrator, LAWRENCE DISING this morning.

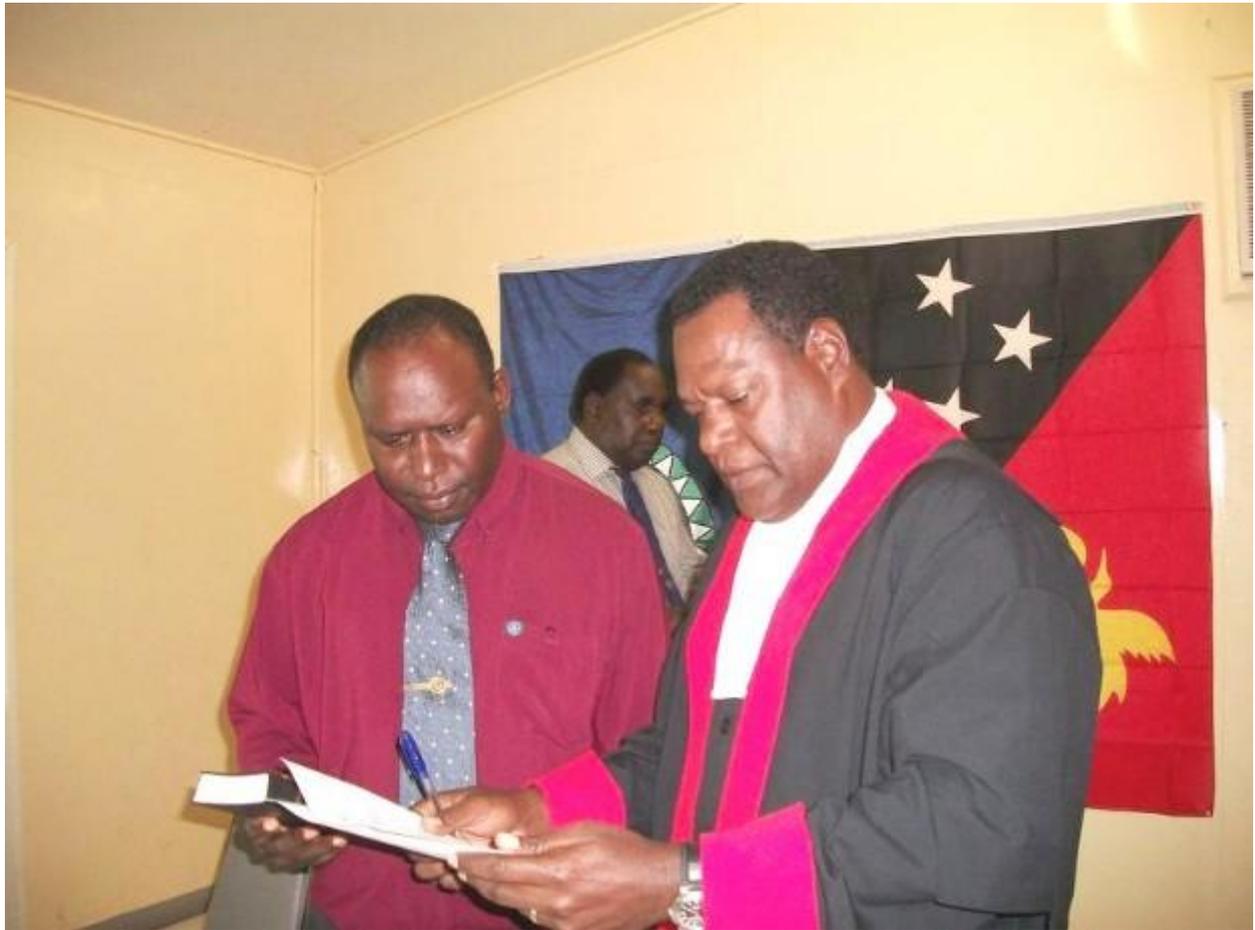
He told the gathering that the ABG did consult before the decision was made by the BEC to appoint the Chief Administrator.

MR. MOMIS said that before the new ABG government can move forward it must address the issue of the chief administrator which has been hanging in the last three years.

The new Administrator was sworn in by Bougainville's Provincial Magistrate Peter Toliken.



Police Chief Eluh, Lawrence Dising, Patrick Koles and President John Momis



New Administrator Lawrence Dising (left) swears in front of Magistrate Peter Toliken

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

WANT CHANGES

By Aloysius Laukai

The newly appointed Chief Administrator for Bougainville LAWRENCE DISING has vowed to install discipline in the Bougainville Administration.

MR. DISING said that the Administration has lost its focus after the death of the former Administrator, Late PETER TSIMALILI three years ago.

He made these remarks at the Handover take over ceremony at the Administrator's Office Conference Room this morning.

MR. DISING said that the Bougainville Administration would continue to support the ABG in its endeavours to move the region forward.

MR. DISING whilst thanking the Acting Chief Administrator PATRICK KOLES and RAYMOND MASONO for their work said that he would still need them as his senior officers in the Bougainville Administration.

The new Chief Administrator said that the Administrations immediate task was to support the ABG to implement its policies on Peace and Weapons disposal so that there is conducive environment for Referendum to take place.

MR. DISING also said that he would be looking at improving the performance of the Administration without making any new recruitment.

He promised also to review the job of the Regional Commissioners within the Administration structure.



Lawyer Chris Siriosi signs the handover instruments as the NEW CHIEF WATCHES (LEFT) with the outgoing Chief Patrick Koles (right)

03.09.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Koles support

By Aloysius Laukai

The outgoing Acting Chief Administrator for Bougainville, PATRICK KOLES has vowed to work with the new Chief Administrator in his substantive position as the Deputy Administrator for Bougainville.

MR. KOLES said that he accepted the decision of the Bougainville Executive Council to appoint MR. DISING as the new Administrator for Bougainville.

He was speaking at the handover ceremony this morning.

MR. KOLES said that he has been working with MR. Dising since and during the reconstruction and rebuilding days after the Bougainville conflict as the CEO for Health to re-establish Health services throughout the region.

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Source: ESBC

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PLEASE BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IF YOU INTEND TO DO ANY BUSINESS WITH PERSONS FROM EUROPE! VERY OFTEN THESE PERSONS HAVE AN EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL CAREER AT HOME AND ONLY COME TO SMALL PACIFIC COUNTRIES TO TRICK THE LOCAL PEOPLE. DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM OF THOSE PERSONS WITHOUT ANY SCRUPLE! DO NOT BE MISLEAD BY THEIR DECLARATIONS OR THE FACT THAT THESE PERSONS KEEP UP GOOD PRIVATE RELATIONS TO LOCALS: VERY OFTEN THESE PERSONS ONLY PRETEND TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORLDWIDE RELATIONS TO TOP GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS ETC. – IN MOST OF THESE CASES THIS IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE!

BE AWARE THAT THESE PERSONS WILL ONLY COME TO YOU TO STEAL YOUR MONEY! IN CASE OF ANY DOUBT PLEASE ASK THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE FRENCH EMBASSY OR THE UK HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HELP. THEY ARE ALL BASED IN PORT MORESBY. YOU ALSO CAN CONTACT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN CANBERRA/AUSTRALIA FOR REFERENCES. ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO DO ANY CONTRACT WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS: INFORM YOURSELF ON THE REPUTATION OF YOUR PARTNERS IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FIRST! DO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD!

01.09.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Appointment not proper

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Department of Personnel Management in Port Moresby yesterday advised the process for the appointment of the chief administrator was still being carried out, therefore the announcement of the new head was improper.

But DPM also advised that because the issue of the appointment of the chief administrator for Bougainville was sensitive, they did not want to get themselves involved in the controversy. Officials advised they would seek explanation and clarification from the Autonomous Bougainville Government. This was because the chief administrator is the National Government representative on the ground and the National Executive Council will have to recommend to the ABG, which will then approve and Cabinet will announce the appointment. Yesterday DPM officials also explained that last year, out of the official list submitted, containing names such as Kapeatu Puaria, Dr Rodney Kameata, Damien Rapese and Lawrence Dising to name a few, NEC made a recommendation to the last ABG House of Representative but the choice was rejected. That's why they had to get back to the drawing board to re-advertise the position. Last week ABG provincial executive council chairman and President John Momis said a new administrator had been appointed and would take office on September 1.

A press release was issued to news organisations regarding the appointment of Lawrence Dising as the new administrator. But Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso said this had to be discussed first.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SHIP COMING

By Aloysius Laukai

The office of the Border Development Authority is recruiting Crews in preparation of the launching of a new ship that is to service Bougainville and the Atolls.

The 500 Tonne and 45metre ship to be operational in November this year has been named as MV BOUGAINVILLE ATOLLS.

A statement from the Border Development Office in Buka states that they want a Captain (master a Chief Engineer, Second Engineer, a chief Officer, two Bosuns, two able seamen (Deck hand) one Motor man and one cook.

Applications for these positions can be collected from the Buka office.

Applicants must apply to the Regional Cordinator, Border Development Authority P.O.BOX 808, BUKA.

The Coordinator can be contacted on telephone 9480877 OR BMobile 76842179.

Persons who have lodged their applications are also requested to go the office and get their applications and re-submit their applications.

They should also include their CVs and referees.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HANDOVER POSTPONED

By Aloysius Laukai

The Handover ceremony for the Newly appointed Bougainville's chief Administrator did not eventuate as scheduled this morning.

The programme was scheduled to TEN AM this morning but when our reporter arrived at the venue there was no one to be seen.

We got reports that the ceremony was deferred to a later date.

No reasons were given for the sudden postponement.

New Dawn FM understands that the deferral could be to further consult with the National Government the appointment.

The Regional member last week told a press conference citing irregularities in making the appointment.

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Source: Panguna Landowner Association (PLA)

[Financial evaluation of Bougainville Copper Limited established in January 2010.](#)

[Finanzielle Bewertung von Bougainville Copper Limited, erstellt im Januar 2010.](#)

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30.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CHINA TO SUPPORT ABG

By Aloysius Laukai in Beijing

The ABG and the SHANGHAI Chamber of Commerce this morning signed two separate Memorandum of Understandings to allow Business transactions to start between CHINA and Bougainville Bussinesmen, The two agreements would be for Shipping to commence between Shangai and Kieta International wharf for business to commence as soon as practicable.

As China is a big consumer of goods from other countries Bougainville is set to benefit from this direct shipping link.

The Agreements were signed after a Seminar was held in Shanghai this morning in which the ABG presented its Economic Policy to kick start and develop its economic recovery.

The Deputy Administrator, RAYNMOND MASONO presented the policy to more than fifty Businessmen and including Government Officials.

MR MASONO stressed that the ABG welcomes joint ventures with credible business people and that Bougainville would not allow stand alone outside businesses.

More news and story on the China trip shortly.



President MOMIS with flowers presented to him and his delegation at Shanghai airport last Thursday at 5pm after arriving from Manila.

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Women security celebrated
By Veronica Hannette

The 10 years anniversary of the United Nation Women Security council Resolution, UNSCR was commemorated with a Music Festival at Buka's Hutjena oval today. During his speech, UNDP technical Advisor, Anthony Agyenta said it was an achievement for UNSCR 10 years on and women should hold their head up high and be proud. Mr. Agyenta expressed his gratitude to all women in Bougainville for taking the lead in upholding the resolution and celebrating the day. He said that the event is also an eye opener for other women. The challenge now is for the ABG Minister for Community Development Rose Pihei to drive their agenda. Mr. Agyenta urged everyone to support the Minister.

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People told to uphold food ban
By Joyce Tohui

The Bougainville Health Division is calling on everyone in the region to respect the ban on cooked food

items and ice blocks in the open markets.

The ban was imposed by the Bougainville Cholera Task Force to minimize the spread and possible outbreak of cholera in the region.

Environmental Health Officer with Provincial Health, Motoru Memeho, says the sale of prohibited food items are also not allowed in the rural markets. That ban is still in force in the township of Buka, according to the Buka Urban Council.

Mr. Memeho says the Provincial Health Office is responsible for markets in the rural communities. Cholera awareness have been carried out by the Bougainville Cholera Task Force in various rural communities.

He says sale of the ban food items is a recipe for cholera outbreak in Bougainville.

And he urged everyone to maintain healthy living and take heed of the awareness done by the Bougainville Cholera Task Force.

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Health awareness lacking

By Joyce Tohui

Rural communities in Bougainville face the risk of contracting the cholera disease because the health division lacks manpower to carry out effective awareness.

Sources from the health division say the current manpower shortage cannot allow them to carryout ongoing awareness at rural communities. The lack of awareness is posing serious risks for the outbreak of the disease.

The ban on cooked food items and ice blocks is still on.

The source also revealed that there are only four District Health Officers in the region.

Plans are underway for new recruits subject to the availability of funding. New Dawn FM News understands all Departments in Bougainville need funding to carry out their work effectively.

29.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Concerns raised on slow work on Buka market

By Joyce Tohui

Concerns have been raised on the slow progress with the maintenance of the main Buka town market. It has taken almost two years to complete the upgrading.

The upgrading project was expected to finish within three months since the launch last February. The current temporary market is faced with overcrowding and marketing activities are often affected during wet seasons.

A spokesman Thomas Nokunei tells New Dawn FM News that market users are finding it difficult to cope with the current situation.

He has called on the contractors to speed up the upgrading project.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Population growth affects Nissan

By Joyce Tohui

Nissan Island is facing serious land shortage because its population is growing rapidly.

The islanders are currently experiencing food shortage because there is not enough land to cultivate food crops.

Peter Dosti with the Nissan Nehan Development Foundation says problems related to the shortage of land can be minimizing if the people take heed of the rising population.

He says a big family size is a major contributing factor to the increase in population. He says the islanders should consider available land space and plan their family.

Mr. Dosti is calling on the Government and other partners in the region to carry out awareness on family planning and land matters

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Life styles diseases on the rise in Bougainville

By Maria Laukai

Lifestyle diseases are on the rise in the region of Bougainville. That's according to a research done by Bougainville Health division and four experts from Australia.

The research done in 2009 reveals a good number of public servants in the Bougainville administration will face attacks from various lifestyle diseases.

The findings were revealed by Dr Joe Vilosi, who was a member of the research team. The main types of life style diseases are high blood pressure and diabetes.

Lifestyle diseases are self-inflicted with the consumption of imported food products and the ignorant practice of harmful westernized behaviors.

Those living in the urban centers were as the next to be affected.

He says high income leads people to spend recklessly on factory made products that attract all forms of lifestyle diseases. Two villages in the region have high intake of sugar and also faced with the dilemma.

The government is urged to use the findings to tackle the disease.

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Source: Post-Courier

Scrap metal war heats up

By TODAGIA KELOLA

THE "fight" for ownership of the scrap metal in Bougainville heats up between two local companies.

Dorani Scrap Metal Limited and Bakoko International Commodities Ltd registered with IPA are both claiming that the scrap metal that is now on its way to South Korea belongs to them and not the other party.

Yesterday, Bakoko the company that allegedly helped a foreign investor from India to ship the K1.5 million worth of scrap metal out of Bougainville refuted claims that their action was illegal.

In an exclusive interview, the group led by Gideon Bana an ex-combatant and director of the company said they never stole the scrap metal nor shipped it out illegally.

"We were the ones that collected the goods while we were with Dorani, so we did not steal it, the ship sailed into Lohoho and was cleared by customs and when it departed it was cleared by the ABG," he said

Papers provided showed that relevant Government agencies had approved the ship to sail in and out of Bougainville waters.

Flanked by, Charles Synod, a shipping agent on the island and investor Roshan Sunny, Mr Bana said: "The company (Bakoko) is owned by ex-combatants who have over the last four years, cut and stockpiled scrap metal to sell to prospective local and overseas buyers.

"Before the formation of Bakoko, another company called Dorani Scrap Metals Ltd was mandated by the ex-combatants to facilitate the sale of scrap metal at Loloho port."

Dorani Scrap Metal Ltd director, Jonah Matevai refuted all the claims by Bana and said his overseas investor HS World Wide International had spent millions to stockpile the scrap metal which included his machinery to bring everything to Loloho and while waiting for clearance by ABG for him to ship this cargo out, the Indian national moved in and influenced employees of Dorani to form a company and take over the goods.

"I am challenging Bakoko and its investor, why didn't he come with his machinery if he claims to has the money and gather the scrap metal, and then he can ship it out without controversy. Instead he has influenced the ex-combatants within three months only for them to register their company and take out the goods that legally belong to Dorani Limited who had never allowed this ex employees to be owners of the metal" he said

He said Dorani is a family company started by him and his brother and they employed others to give them jobs but unfortunately others think that they can take over their operations.



The fight for ownership of the scrap metal in Bougainville heats up between two local companies. Gideon Bana (top) ex-combatant says his group did not steal the scrap metal while Jonah Matevai says the scrap metal belongs to his company.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Women Roles in Society

By Veronica Hannette

A session focused on gender issues affecting the roles of women in the society under the United Nations Women Security 1325 Resolution was held today.

The Security Council is a commitment made by the member states to take action on specific issues on women.

The workshop based particularly on the post crisis that was experienced and to recap on boosting the women roles.

In today's session participants realized that women plays a vital part in the community yet that have been left in silence.

Some of the highlights mentioned were, overlook of women excess to involvements within their reach, gender based violence and women fooled into polygamy.

Discussions were about the future changes reflecting the post crisis period.

And suggestions were raised on including reconsidering the participation of women under the UN Security resolution.

28.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Passage of vessel illegal

By TODAGIA KELOLA

AN APPROVAL by the President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, John Momis for the safe and unhindered passage of a vessel laden with K1.5 million worth of scrap metal out of Bougainville was illegal. But the president in an interview with this reporter said he had to take this action to avoid a confrontation by warring factions over the ownership of the scrap metal and that they would resolve the matter if the boat was released with the cargo.

"I was assured by the other faction that they will resolve the matter amicably by sharing the proceeds among both parties equally which prompted me to give the approval" he said.

Responsible Government authorities on the ground, the Internal Revenue Commission, Customs and the police also confirmed this yesterday saying the Vietnamese registered vessel had entered the waters of Bougainville illegally and allegedly loaded stolen scrap metal and was given approval to leave illegally by the ABG which was a matter of serious concern.

"Because the situation is very sensitive and involves two very powerful warlords arguing and using firearms, the situation had to be eased by the release of the vessel," police in Bougainville advised.

The President's office however advised Momis approved the release of the vessel because the faction in charge had presented their case to him and also to avoid killings and a further confrontation.

The MV NGOC SON (Vietnam Flag) had allegedly entered Bougainville via Solomon Islands without proper inward and outward customs clearance. The ship, according to a report compiled by a committee of five from the ABG House of Representative was brought in by a foreigner from India who had formed an unregistered company with prominent warlords from Arawa.

The foreigner with the assistance of the warlords had taken possession of the scrap metal which belonged to a registered local company Dorani Scrap Metal Ltd who was dealing with an American-based company and had used their resources to gather the scrap metal at Loloho storage.

The faction according to the report had used arms to take possession of the goods and loaded it on to the ship. It is now on its way to South Korea but the Indian national was stopped in Port Moresby by police after a complaint was laid by Dorani Scrap Metal alleging theft on his part.

President Momis also said that BCL had given all scrap metal to the ABG and from now on, no foreigner should go directly to the people to buy their goods but must seek the approval of the ABG so that such incidents are avoided in the future.

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Source: Post-Courier

For the love of my brother

By VERONICA HANNETTE

In times of peril or crises, there are many amazing stories of courage.

Here is one heart rending epic that will tug at your heart strings and burst your tear ducts because it did not happen in a war far from our homeland.

It happened right here in PNG, on Bougainville Island where Papua New Guineans were pitted against each other because of a foreign company's exploitation of the local people's mineral wealth drove the peasant population to rise up against the foreign invader.

Set in Buka, it tells the story of a brother and a sister and their fight to survive against an invading army, the mercenary army and finally the liberation army. This is the story of one innocent woman, her courage in the face of overwhelming odds and brave search to find her captive brother.

It is a story of love and compassion, real guts against live guns, a story that ends sadly 10 years after the crisis in a painful way.

In 1988, Panguna landowners, led by Francis Ona rebelled against the Rio Tinto owned Bougainville Copper Mine. Angered by environmental damages, they claimed compensation and took up arms to back their claims and forced the massive copper mine to its knees that Christmas.

Further fuelled by secessionist sentiments, the fight spread and soon engulfed the entire Bougainville Island as the Bougainville Revolutionary Army took command of the situation.

War broke out and the killings started when the PNG Government deployed its security forces to the island

to crush the rebellion.

Caught in between were the innocent families and many were killed by both opposing forces. It was 1989 and everyone was fleeing for their lives when John Omi and his sister Monica Kora found themselves caught up in the conflict.

The brother and sister were from Ieta, the village that owns Buka Town on the island north of the Bougainville mainland.

The BRA had established a force and foothold in Buka and was very active there, mainly in terrorizing and keeping the local population on its side.

Monica is the last born of a family of 8. John was before her. Both had been teachers before the crisis and had taught in other provinces of PNG before returning to Buka.

It is natural for last born siblings to stick together in life and to Monica, John was like a 'small brother' even though he was 10 years older.

The dreadful day came when the BRA accused the former government teacher of spying for the government forces, taken from Ieta and imprisoned at Hutjena. News reached Monica on a Sunday after mass that John was taken prisoner by the BRA. The crisis was at its peak forcing civilians to flee seeking shelter in care centers in Mission stations.

After church service, Monica made her way to Hutjena, it was tense but with just the rosary beads in her hand, she pleaded with the BRA to see her brother. She headed straight to the police station where John has kept captive. Monica politely asked to see her brother but was forbidden. She then begged for his location and was directed to a guard room.

When she reached the room there was no opening except a door. Worried, she began searching the area for her brother. At that time she was also told that the commander was out with the keys so it was a waste of her time coming.

With tears rolling down her cheeks, she begged for mercy to see her brother at least for a minute.

Convinced by her determination, a BRA soldier took Monica to a small window to speak to John.

Even though they were separated by a cell block, the BRA surrounded her with guns, threatening to lock her up too if she said anything wrong.

In John's mind he thought that this was the end of them both, moments passed and not a word came out of their mouths.

In great pain, he finally muttered: "sori steret sister bilong mi, yu kam na lukim me ah na maski bai mi tupela bai dai tasol long hia nau." (I'm sorry my sister, you have come to visit me. It looks like we will both die here). But such words only inspired Monica to get her brother out of the cell. She said a prayer of hope as she walked back to Hahela Catholic Mission.

The next day John was brought to his relatives at the main village but he was in so much pain from the severe beatings.

Deep in his sister's heart she was praying that her brother would be okay even though his appearance was really bad.

The war was raging and by May, 1989, the BRA mounted a raid on Ieta searching for alleged informers and traitors. On hearing this, Monica swung into action, taking her brother on her shoulder and half dragging him to safety.

They could see their village on fire and hear the gunshots. John was in so much pain but Monica grabbed him tightly and could not let go as they struggled through the bush tracks to get away from the crazed gunmen who had ransacked their village on May 29.

It took a whole day for them to walk to the mission station at Hahela.

There was no medication and John was crying out in constant pain. The next morning the BRA men came to Hahela Mission but Monica stood firm that no-one would touch her badly injured and crippled brother. Seeing the fight in this feisty woman, the BRA had met their match and gave up trying to take their ex-prisoner. The next day, Monica determined to take her brother to Hangan village to seek traditional medication.

Leaving him in the care of relatives at Hangan, Monica journeyed back to Hahela by the beach roads, all the time hoping and praying that there would be no BRA in her path.

In 1990 a care centre was established at Hahela where villagers sought refuge and Monica - the brave woman who never gave up - returned to Hangan to bring her brother back. All this she did on her own strength, carrying him on her shoulder and willing him on when he faltered in his steps.

Both settled till the first ceasefire in 1994 and moved back to Ieta after the second ceasefire in 1999.

The scars of the conflict still haunted brother and sister as they tried to settle back into life. Buka had become the administrative centre of Bougainville and Ieta was being rebuilt.

But John's mental and physical condition was still very poor due to a lack of proper medication.

At age 72, on October 22, 2009, John passed away in Ieta. Monica cried her heart out, her tears flowing in endless streams like the Buka Passage. His death ended a close brother and sister relationship from birth.

Last Friday, by a simple wooden cross at Ieta, Monica Kora said a silent prayer of thanks, and laid a wreath of flowers for the brother she loved so much she was willing to risk her own life to save him from the BRA aggressors.

John is survived by his wife and two children. Monica, now 62 and a grandmother, lives with her husband and three children in Ieta. A fourth child now lives in Lae, Morobe Province.

As for the BRA who cruelly beat up John, Monica has not forgiven their harsh treatment of her innocent brother.

But John's children have forgiven the former BRA soldiers who mistreated their father and beat him up badly saying it is time to heal the wounds and move on in life.

According to his elder son, the crisis has come to pass that they do not want the past to haunt them.

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Source: Post-Courier

ABG group off to China

By GORETHY KENNETH

A BOUGAINVILLE delegation of 37, led by Autonomous Bougainville Government President John Momis, left for China yesterday for a trade show in various parts of that country.

The team, comprising ABG political and business leaders and a cultural group, left Port Moresby late yesterday for China to participate in a year-long expo that has been on-going in that country.

They will be visiting Shanghai, Beijing and various other places to show case the cultures and business potentials of Bougainville.

They will also aim to learn from China their ways of doing business, its technology and see what they can bring back for Bougainville.

Businessmen who were part of the delegation told the Post-Courier yesterday that they were travelling on the invitation of both the Chinese Government and the ABG and said the trip would be a plus and a worthwhile learning making for them.

Mr Momis, travelling with his wife Elizabeth, were accompanying the cultural group and businessmen because they are familiar with that country as he served as PNG's Ambassador to China based in Beijing.

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Source: Post-Courier

Increasing firearms worry police chief

THE increasing number of firearms that are in the hands of ordinary citizens in Bougainville has become a major concern for the region's top cop.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Thomas Eluh has also raised concerns over the use of firearms in public, a clear breach of the Bougainville Peace Agreement.

Mr Eluh specifically talked about the use of firearms in Arawa where a man was killed and families of the victims retaliated and another incident recently where ABG President John Momis' body guard fired gunshots at a night club in Buka, causing the public to retaliate.

Mr Eluh is calling on all Bougainvillean leaders, the ABG, the village chiefs, communities, parents and youths to find ways of removing the arms from the community, the youths and individuals.

He is also appealing to the ABG to seriously address the issue of firearms and weapons used in public.

"My main concern is about the number of firearms that are in the hands of ordinary citizens. I appeal to the ABG to find ways of removing the arms from the community and also every Bougainvillean is duty bound to contribute towards the issue at hand," Mr Eluh said.

"The removal of firearms would pave the way for investors and more development to come to Bougainville.

"I am urging everyone not to talk about complicated ways of weapons disposal but use the traditional chiefs and our customs to sort out the issue.

"We should work together to come up with strategies to dispose off weapons in and around Bougainville to return the island back to its glory days.

"That's when we can discuss about autonomy and independence, otherwise we are not ready for autonomy

and independence.”

Mr Eluh also raised concern about drink driving on Bougainville roads. He urged all drivers to be more cautious when under the influence of alcohol. He said this after two people were killed in a fatal traffic accident near the Buka airport last week.

“The public should consider the value of life and the suffering caused by irresponsible driving under the influence of alcohol which will lead to long term effect of traumatised victims of such traffic accidents,” he said.

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Source: Post-Courier

Hope for people with HIV

By Veronica Hannette

PEOPLE living with HIV on Bougainville have established an association to look after their interests. The association, called Friends of Bougainville, will look after their interests and welfare while they live with the virus.

The association will operate under the main PNG organisation for people living with HIV and AIDS. Bougainville AIDS Committee Care and Counseling co-ordinator May Matanu told the Post Courier that the association was formed with the help of Care International and the Bougainville Provincial AIDS Committee. Mrs Matanu said currently the association has 10 HIV positive members but the number would increase once the number of confirmed cases increases.

She said the association would be responsible for sourcing assistance for the members from other partner association outside Bougainville.

The association was formed recently in Arawa, Central Bougainville.

Mrs Matanu also called on other people living with HIV and AIDS to join the association and get medication because there is treatment available that can minimise the effects of HIV on the body and help those living with the virus to live normal lives.

The Bougainville AIDS Council is calling on everyone to support the development and work of the recently established association.

The association was established to provide care and support to people living with HIV and AIDS. A recent meeting has included five more people living with HIV to the association.

People have been urged to undergo voluntary counseling and testing of their blood.

Mrs Matanu says the recent awareness in the Arawa, Kieta Districts has drawn positive responses.

She said many people living with HIV were able to get support and treatment after knowing their status.

Meanwhile, the Bougainville AIDS Council is planning to involve the People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in their next constituency visits that are scheduled for Hagogohe and Tsitalato.

Mrs Matanu said they are using the people living with HIV and AIDS to share their testimonies and help the people to come forward for check-ups.

Mrs Matanu said those people living with the virus are now in their respective communities and will be called upon to participate during the visits.

The Provincial AIDS Council hopes to attract more people for blood tests from the stories that will be shared by those living with the virus, Mrs Matanu said.

Meanwhile, the voluntary counselling and testing mobile teams are still conducting their visits in the communities.

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Source: ESBC Research

Semoso wants to see the Panguna mine to re-open soon!

On Wednesday, Fidelis Semoso, the Papua New Guinea Minister for Bougainville Affairs met with Panguna Landowners (PLA) and Landowners from other Bougainville Copper lease areas in Port Moresby. He reiterated his stand on wanting to see an impact project get off the ground for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, a project that will “create employment for our youth, rebuild our schools and health services but most importantly boost the economy of the region”. In this respect he made his previous stand clear that

he will want to see the Panguna mine re-open at the earliest opportunity. This means that he wants to see the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) review fast tracked. To this end he is committed to assisting the Panguna landowners to get them organized.

In this regard the Minister has directed to Lawrence Daveona to arrange for PLA representatives from each of the six mine lease areas to come to Buka for two days of consultation with him to tell him what they want.

He told the landowners who were present to the meeting that he does not waste time saying that Panguna landowner's issue has been there before the crisis and is still there and no one has really attended to them. With the BCA review Panguna landowners are the major stake holders. He maintains that the problem is not "our Bougainville people" but "us the elected leaders of Bougainville", whether it is ABG or the National Government or both.

Semoso commented further that during his travels through out the island he has found out that the general feeling is that Panguna mine must be re-open, there is no other way for Bougainville to move forward. The Minister concluded his remarks to those of the landowners representing the mine leases by challenging them to give him tangible project submissions to push through the Government system for funding. To this effect the landowners assured him that he will be getting these soon.

He also was already given the cost estimates for this first meeting that he wants to have in Buka.

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Source: Post-Courier

Gold buyer robbed in Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

A GOLD buyer was robbed in one Central Bougainville village by thugs who walked away with K65,000. Police confirmed the incident happened at Karato where a Bougainvillean gold buyer was robbed but could not elaborate.

A serious warning has been given to gold buyers and those interested to be careful when entering certain areas of Bougainville because there are now criminal activities in parts of Central Bougainville where youths are stealing from gold buyers.

The warning was given to gold buyers entering Karato because there has been an increase in criminal activities towards Atamo and Manetai by youths. People of Karato told the Post-Courier the money was retrieved but less K5000 and the suspect apprehended with strict punishment.

"This was a very unusual," the concerned Karato people said.

"The question rose why resort to criminal activities while the land has resources, stealing is not the Bougainville way.

"Nature and norms in Karato does not and will not accept outsiders influencing youths of Karato into such lazy ways of robbing people bringing in services into the community.

"The victim will raise this with the member of Karato to seek ways to control these activities.

"Cash was returned after three days with the help of the strong Mekamui faction and the chief leader of Dosiana clan. "There will be reconciliation in December with a clan group meeting to organise the community and planning. About 10 clan chiefs have been meeting to look for ways to curb these activities and recommendations will soon be made to the ABG.

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Source: Post-Courier

Study finds syphilis on the rise in Buka

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Bougainville Provincial AIDS Council's HIV/AIDS roll out program undertaken in two constituencies of north Bougainville has found syphilis is on the increase.

BPAC undertook a door to door voluntary, counselling and testing (VCT) at Haku and the Halia constituencies of Buka district – north Bougainville.

They only had K20,000 to carry out the roll out but proved very successful because the turnout was excellent according to BPAC boss Ray Himata.

They seriously need a major funding from the Autonomous Bougainville Government and assistance from outside to conduct and continue this roll out, to cover Hagogohe, Tsitalato, Peit, Tonsu, Selau /Suir, Tinups and the Atolls before heading to Central and South Bougainville.

But BPAC hesitantly advised yesterday that according to their roll out statistics in Haku and Halia, the most affected areas where syphilis was found to be the major threat was the welfare area of Eltupan.

Mr Himata said the statistics and the report will be made public very soon, but confirmed syphilis was a major threat to the population of Haku and Halia.

He could not detail the latter but also confirmed the youngest affected was 11 years old and the oldest tested was 80 years.

Yesterday, non-government organisations in Buka appealed to the ABG and the National Government to intervene because these people were the future of Bougainville who have been affected with the disease.

"Both government's have to intervene and help because if it is true most youngsters affected with syphilis and are students, this is a worry," leaders of Haku said.

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Source: Post-Courier

Semoso helps FM radio

By REUBEN KALAUNG

FREE information dissemination is very vital for development in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. That was the remark made by Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso when presenting a K10,000 to 95.3 New Dawn FM.

The funds will go towards infra-structural capacity for Bougainville's only community radio station.

Mr Semoso said there was need for free flow of information to every citizen in the region.

He urged his other colleague members of the National Parliament and the Autonomous Bougainville Government to support agencies that relay information to the people. Mr Semoso stressed the need for information on political and other developments.

He said since 1989, information dissemination in the region had gone backwards.

Embracing the funding assistance, New Dawn manager Aloysius Laukai thanked Mr Semoso for his support.

He said the semi-commercial radio station was established to help the region with information and entertainment in its post conflict approach.

Mr Laukai says the funding is the first of its kind from a politician, and will go towards the upgrading of the radio station's broadcast capacity.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville delegation departs for China

By REUBEN KALAUNG

A delegation of over thirty Bougainvilleans departed for China today. It was led by the Autonomous Bougainville Government President Chief John Momis.

The delegation is on a mission to source better markets in China for various agriculture and marine commodities for the region. The bulk of travel expenses was met the PNG Embassy in China.

The delegation comprised members from the Autonomous Bougainville Government, the region's administration, and the private sector. A few businessmen financed their own travel across to China.

Businessman and media owner Aloysius Laukai says the trip will be of great help to ordinary people in the

region as sourcing better markets was high on the agenda.

The Bougainville region will also be promoted as the next best holiday destination for tourism activities.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville Games update

By THOMAS KATHOA

Preparations for the upcoming ABG Games in Buin, South Bougainville towards the end of this year is progressing according to schedule with regions conducting their selection trials in their respective areas. Reporter Tom Kathoa returned today from Tinputz, where he witnessed the trial games being conducted there.

Insert; The Tinputz trial games kicked off yesterday after being officially opened by the ABG Member for Taunira/Tinputz and Minister for Works Transport and Communication, Hon Carolus Ketsimur in front of a capacity vocal crowd.

The theme of the tournament is quote, "Peace through Sports" end of quote, calls for total commitment not only from sports men and women, but also, to all the people of Bougainville to work towards peace building in the region.

Minister Ketsimur appealed to sports men and women NOT to take sports only as an entertainment, but to take it more seriously as a means to develop them physically, mentally and spiritually and even make a living out of it.

Several leaders in the region have urged sports organizers to make sports an industry, generating its own revenue to sustain itself and Not to rely heavily on government handouts.

Sports selectors have a difficult task in picking the best athletes and sports men and women to represent their respective regions and sports organizations in the Buin ABG Games on the 13th of December this year.

Nearly all sporting codes are being represented at the Tinputz select games, but kick boxing had to be axed at the eleventh hour due to inadequate facilities and equipment.

Meanwhile, Care International, an NGO Organization which has its office in Tinputz is assisting the tournament with the provisions of sports equipments.

The games at Tinputz Station are being attended by sports men and women from the four constituencies of Selau, Suir, Taunira/Tinputz and Taunira/Teop will end with the announcing of the select squad on Friday, this week.

A similar tournament is also being conducted at Haku for Halia, Hagogohe, Peits, Tonsu and Taitalato Constituencies this week while Arawa in Central Bougainville has completed through a similar process selection last week.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Panguna complete Games

By REUBEN KALAUNG

The last frontier, Panguna District, has soared to the front as the first to complete their selection games for the 3rd ABG Games in Buin come December. All games for the Central Bougainville region were completed last weekend.

Panguna was categorised under zone two with Wakunai district.

A media statement from the office of the Member for Eivo/Torau says the three day event was more than just sports and was historical. True spirit of peace was promoted and felt by all participants.

In the same spirit, the Panguna district administration is calling on the Autonomous Bougainville Government to help the district through the mobilisation of youths in sporting activities. They specifically want the government to support its rehabilitation sports development program.

New Dawn FM News understands the ABG Games aims to promote unification amongst all Bougainvilleans as part of its ongoing peace building and restoration exercises.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Disaster officials arrived in Buka

By CYNTHIA TOKIAPRON

A team from the National Disaster Office, NDO, has arrived in Buka today to make awareness on their work in the region. They will also meet with the new members of the Bougainville Disaster Office. Major part of the visit will involve visits to certain areas in the region including Karoola in the Halia Constituency. Karoola is the site allocated for resettlement of islanders affected by rising sea level. They will conduct a workshop on the impacts of climate change and how it affects livelihood. The public is invited to attend.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville address Security resolution

By Veronica Hannette

Gender specialist with United Nations Development Fund for Women, UNIFEM, Margot Szamier arrived in Buka today. She is here to educate women in the region on their rights under the UN Security resolution. A workshop on that topic will be held at the Lemankua Guest House tomorrow. She will talk about the resolution's relevance in Bougainville. Ms. Szamier paid courtesy visits to various offices in Buka upon her arrival.

Bougainville will celebrate the security resolution with a music festival schedule for Friday at Hutjena oval.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BAN ON COOKED FOOD ITEMS STILL ON

By Joyce Tohui

The sale of cooked food items and ice blocks are still not allowed in the open markets.

The ban was imposed by the Bougainville Cholera Task Force to minimize the spread and possible outbreak of cholera in the region.

Environmental Health Officer with Buka Urban Council, Deloudes Semoso, says cooked food items will be allowed back on the markets when the ban is lifted.

Ms. Semoso says the Buka Urban Council is responsible only for markets and vendors in the Buka Township, while the Bougainville Health Division is responsible for rural communities.

New Dawn FM News will seek advice from the Health Division soon.

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Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville police restructure

THE Assistant Commissioner of Police in Bougainville Thomas Eluh hopes a restructure of the service, predicted to cost K45 million, will begin next year.

Mr Eluh said in the five months that he's been with Bougainville police, the force has been operating without a chain of command.

He said until key positions of authority are filled, the long-running problems of lawlessness in Bougainville will persist.

Mr Eluh said to make the restructuring financially possible it's been broken into four phases over a 10 to 12 year period.

"So the first phase of our restructure which hopefully is estimated at about K6 million, we have done the paperwork and it is now with the National Treasury in Port Moresby, hopefully they can find money to assist us next year to get the restructure rolling," he said.

ACP Eluh, an experienced police officer with Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) for more than 30 years, said a well-resourced police service will be able to deliver effective policing work in the region.

"The current resources cannot handle the entire region especially with guns still in the community. More manpower is needed. There is no command-and-control," he said.

He told Bougainvilleans that problems in the region can only be solved by themselves and not by outsiders. The restructure will beef up police manpower and infrastructure capacity for effective delivery of policing services.

It aims to address manpower, housing, police station and posts, transport, communications, information technology, and community auxiliary police.

The Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) has endorsed the police plan. The first phase of the plan has been approved by the Joint Supervisory Meeting in Port Moresby in August this year. That phase will require K6 million to implement, and has been approved for funding by the National Government in its 2011 budget.

ACP Eluh says an implementation group will be established to oversee the project whose activities will be scrutinised by a high level steering committee.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bana High School reopens

BY RK/ML

Good news for students, parents and citizens for students attending Bana High School in South Bougainville. The school has re-opened its doors for normal academic year.

The school was forced to close its doors last week following claims by landowners over non payment of land fees by the government.

Local authorities in Bana told New Dawn FM today, negotiations between the landowners and the Government succeeded in the return of the school keys and the subsequent re-opening of the school.

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Source: RadioNew Dawn of Bougainville

Purple Day

By Veronica Hannette

Women around the world will unite in Purple to commemorate the United Nation Security Council Resolution schedule for Friday.

The resolution is a tool that can be used to ask the Government to lift the representation of women in politics and other levels.

Leitana Nehan Women Development Agency under the theme WHY DO WOMEN MATTER has chosen purple as the color representing women.

The purple color aims to encourage women to stand firm in the United Nations Security Resolution to make better decisions at different levels they serve in.

The event will be held at Hutjena.

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Source: RadioNew Dawn of Bougainville

BOUG FRIENDS

By Aloysius Laukai

People living with HIV on Bougainville have established an Association to look after their interests as People Living with HIV and Aids.

The Association named as "Friends of Bougainville" to look after their interests and welfare whilst they are still alive.

This Association would operate under the main PNG Organization for People Living with HIV called "there is hope".

This was revealed today by Bougainville Aids Committees Care and Counseling Coordinator, MRS. MAY MATANU.

She told New Dawn FM today that the Association was formed with the help of Care International and the Bougainville Provincial Aids Committee.

MRS. MATANU said that currently the Association has ten HIV Positive members but the number would increase once the number of confirmed cases increases.

She said that the Association would be responsible of sourcing assistance for the members from other partner association outside of Bougainville.

The Association was formed recently in Arawa.

MRS. MATANAU also called on other persons living with HIV to come and join the Association and get medication as HIV now has treatment that can support them to work as other people with No HIV.

25.10.2010

Source: ESBC Research

President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government to meet PNG Prime Minister today.

John Momis, the President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government, is in Port Moresby today. He will meet Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare for in-depth consultations on further steps of bringing progress and economic recovery to Bougainville. Mr. Momis is accompanied by Mr. Fidelis Semoso, the PNG Minister of Bougainville Affairs.

An agenda of the talks has not been published yet, but it is supposed that the two leaders will discuss on the Bougainville Copper Agreement issue and the lifting of the moratorium of exploration on Bougainville as well.

Both are related to the draw down of mining power and the transfer of the PNG hold BCL shares to the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB). It is quite probable that President Somare will also meet BCL representatives in Port Moresby. Both statesmen, Prime Minister Somare and President Momis are friends since many years. Perhaps they may also discuss the ESBC's proposal of charging Sir Michael's son, minister of Public Enterprises, Arthur Somare, with the task of mining resumption in Bougainville.

25.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Foreigner faces arrest for 'theft'

By TODAGIA KELOLA

POLICE are expected to pick up a foreigner today and question him over his role in the sale of scrap metals on the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

The man is an Indian national whose passport and travelling documents were confiscated by police for been allegedly involved in the multi-million kina theft of scrap metal on Bougainville.

This was confirmed by NCD and Central Commander Assistant Commissioner Fred Sheekiot yesterday.

Police acted after it was reported that a ship load of scrap metal worth more than K1.5 million was shipped out of Loloho in Central Bougainville illegally and was on its way to Singapore. An overseas investor and buyer who claim to have spent over K5 million to gather the scrap metal said the action by the Indian man and his cohorts was illegal and they have reported the matter to the police. The investor, an American

company HS Worldwide Metal Inc and local company Dorani Scrap Limited had also gone out of their way to get an interim injunction in the National Court to stop the shipment until all outstanding issues are dealt with but the ship is already half way to its destination after being given clearance by PNG Customs and the ABG.

This has prompted the local company to lay a complaint with police in Buka and Port Moresby for the dealer to be detained for alleged theft.

The Indian national believed to be the agent in the deal was stopped at the Jackson Airport by police and his passport and travelling documents confiscated and he will be formally interviewed today by the National Fraud Squad. Documents revealed that ABG senior leaders and politicians supported the American company and its partners in taking out an injunctive order stating that they have followed all the legal requirements.

25.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Mine talks on hold with JSB

THE delay in the Joint Supervisory Body meeting between the National Government and the ABG is now affecting the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

The Bougainville executive council under president John Momis has begun discussing issues relating to mining in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville and high on agenda is the BCA review, which is supposed to have been on-going if the last three JSB's had not been cancelled.

Momis' policy review announced recently states, the review process is the first step in order for Bougainvilleans to work with the other major stakeholders-the National Government and BCL. In the review process, issues like Bougainville Copper Agreement, compensation, environment, training, business opportunities for Bougainvilleans, and revenue sharing with landowners and the Bougainville government will be addressed.

At the same time, the BEC will be considering the future of the moratorium on mineral exploration in Bougainville.

25.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Togel laid to rest in Buka

BOUGAINVILLE leaders finally laid one of the region's former leaders - James Togel to rest at his wife's Malis village, Gogohe over the weekend.

ABG President John Momis missed the burial on Saturday afternoon because he had to travel to Port Moresby to meet with the Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare.

But ABG leaders and the Bougainville Administrator Lawrence Disin and his executives were present. Togel's life history was cited again at Gogohe for the public and his people to hear-the fact that he was instrumental in successfully setting up 40 provincial governments in Bougainville and how he was so particular about the leadership of Bougainville.

He is survived by wife Juliana, daughters Nelia and Juliet and son James Jr.

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Source: Post-Courier

Giving mosquito nets to people

MORE than 118,500 treated mosquito nets have been distributed through out Bougainville, the Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM) have reported. Reports at the weekend has detailed the break up of the nets distributed so far as - North - 51,000, Central - 27,900 and South - 39,600. Distribution in south and central Bougainville had been a little bit hard because of logistics and the locations of villages.

25.10.2010

Source: manager magazin

Börsenfusion

Singapur bietet Milliarden für Sydney

Die Börsen von Singapur und Australien wollen fusionieren. Damit entstünde der fünftgrößte Börsenbetreiber der Welt. Die Australier rechnen mit Zustimmung zu dem rund 8,4 Milliarden Dollar schweren Gebot, die Singapur-Dominanz stößt aber auch auf Skepsis.

Singapur - Die Börsen von Singapur und Australien wollen in einem Milliardengeschäft fusionieren und einen der größten Aktienhandelsplätze der Welt schaffen. Mit dem Zusammenschluss entstünde die zweitgrößte Börse in Asien nach Tokio und der fünftgrößte gelistete Börsenbetreiber weltweit, teilten die handelseinigen Partner am Montag mit.

Singapore Exchange Ltd (SGX) bietet 8,4 Milliarden australische Dollar (5,9 Mrd Euro) für den Rivalen Australian Securities Exchange Ltd (ASX) in Sydney.

Das entspricht einem Aufschlag von 37 Prozent zum letzten Schlusskurs vor der Ankündigung. Die ASX-Aktien legten 19 Prozent zu. Die Fusion muss von den Aufsichtsbehörden genehmigt werden.

Nach Angaben der beiden Börsen würden auf den Plattformen zusammen 2700 Unternehmen aus 20 Ländern gelistet, darunter 200 aus China und Hongkong. Zusammen hätten die beiden Plätze einen Börsenwert von 12,3 Milliarden US-Dollar (8,8 Mrd Euro). "Singapore Exchange Limited und ASX Limited kombinieren (ihre Geschäfte), um die beste Börse im Asien-Pazifik-Raum zu schaffen - dem Herzen des Weltwirtschaftswachstums", teilte SGX mit.

Australische Wettbewerbschüter entspannt

Die 23-Prozent-Beteiligung der Singapur Regierung an SGX sahen Analysten zunächst als Stolperstein. Das australische Gremium, das Auslandsinvestitionen überwacht, müsste zustimmen. Derzeit besteht für die ASX eine Obergrenze von 15 Prozent Aktien-Anteil pro Anteilseigner, die aufgehoben werden müsste. Die australischen Wettbewerbschüter ließen schon grünes Licht erkennen. "Wir hätten dies nicht angekündigt, wenn wir nicht damit rechnen würden, dass die Genehmigung erteilt wird", meinte ASX-Chef Robert Elstone.

Er würde in der neuen Börse den Chefsessel seinem Kollegen Magnus Böcker aus Singapur überlassen. "Dies wird die führende internationale Börse der Region", meinte Böcker. "Zweifellos eine historische Konsolidierung."

Stephen Mayne, ein Interessenvertreter von Kleinaktionären in Australien, war nicht begeistert. "Die Singapur Regierung hat schon Anlagen in Höhe von 30 Milliarden australischen Dollar in Australien - mehr, als die kommerziellen Vermögenswerte der australischen Regierung", meinte er. "Es wird mit Sicherheit eine lebhafte Debatte geben, bevor es dafür grünes Licht gibt."

23.10.2010

Source: [OWEN](#) / [SCHATTENBLICK](#) Oktober 2010

Helen Damu Hakena -

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22.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville needs own human resources

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE needs to prepare itself, especially groom its home-grown human resource to work in the mine if the Panguna copper mine re-opens.

European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC), several developing partners and the civil society organisations have raised concerns that Bougainville cannot just sit back and watch outsiders groom themselves for the re-opening of the Bougainville copper mine or any other mining activities in the region. Developing partners working in the region have also raised the same issue of ABG preparing its human capacity instead of recruiting from outside the expertise like the case when the BCL was in operation, more than 80 per cent employees of the Panguna mine were from all over PNG and abroad.

"ABG cannot pretend that all is well, we all have a duty and role to play in Bougainville, we are here to help and all we need is a concerted effort from everyone. We need to start talking about training human expertise, we need to train our own men and women to prepare them for the re-opening of not necessarily the Bougainville copper mine only, but any mine that will open or any major impact projects in the region," developing partners raised. That goes to say, we need to set up our own training colleges here, we need to set up more institutions here in Bougainville, we got to move fast."

ESBC president Axel G. Sturm this week urged both the National Government and ABG to consider the Joint Supervisory Body meeting to be split into two parts - a special JSB dealing only with an extraordinary responsibility of Bougainville Copper Agreement Review and the JSB dealing with all matters other than BCA Review.

"This way the BCA Review will get the focus it deserves," Mr Sturm said.

Bougainville needs a perfect power team. All political leaders of ABG and PNG were elected in a correct way. But unfortunately there are still some individuals or even small groups who are interested in their own welfare than in public welfare. These persons have difficulty in accepting the outcome of elections and decisions of the majority."

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Source: Post-Courier

Rebuild college in Arawa

THE decision to rebuild the Arawa Technical College in Tinputz in North Bougainville by Autonomous Bougainville Government has not gone down well with all.

Former minister for finance, treasury and planning in the ABG Mathias Salas said in a statement yesterday that the decision to relocate the college was conveyed to the people of Central Bougainville by the chief executive officer of the ABG division of education Bruno Babato in Arawa last week.

In 2008, the National Government made a commitment of K48 million to fund the re-construction of the Arawa Technical College. This commitment as announced by the Assistant Secretary for Technical Services Jay Banda during a visit to Arawa.

Immediately, after the visit, the Kieta district administration established a task force to oversee the formulation of the memorandum of understanding and to address other related issues.

Since this visit, the ABG administration has had over two years to facilitate the reconstruction of the former college. In 2008 the ABG appropriated a total of K100,000 to carry out scoping work on the former college site.

Mr Salas has said that the people of Arawa do not have any problems in regard to this land as it is part of the land leased by Bougainville Copper Ltd and the company still pays lease rentals to the National Government.

Moreover, the Arawa Technical College is a registered and an existing college, whose initial establishment is covered under the provision of Mining (Bougainville Copper Agreement) Act 1967, section 10 (a).

Mr Salas said relocating the college was an administrative function that rests with the ABG administration. He warned the ABG administration to refrain from blaming the people of Arawa to cover up for its incompetence.

He claimed that the whole saga smells fishy as there seems to be a hint of political manipulation in the decision to relocate the college to Tinputz.

22.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO SUPPORT MOMIS

By Aloysius Laukai

Regional Member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO has called on the people of Bougainville to support the ABG government of President JOHN MOMIS. He told a gathering in Tinputz at the weekend that Bougainville will continue to struggle as it does not have the necessary finance to carry out its work.

MR. SEMOSO said that Bougainville can move forward once the PAPNGUNA MINE is re-opened.

He said that he had sighted a letter written by the ABG President JOHN MOMIS for the National Government to speed up the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review.

The Regional member said that he fully supported the move by the ABG President to fast-track the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review.

He said that whilst the ABG was working on this impact project the National Government members must continue to support the ABG by assisting the people.

MR. SEMOSO said that since 2007 the National Government has approved more than SEVENTEEN MILLION KINA to the Open members and these funds should be used to develop the rural areas.

22.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

WORLD VISION BUKA

By Aloysius Laukai

World Vision is one organization that is still working on a lot of Community Projects on Bougainville. Their Water and Sanitation program has moved from Buka and its smaller islands to the mainland Bougainville. They are now in Kunua and Torokina and would need a new boat to move quickly to project sites.

They are also working on HIV and Aids Awareness in the West coast of Bougainville.

Last week they tested this new boat pictured that will assist them to move fast to assist the people. They are also working on building VIP toilets in the rural areas. They are true friends of Bougainville in these difficult times.

Pictured is their new boat being tested at the Buka waterfront.

22.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SAFETY FIRST

By Aloysius Laukai

A local safety officer Xavior Tsiwa today called on the residents of Buka town to be mindful of safety and make sure they have safety gear in case of Emergency.

MR. TSIWA told New Dawn FM this afternoon that he was concerned at the safety standard currently available in Buka town.

He said many houses were built very close to each other and this could be very dangerous in times of fire.

MR. TSIWA said that BUKA Town does not have a Fire Service and this makes it very hard for owners of buildings to save their properties if a fire occurs.

On the safety of workers he said many building contractors were not even making sure that their employees had safety gear whilst at construction sites.

21.10.2010
Source: Post-Courier

Mainland Holdings helps Bougainvilleans
By GORETHY KENNETH

A CONTAINER full of flour from Mainland Holdings in Lae has arrived in Buka this week, ready to be distributed to the islanders whose food supply was affected by heavy rains. Mainland Holdings has donated 20 tons of 2.5 kilograms of their 3 Roses brand flour to the people of Bougainville who had been badly affected by the change in weather patterns since August. Many people on the islands of Petats, Matsungan, Pororan, Saposia and villages in Haku, Halia, Hagogohe, Tsitalato, Selau/Suir, parts of Tinputs and mainland central Bougainville went hungry for more than two months because the change in weather patterns badly affected their food gardens.



Mainland Holdings, which sells more than 20 tonnes of one kilogram and 10 kilogram flour bags to Bougainville every month, has decided to give something back to the people of Bougainville in their time of need.

Daniel Kairat, NGI sales manager for Mainland Holdings, was in Buka recently to present to Bougainville disaster authorities the donation which will mostly benefit the island population of Bougainville.

Bougainvillean leaders also took the opportunity to challenge every other company working or operating on Bougainville to be sincere and give back to the people of Bougainville.

Mr Kairat thanked Consort Shipping for shipping the 24-foot container full of flour free of charge.

20.10.2010
Source: ESBC Press Release 20101020

Bougainville Needs a Perfect Power Team!

An Interview with the President of the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper.

Question:

The Panguna mine shall re-open within the next years say nearly all stakeholders concerned. Are you satisfied about that?

Axel G. Sturm:

Not yet. I will be satisfied if Panguna will be on production again and earn money for all stakeholders – especially for those who live in Bougainville and who are still in need.

Question:

Are you not interested in maximum gains for the BCL shareholders?

Axel G. Sturm:

All investors who buy shares of a company are interested in earning money. One can earn money by soaring share prices and with dividends. But the investment in the Bougainville Copper Project is a bit different compared to other companies. Panguna is really an outstanding win/win project for all: for the

shareholders (dividends), for the ABG and PNG government (taxes), for the Panguna landowners (royalties) and last but not least for all the people of Bougainville, because they will find well-paid jobs and they will benefit from better infrastructure as there are better roads, high-standard healthcare, good communications, schools etc. . I am convinced that in five years from now Bougainville will become a flourishing hotspot in the Pacific. Already the preparations of the mine re-opening will bring an enormous amount of money to the island that will be invested in housing, roads, harbours, hospitals, schools and more. Local businesses will revive and the daily life will become much easier and more pleasant on Bougainville. That's for sure! Please let me add this: A good education always pays – for the individual and for the community where the child is brought up. As President of the ESBC and to establish my credentials I recently made a personal contribution of K10,000 to the Bougainville Copper Foundation for education. But what we as shareholders can do for a small number of Bougainvilleans is little compared with what the mining company can do for all Bougainvilleans. Money from the mine can make sure no Bougainvillean is deprived of education for want of money. I would like the BCA to be signed sooner rather than later so today's kids start getting the benefit of education.

Question:

The Joint Supervisory Board (JSB) meeting has been postponed several times. The main issue of this JSB should have been the preparation of the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review which we have been hearing about for some five years. Are you disappointed about that?

Axel G. Sturm:

Yes, of course because it was absolutely not helpful for Bougainville's image in the world. Perhaps those who are responsible for that mess are not aware that the world's eyes are focussed on Bougainville. But, I am particularly sad because with every day that is lost the people of Bougainville have to wait longer for a change to better times. I think all the people should have the benefit of this already announced positive change as soon as possible. Bougainville today is still in agony: the local news have constant reports of people who die too early because of absence of health care, who drink too much home-brew, who smoke Marihuana and so on; I consider this as a symptom of lack of hope for the future. I also feel very sad when I see photographs of people walking without shoes on unsealed roads. All Bougainville and PNG leaders, the Panguna landowners and the BCL management should be aware of this and do their very best to speed up the re-opening of Panguna. The positive change is in their hands. I am really fed up of reading about food shortage, insufficient health-care, mother and infant mortality and lack of security. That's a tragedy for a region that lives on a giant treasure of copper, gold and silver.

Question:

How do you judge the role and the performance of the actual leaders?

Axel G. Sturm:

All leaders concerned were elected in a fair and democratic way. I think it was great evidence of the mature democratic mind of the Bougainvilleans when they voted for an very experienced statesman like John Momis as president. I also appreciate very much the role of Fidelis Semoso. He does a lot for the people of Bougainville. Unfortunately the National Government charged him to represent PNG in the JSB meetings. That was not really a brilliant idea. Mr. Semoso is Bougainvillean. In so far he easily could become a subject of wilful allegations from PNG regarding his work. I would prefer to see the Minister of Public Enterprises, Mr. Arthur Somare, as PNG representative in the JSB meetings. He comes from East Sepik Province and is absolutely not supposed to face allegations of selfish partiality one day. As Minister for Public Enterprises he is in charge of the Bougainville Copper Project as well because PNG holds nearly 20 percent of the BCL shares. Furthermore: His admirable feat in the PNG Liquid Gas Project proved that he is the best one to handle such a big deal. President Momis and Minister Somare could be a very successful dream team to bring the things forward. Bougainville needs such an efficient power team now! Both should jointly head the JSB meetings in the future and push the re-opening of Panguna forward. By the way: A couple of days ago I wrote to Mr. Momis and to Mr. Somare to make this proposal to them.

Question:

Do you believe that this can happen?

Axel G. Sturm:

I believe that this would be the best and most efficient way to bring things forward in Bougainville. All political leaders of ABG and PNG were elected in a correct way. But unfortunately there are still some individuals or even small groups that are more interested in their own advantage than in public welfare. These persons have difficulty in accepting the outcome of all elections and decisions of the majority elected. Perhaps some people still have to learn this. Mr. Momis has an overwhelming and recent mandate from Bougainvilleans. The JSB needs to be split into two JSB: A special JSB dealing only with an extraordinary responsibility of BCA Review and the JSB dealing with all matters other than BCA Review. This way the BCA Review will get the focus it deserves.

Question:

What's your vision on the future of Bougainville Copper?

Axel G. Sturm:

Well, let me put it like this: I hope that all major stakeholders will become totally aware of their social and public responsibility and that they will meet minimum once a month and take fast and wise decisions. They have to face the challenge now. I strongly hope that the re-opening of the Panguna mine will be agreed as soon as possible and that the exploration moratorium will be lifted very soon as well. I also hope that the leaders will do their very best to provide easy access for the people on the ground to buy Bougainville Copper shares. BCL shares represent a once in a lifetime wealth creation opportunity for all Bougainvilleans and PNG Nationals that could see the shares go up from AUD1 now to above AUD30 in four years. Furthermore: If every Bougainvillean owns a small part of the BCL leases the company can become a really big family. Also citizens from homeland PNG should invest in BCL shares and become members of Bougainville-Copper-Family as well. That would be the best reconciliations after all these years of unrest.

20.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS ON TOGEL

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG President, JOHN MOMIS said today that the late JAMES TOGEL left behind a legacy of dedicated service and integrity which were the hallmark of his life.

He was one of the outstanding Bougainvillean University graduates who pioneered the North Solomons Provincial Government working with DR. ALEXIS SAREI, LEO HANNETT and MR. MOMIS before PNG became independent.

He was a man of visionary who dreamed dreams and was prepared to accept the consequences which his dreams.

MR. MOMIS said that although the late JAMES TOGEL had depth and width of knowledge and experience, he chose to live an ordinary life, refusing to use his public office to enrich himself.

MR. MOMIS made these comments at the Funeral service of the late JAMES TOGEL at the HAHELA Parish after his casket arrived from Port Moresby this morning.

He was taken to his Holasanpeis village after the funeral service.

His body would be laid to rest this Friday.

Meanwhile, death can be used to reconcile people as it happened this morning.

The Regional Member for Bougainville, FIDELIS SEMOSO and the ABG President JOHN MOMIS were seen this morning shaking hands at the Buka airport whilst waiting for the body of the late JAMES TOGEL. The two have been at loggerheads over JSB matters recently and their meeting this morning is a good sign for Bougainville.

20.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

OGIO FAREWELLS

By Aloysius Laukai

The member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education, MICHAEL OGIO today commended his political rival, Late JAMES TOGEL as a man of Principle and Integrity.

The member made these comments at the Funeral Mass this morning at the HAHELA CATHOLIC CHURCH.

MR. OGIO said that the LATE JAMES TOGEL is the kind of leader Bougainville have produced to serve the people first before their own interest.

He mentioned the likes of the Late President JOSEPH KABUI and other former leaders who came to the world poor and died still poor.

He also mentioned not even entering politics change their beliefs on serving their people.

The member for North Bougainville called on the people of Bougainville to maintain this kind of leadership.

He said leaders must not serve their own selfish interest in the name of the people.

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Source: Post-Courier

Australia plays vital role on Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

AUSTRALIA has spent about K600 million in Bougainville since the ceasefire agreements were signed. There has also been on-going support from Australia over the years, and more assistance has been placed through AusAID programs in education, health, law and justice and indirectly through the social sector programs in the region.

Australia has also funded major development programs throughout the rest of PNG that include a wide range of issues affecting the provinces.

And each year, the Australian Government, through their High Commission, in Port Moresby makes courtesy calls to provinces to give them a chance to witness what they have already been doing or are able to do.

One such visit is that of Australian High Commissioner Ian Kemish who touched down in Buka on Monday to a rousing welcome by a Hangan cultural group at the Buka Airport.

Mr Kemish, accompanied by AusAID Minister Counsellor Stephanie Copus Campbell and other officials are in Bougainville for their first official visit.

They were met by ABG Education Minister John Tabinaman, Bougainville Administrator Lawrence Disin and other dignitaries including the AusAID head on Bougainville, Madeleine Moss and project officer Roslyn Kenneth. The official program of the visit continued yesterday.

20.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Semoso helps FM radio

By REUBEN KALAUNG

FREE information dissemination is very vital for development in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. That was the remark made by Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso when presenting a K10,000 to 95.3 New Dawn FM.

The funds will go towards infra-structural capacity for Bougainville's only community radio station.

Mr Semoso said there was need for free flow of information to every citizen in the region.

He urged his other colleague members of the National Parliamebnt and the Autonomous Bougainville Government to support agencies that relay information to the people. Mr Semoso stressed the need for information on political and other developments.

He said since 1989, information dissemination in the region had gone backwards.

Embracing the funding assistance, New Dawn manager Aloysius Laukai thanked Mr Semoso for his support.

He said the semi-commercial radio station was established to help the region with information and entertainment in its post conflict approach.

Mr Laukai says the funding is the first of its kind from a politician, and will go towards the upgrading of the radio station's broadcast capacity.

20.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Study finds syphilis on the rise in Buka

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Bougainville Provincial AIDS Council's HIV/AIDS roll out program undertaken in two constituencies of north Bougainville has found syphilis is on the increase.

BPAC undertook a door to door voluntary, counselling and testing (VCT) at Haku and the Halia constituencies of Buka district – north Bougainville.

They only had K20,000 to carry out the roll out but proved very successful because the turnout was excellent according to BPAC boss Ray Himata.

They seriously need a major funding from the Autonomous Bougainville Government and assistance from outside to conduct and continue this roll out, to cover Hagogohe, Tsitalato, Peit, Tonsu, Selau /Suir, Tinputs and the Atolls before heading to Central and South Bougainville.

But BPAC hesitantly advised yesterday that according to their roll out statistics in Haku and Halia, the most affected areas where syphilis was found to be the major threat was the welfare area of Eltupan.

Mr Himata said the statistics and the report will be made public very soon, but confirmed syphilis was a major threat to the population of Haku and Halia.

He could not detail the latter but also confirmed the youngest affected was 11 years old and the oldest tested was 80 years.

Yesterday, non-government organisations in Buka appealed to the ABG and the National Government to intervene because these people were the future of Bougainville who have been affected with the disease.

"Both government's have to intervene and help because if it is true most youngsters affected with syphilis and are students, this is a worry," leaders of Haku said.

20.10.2010

Source: The National

Bougainville K45m police plan to boost services

By REUBEN KALAUNG in Buka

BOUGAINVILLE's K45 million police plan will begin in earnest.

The Bougainville Police Service (BPS) is embarking on a major re-structuring exercise that will be implemented over a term of 10-12 years.

A report released by Bougainville Assistant Commissioner of Police Thomas Eluh said the plan had been divided into four phases.

The plan was aimed at providing Bougainville with proper policing service.

Eluh, an experienced police officer with Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) for more than 30 years, was adamant that a well-resourced police service would be able to deliver effective policing work in the region.

"The current resources cannot handle the entire region especially with guns still in the community.

"More manpower is needed.

"There is no command-and-control," Eluh said.

The restructure project will beef up police human resource and infrastructural capacity for effective delivery of policing services.

It also aims at addressing major components of manpower, housing, police station and posts, transport, communications, information technology, and community auxiliary police.

The plan had been endorsed by the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

The first phase of the plan had been approved by the joint supervisory meeting in Port Moresby in August.

That phase will require K6 million to implement, and has been approved for funding by the national government in its 2011 budget.

20.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AUSSIE SUPPORT

By Aloysius Laukai



The Australian High Commissioner, IAN KEMISH (picture) says Australia will continue to support Papua New Guinea and including Bougainville in areas of Education and Health and also Law and Justice sector. He was speaking at a press conference in Buka yesterday after arriving from Port Moresby.

MR. KEMISH said that Australia has provided more the SIX HUNDRED Million kina worth of assistance on Bougainville since the start of restoration of services to Bougainville.

This he said is about 14 percent of the overall assistance to Papua New Guinea.

The High Commissioner said that Australia will continue to assist Bougainville as it moves towards deciding its own future.

He said that Australia has a strong presence on Bougainville through its AUSAID office on Bougainville.

On the visit to Bougainville, The High Commissioner and his delegation visited The Education Office Complex, The Voluntary Confidential Counselling Centre in Hahela and would also open the Ausaid funded Law and Justice facility in Kubu.

The High Commissioner also presented Village Court Uniforms to the Tinputz Community Justice centre.

The Australian delegation return to Port Moresby tomorrow morning.

20.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Contributing factors to HIV

By Veronica Hannette

A one day awareness on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), homebrew, marijuana and HIV/AIDS was held today in Buka town.

The HIV/AIDS Care and Counseling Coordinator in Bougainville May Matanu told New Dawn FM News that the rise in the number of HIV/AIDS infections has many contributing factors.

She said a 2 week VCT visit to the Haku and Halia constituencies has revealed a high number of STI infections. The open awareness was made to urge others to come forward for voluntary blood test in their next visits.

Mrs Matanu added that the Aids council will try to make it possible for people in the remote areas to have the test. Alcohol and marijuana consumption are the major contributing factors in the contraction of STI's and HIV/AIDS.

She says VCT's will allow people to know their HIV status in order to minimize the spread of the dreaded disease.

20.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TOGEL COMING

By Aloysius Laukai

The body of the former North Bougainville member, LATE JAMES TOGEL arrives in Buka tomorrow morning from Port Moresby.

The late JAMES TOGEL died in Manila, Philippines last week whilst receiving medical assistance.

According to tomorrow's program, the ABG President JOHN MOMIS would receive the casket at the Buka airport VIP room and the it will be taken to KUBU the official residence of President Momis to await for the time for the Funeral service that will be held at Hahela Catholic church.

After the service the body would then be transported to HOLASANPEIS village- Gogohe.

Eulogy would be read by MR. PETER KERIA whilst speakers at the funeral would come from the Minister for Higher Education and member for North Bougainville, MICHAEL OGIO and the Regional member for Bougainville and Bougainville Affairs Minister, FIDELIS SEMOSO.

Speech by President MOMIS and a reply by James Togel Junior.

President MOMIS will hand over the body to the family of late James Togel at Holasanpeis village tomorrow.

20.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SUIR HAPPY

By Aloysius Laukai

The member for SUIR, LUKE KARASTON is calling on the National Government members to support the ABG in funding a lot of projects in the rural areas.

He said that whilst the ABG was having problems delivering to the communities, the National members must come in and assist after all they are serving the same people.

The member was speaking at Tekoknih last Sunday to welcome the Regional member for Bougainville. MR. KARASTON said that the ABG is still developing its internal revenue and was not in a position to support many projects in the districts.

Meanwhile, the Regional member, FIDELIS SEMOSO promised to continue to assist the ABG by helping with funds on Education and Health Projects in the Region.

He said that he only gets FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND KINA annually and is trying to cover all areas of Bougainville.

19.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TEKOKNIH

No matter up on the remote parts of Bougainville you will still see them.



Teachers and students from Tekoknih Primary School sing the National Anthem for the visiting member.



Picture of MR. SEMOSO Giving the Cheque to the Schools Principal

19.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PORPOR

The People of Porpor in the Rapoma COE gave this Pig to the Minister for Bougainville Affairs FIDELIS SEMOSO when he visited their area last Saturday. They claimed that MR. SEMOSO is the first Member to visit this area since independence. Picture of the procession to the stage.



18.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

By Aloysius Laukai

The Australian High Commissioner to PNG IAN KEMISH and team arrived in Buka this afternoon for a two-day visit to Bougainville.

Immediately after arriving in Buka they went straight to visit the newly renovated Education Office in Buka. They will visit Education and Law and Justice Projects on Bougainville before returning to Port Moresby.



Pictured is the High Commissioner being welcomed by the Protocol Officer Philip in Buka this afternoon.

18.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO IN TEKOKNIH

By Aloysius Laukai

The Minister for Bougainville Affairs and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO yesterday became the first National Government Minister to visit the people of Tekoknih Sub Parish in the Suir area since the 2007 General Elections.

He went at the invitation of the chairman of the Tekoknih Sub Parish and donated TEN THOUSAND kina towards their new church building project.

The Regional member also donated Five thousand kina each to Tekoknih Primary School and ARAVIA Primary school further inland.

Minister SEMOSO sympathized with the people and questioned where a total of Seventeen million for District Support and Improvement Program (DSIP) funds for North Bougainville have been going to.

The Minister explained that the SOMARE Government after the 2007 Elections designed the DSIP Program so that members can develop their electorates.

He said that if the people he has visited so far have not benefited from these allocations where has all the funds been going to.

The Minister received same comments from the people of Porpor in the Selau district on Saturday.

18.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NO PERSONAL GRUDGES

ABG President JOHN MOMIS says he has no personal grudges with the Regional member for Bougainville, FIDELIS SEMOSO.

And their differences on issues are a sign of mature leadership.

He made these comments during a News Conference last Friday in reply to a news from Radio Bougainville that the JSB has been put off because the President did not want to attend.

MR. MOMIS said that the JSB did not eventuate because the National Government ministers did not come to the meeting.

He said that it was up to the National Government to talk with the ABG and set another date for the meeting.

MR. MOMIS said that officers from the Bougainville Administration went to the airport on two different days to wait for the Ministers but they did not turn up.

18.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Semoso brings hope to PORPOR

By: Tani Tulo

(Office of the Regional Member & Minister for Bougainville Affairs - Buka)

The people of Porpor in the Selau/Suir District of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville had a reason to celebrate on Saturday (16/10/10) as Regional Member and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Fidelis Semoso donated Forty eight thousand kina (K48000.00) towards the development of education and health infrastructure.

The occasion was a historical moment for the people of Porpor as it was the first time a National Leader had given such support to their community since Independence.

Porpor since 1975 has lacked basic Government services. They claimed that they had been neglected by both the National and the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

Porpor Primary school and the community aid-post are both rundown because the community had not taken the initiative to maintain the upkeep of these infrastructures.

Students have been sitting on broken desks while the rundown aidpost has been used as an elementary classroom.

Upon seeing this two months ago in a recent visit, Semoso challenged the community to change their mindset of relying on free government handouts and to embrace unity and self reliance.

He later made a commitment and returned to Porpor on Saturday to honour his commitment.

He challenged the community to work together in partnership with the National Government and the ABG to bring positive development to the area.

“Development is everybody’s responsibility; it is not a sole responsibility of a Member.”

“There should be partnership. We all have a role to play to develop Porpor,” he said.

The Minister also reminded parents of their responsibility to discipline their children and urged them to maintain law and order in the community.

He assured them of the Governments continual support if the community used the money wisely and accordingly for its rightful projects. He warned the community against misuse of public funds and said that he would physically return to Porpor to follow up on the projects.

“You cannot lie to me, because I will personally come and check on these projects,” he said.

He also informed the people of the National Government’s District Support Improvement Program (DSIP) funding, stating that Porpor was not developed because this funding was being misused by Government leaders and public servants.

“This is the first time the Government has allocated funding straight to districts and it is up to members to use it wisely and develop their respective districts,” he said.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Selau Council of Elders, Ken Amsia thanked and praised Semoso for his dedication to his commitment and called on him to continue his good work in assisting communities throughout the region.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Major restructure for Bougainville Police Service

By REUBEN KALAUNG in Buka

The Bougainville Police Service (BPS) is embarking on a major re-structuring exercise that will be implemented over a term of 10-12 years. The restructure project will cost well over K45 million.

A status report collected from the Assistant Commissioner of Bougainville Police Service Thomas Eluh revealed the plan has been divided into four phases in its long term vision. The restructure project is aimed at providing Bougainville with proper policing service.

ACP Eluh, an experienced police officer with Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) for more than 30 years, is adamant that a well-resourced police service will be able to deliver effective policing work in the region.

“The current resources cannot handle the entire region especially with guns still in the community. More manpower is needed. There is no command-and-control,” Mr. Eluh commented. He told Bougainvilleans that problems in the region can only be solved by themselves and not by outsiders.

The restructure project will beef up police human resource and infrastructural capacity for effective delivery of policing services. It also aims at addressing major components of manpower, housing, police station and posts, transport, communications, information technology, and community auxiliary police.

The Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) has endorsed the police plan. The first phase of the plan has been approved by the Joint Supervisory Meeting in Port Moresby August this year. That phase will require K6 million to implement, and has been approved for funding by the national government in its 2011 budget.

ACP Eluh says an implementation group will be established to oversee the project whose activities will be scrutinized by a high level steering committee.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Deputy Sheriff killed in Buka accident

By REUBEN KALAUNG in Buka

PAPUA New Guinea's Deputy Sheriff Warren Grant was killed in a nasty car accident within the perimeters of Buka town over the weekend.

A 3 months old pregnant woman was also killed when the vehicle, a 10 seater landcruiser, they were travelling in lost control and ran off the road adjacent Buka airport.

Buka police confirmed the accident occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning as the vehicle was dropping off friends from a social gathering at Buka's infamous party venue Kenny's Hall. The two casualties were rushed to Buka hospital but died from major organ fractures and serious internal bleeding.

Two women are still in critical condition at the Buka hospital. One of them from the local village of Ieta lost half her tongue when the vehicle rolled several times. A man was discharged on Sunday after receiving medical attention.

The driver escaped with no injuries but surrendered to Buka police after the incident.

The late deputy sheriff headed a team from the National Court that travelled to Buka last week for a public auction. The deceased woman was the second wife of the driver while the driver is the nephew of the late sheriff.

Police say the vehicle was travelling at high speed before its fate. Full investigations into the accident will be done today, however, it is alleged the driver did not have a valid driving licence and was heavily intoxicated. Buka Police Station Commander Chief Sergeant Alex Gunnan said unconfirmed reports have surfaced that the vehicle was transporting more than 10 passengers. He said the driver of the hired vehicle is in police custody and will be charged pending the outcome of the investigations.

18.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Administrator not on payroll

By GORETHY KENNETH

NEWLY appointed Chief Administrator for the Autonomous Bougainville Government Lawrence Disin has not been paid his salaries since he took office.

Bougainville president John Momis said on Friday Mr Disin was not on the payroll since he was officially sworn in on September 2.

Mr Disin has been working for that period without any remuneration package and salary.

"Lawrence Disin since becoming chief administrator has not been paid.

"I would like to know what is happening," said Mr Momis.

Speaking on the issue during a press conference, Mr Momis spoke of how the ABG was the only legal authority to appoint the chief administrator in consultation with the National Government.

Mr Momis explained the consultation process was done since the time of late Peter Tsiamalili – and still maintained ABG had the powers to appoint its own administrator.

"I don't know who is advising the National Government on the appointment of the administrator on Bougainville.

"The Bougainville Peace Agreement quite categorically states that we have the powers to appoint...in other words, the ABG is the appointing authority in consultation with the National Government.

"So it is quite clear that it is the ABG which is the appointing authority.

"The law the National Government talks about refers to the provincial governments in other provinces.

"The Bougainville Autonomous Bougainville Government is the only legitimate appointing authority," said Mr Momis.

The Department of Personnel Management in Port Moresby would not officially comment when approached by the paper on Friday, but only advised they had not had any official papers from the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

18.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Road carnage, a big worry in PNG

Buka town is the headquarters of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. By comparison, Buka is smaller than Arawa but the 9 year Crisis has devastated the latter that the capital had to be shifted to what is commonly referred to as 'small Buka'.

In that town, there are more liquor outlets than in any other town in Papua New Guinea so the accessibility to alcohol for the population is not a problem. This is an issue that the Autonomous Bougainville Government may want to take up but it comes as no surprise that there was a very fatal accident at the road leading to the Buka airport on Saturday night. According to eyewitness accounts, a Toyota land cruiser, with nine people on board, was travelling at very high speed when it ran off the road, rolled five times, sending the occupants flying out of the back door and windows. Consequently, three people are dead; two are on life support, while several others are in critical condition at the Buka General Hospital. According to reports, the nine people, including the deceased were drunk after a night out in Buka town when they ran into trouble.

Sad stories like this are received from all over Papua New Guinea every weekend. In 2006, 3000 motor vehicles accidents were recorded involving 4000 vehicles, sending 2500 people, either to their death or to hospitals.

In 2007, 2287 motor vehicle accidents involving 3504 motor vehicles were recorded and 2064 casualties were sent, either to their death or hospitals.

The National Road Safety Council is still compiling the statistics for the years 2008 and 2009 but the statistics provided is alarming and points to the fact that road accidents is a major killer in the country.

The cost is not only in lives. The injured and dead are also putting a lot of pressure on the public health system, already submerged in a lot of problems. Hospitals and health centres care for the dead and injured, using medicines and supplies at cost that are not usually budgeted.

Then there are the other costs that are associated with road accidents. Deaths by car accidents always lead to compensation demands, tribal fighting and sorcery claims, which also always leads to cold blooded killings.

Then there is also the insurance cost that has to be paid for both the deaths and injuries. The Motor Vehicle

Insurance Limited (MVIL), the company that settles insurance claims from motor vehicle accidents, is very concerned about the growing number of claims it was receiving and to address the situation, it launched the Road Safety, It's Not A Game campaign in August this year.

Statistics unearthed during the campaign from MVIL show that 729 accident claims were registered in 2009 and of those only one claim involved a female driver. From the same source, it was found that speeding and drink driving as accident causes far outweigh any other contributing factors.

The MVIL, though, is not empowered to enforce the motor traffic law and arrest motorists, confiscate their license or impose fines. It is the police that will have to carry out these tasks and again, we have to stress that they lack the capacity to carry out an effective job. And in instances where they are able to catch traffic offenders, the men in blue opt for fines rather than making sure that a deterrent sanction is imposed.

This country cannot continue to ignore the carnage on our roads. It is time the police, the government through departments like health, education and community welfare, work in partnership with motor vehicle dealers, alcohol brewers, MVIL and civil societies to develop intervention programs to bring our road deaths and injuries down. The MVIL is showing the way.

18.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville has role in food security

By Veronica Hannette

CLIMATE change, population growth and poverty are issues that are forcing the world to address food security issues and Bougainville is no exception, says DPI food security officer Helen Punus.

Mrs Punus said food security included the interaction of education, agriculture and health as well as other social issues.

She said that people needed food security in order to sustain themselves during change of weather patterns and uphold the traditional food conservation methods.

She said widespread hunger could be minimised by increasing food production through different farming methods.

Mrs Punus said that food security issues were trying to address malnutrition and poverty and draw attention to different ways of farming and planting methods in the region.

Meanwhile, Bougainville will not commemorate the World Food Day this year because of financial constraints.

15.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

REGIONAL MEMBER DONATES

By Aloysius Laukai

The Regional Member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO this afternoon became the first National Government member to make a donation to Bougainville's Community Radio, New Dawn FM 95.3 towards the Stations upgrading.

He donated TEN THOUSAND KINA.

New Dawn FM started Broadcasting in Bougainville in April 2008 and has been raising its own revenue to support its work.

New Dawn FM as a community Radio since its inception has been involved in covering nearly all activities on Bougainville.

It carried live Broadcasts for the Death and funeral of ABG's first President, LATE JOSEPH KABUI the late Chief Administrator, PETER TSIAMALILI,

Live Broadcasts from Arawa of Former ABG President JAMES TANIS's inauguration and the inauguration of President John Momis in June this year.

New Dawn FM won a Pacific Award for Communication and Social Change from the University of Queensland in 2009 and this year became a member of the World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters.

And last month it introduce a women's health issues programme CALLED BOUGAINVIL MERI TEDE which is aired every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.

The program intends to connect all women's Organizations throughout the region.

Those women's groups that are not getting Radio signals, Audio CDs are provided for them to pick up and they can be listened to at their own time.

So far feedbacks for the programme has been overwhelming.

15.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Semoso supports information dissemination

By REUBEN KALAUNG

FREE information dissemination is very vital for development in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. That was the remark made by Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso when presenting a K10, 000 funding assistance to 95.3 New Dawn FM this afternoon.



The funding will go towards infrastructural capacity building for Bougainville's only community radio station. Mr. Semoso emphasised the need for free flow of information to every citizen in the region.

He called on his other three colleague members of the national government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government to support agencies that relay information to the people.

The regional member for Bougainville also stressed the need for information on political and other developments to reach the people. He pointed out that since 1989; information dissemination in the region has gone backwards.

Embracing the funding assistance, New Dawn Manager Aloysius Laukai applauded Mr. Semoso for his support. He said the semi-commercial radio station was established to assist the region with information and entertainment in its post conflict approach.

Mr. Laukai says the funding is the first of its kind from a politician, and will go towards the upgrading of the radio station's broadcast capacity.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

JSB CANCELLED AGAIN

By Aloysius Laukai

Harmonious relations between the Papua New Guinea National Government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government may be stretching out according to an observer on Bougainville. The observer who wants to remain anonymous told New Dawn FM that the 3rd cancellation of the Joint Supervisory Body meeting opening last night. The observer said that the delay in having the JSB meeting could be related to the differences that has developed between the Bougainville President JOHN MOMIS and the Bougainville Regional member. The two Bougainville leaders have voiced their differences in the media recently concerning the JSB meetings. He is now calling on the two leaders to forget their differences and reconcile for the good of Bougainville.

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Source: Post-Courier

Big plans for Eivo-Torau

By PETERSON TSERAHA

THE member for Eivo/Torau in the Autonomous Bougainville Government Melchior Dare is focusing on development in his constituency.

In the first letter written to the Minister for Natural Resources Lands and Physical Planning the member asked for database on land titles in his area.

"I have written to the Minister to inform him that I am ready to put into practice the inaugural maiden statement which outlined high impact projects to be established in Eivo Torau." Mr Dare said.

The projects include:

- * Former Kuveria jail state land be used for development of state institutions include administrative centre for Eivo/Torau, sports academy for the region, eco-tourism operation centre for the region at sea front, establishment of technical and life skills training centre, residential centre for workers for Manetai Limestone and satellite township for Eivo/Torau constituency;
- * Relocation of jail to one of inland areas of Nasiwau/Kopikiri/Kopani to facilitate road infrastructure to inland areas of Eivo/Torau. It will open new opportunities for economic growth;
- * Kuveria state land to include portion/hectares of atolls resettlement area. The resettlement program of Atolls has been opposed by Eivo/Torau people;
- * Strong recommendation by landowners of Bove plantation for ABG to acquire plantation and give it back to them to develop;
- * Call for re establishment for CCI at former Duncan station at Mabiri compound;
- * Establishment of Divine Word University at Mabiri;
- * Establishment of Camp Five satellite centre (former Birempa camp) for border population of Pineinari and Simeku to host additional COE (stated) and administration centre, outside of Arawa on the port mine access road to Panguna district;
- * Re-opening of former Manetai limestone project to support ABGs economic recovery initiative at the earliest convenience.
- * ABG lands and physical planning division to facilitate proper survey to establish state land boundaries to include former atolls resettlement area.

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Source: Post-Courier

Ministers fail to show up

BOUGAINVILLE'S way forward meeting - the Joint Supervisory Body - where issues affecting the region are ironed out between the National Government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government has been cancelled again.

ABG administration late yesterday advised the National Government MPs and some departmental heads did not show up for the meeting scheduled for yesterday.

But the National Government technical team, numbering about 20 defended that they were ready to meet

with the ABG leaders.

The team has been in Buka since Tuesday and Wednesday.

The National Government ministers did not turn up – they had the Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso on the ground to co-chair the meeting with ABG President John Momis and whatever recommendations reached would be taken back to Port Moresby for the Government to act on.

But by close of business yesterday, the President's office advised that the President basically wanted the responsible national government ministers to be present.

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Source: Post-Courier

UN rep attends arms talks

By GORRETHY KENNETH

UNITED Nations resident representative for Papua New Guinea David McLachlan-Karr arrived in Buka yesterday to attend crucial sessions of the United Nation-chaired workshops on issues affecting Bougainville, politically, socially and economically.

The Bougainville leadership and the people of the region were lucky to have 15-high powered UN agency heads including World Bank, Asian Development Bank and World Health Organisation in Bougainville to hear them out.

The UN team was given an intensive run-down on the weapons disposal program, which the UNDP office in Bougainville was heavily involved in.

The Bougainville leadership was told they should take advantage of the UN, WB and ADB presence in Bougainville to iron out issues affecting the region with the weapons disposal program being the biggest issue.

There is a need for a policy on integrated approach to the weapons program," one of the leaders said yesterday. This would involve a process of setting up intervention projects as a way forward for the sustainability of former combatants. Ex-combatants are willing to surrender arms if projects were available. Funding for the weapons program was also highlighted, and the need for the Task Force for Bougainville to be established to oversee the implementation of the program.

There is need for strong involvement of the Bougainville administration, resources are critical, therefore the issues of budget for the weapons program was to be reviewed and the budget must be realistic as to meet the demands of the weapons program, the leaders reiterated. One thing was clear, the weapons program was a political issue and a clear policy was needed, which was inclusive of all partners. UNDP's role was to facilitate the process and not assume leadership.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NISSAN NEHAN SET

By Aloysius Laukai

The people of Nissan want to address problems faced everyday by their people by setting up their own Organization named Nissan Nehan Development Foundation.

Founder of the Foundation PETER DOSTI told New Dawn FM that his organization has identified issues and would be slowly addressing them.

He said that in the past the people of Nissan have really struggled to transport their death from Buka and other outside places and also to transport the sick to seek medical attention have been difficult.

MR. DOSTI said that the foundation would be raising its own funds for Health and education for its people. He said they would also want the people of Nissan to get good and affordable education fully paid by this Foundation.

MR. DOSTI as a former School inspector mentioned Standards must be set for Nissan Schools to make sure all students get the best education.

This means that if their teachers have only teaching certificates the foundation will fund for these teachers to get further training to Diploma and degree certificates.

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Source: Post-Courier

Meeting may be cancelled

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE Joint Supervisory Body meeting between the Autonomous Bougainville and National Government leaders scheduled for today may not take place on time or if at all because half the people from Port Moresby have not turned up in Buka.

And if the leaders from Port Moresby arrive in Bougainville today, it will be this afternoon as the Air Niugini flight to Buka arrives about two o'clock, unless there is a plane on charter.

This is the meeting which has been cancelled for three times over the issues of documents and agendas not being ready and ABG leaders wanting responsible PNG Government ministers attending the meeting. The meeting was cancelled last week because responsible leaders of the National Government could not make it to Buka. On separate occasions the issue of cancellation of the JSB was the subject of argument between the Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso and ABG President John Momis. Semoso explained the ABG was not ready with the agendas and that he had got off in East New Britain to negotiate the K15 million for Bougainville with Planning Minister Paul Tiensten and State and Enterprise Minister Arthur Somare who were in ENB.

Yesterday ABG Minister's told the Post-Courier they were disappointed about the National Government's turnout. The technical team comprising lawyers and members of the PM and NEC arrived in Buka and held meetings with key leaders of the ABG. Today the full meeting between several national ministers and ABG ministers led by President John Momis should convene. This is a very important meeting between the ABG and National Government where they iron out serious issues affecting Bougainville and the drawdown of powers.

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Source: Post-Courier

Buka welcomes UN officials

By GORETHY KENNETH

WITH a "One UN in Bougainville" slogan, the 14 high powered United Nation Agency team operating in Papua New Guinea arrived to the tune of Bougainville's famous bamboo band welcoming them at the Buka airport yesterday.

The UN officials in Buka led by UNDP boss Anthony Agyenta, all dressed in blue with the "One UN in Bougainville" print joined by the Bougainville Administrator Lawrence Disin and his divisional chief executive officers were all at the airport to welcome the team.

UN Resident Representative David McLachlan-Karr will be in Buka today but the team, led by UNICEF boss Dr Bertrand Desmoulins included Margaret O'Callaghan (UNIFEM), Christina Saunders (OHCHR), Gilbert Hiawalyer (UNFPA), Dr Siddharta Datta (WHO) Dr Norbert Rehlis (WHO), Jorg Shimel – (UNDP), Walpurga Englbrecht (UNHCR), Charles Perring (OCHA) and Lars Tushuizen (UN Chief of Strategy).

In an interview UNICEF head Dr Desmoulins said they were here to listen to what ABG had to say and to promote the new UN strategy of delivering as one and to strengthen the coordination among UN agencies towards an expanded program.

"Our visit also demonstrates our determination to promote and have an update on our current programs in Bougainville," Dr Desmoulins said. Our visit should also provide an insight to the progress as well as challenges encountered by the ABG leadership in the political and social transformation efforts."

Yesterday, they met with all chief executive officers of ABG, the administrator, the ABG President John Momis and today they should be meeting with the civil society on social issues. UN advised

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Source: Post-Courier

Former Bougainville leader dies

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE has lost one of its former leaders James Togel, who passed away at the City Hospital in Manila on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Togel died at five o'clock in his Manila City Hospital bed, after a successful operation to remove his thyroid gland - one that was giving him problems, but suddenly collapsed from a stroke that hit him a few days after the operation.

Togel and his wife Juliana left for the Philippines early last month to seek further medical treatment for his thyroid gland problems and just recently, he was reportedly on life support a few days after his operation, which was successful.

Togel, 62, comes from Malis, Gogohe, in Buka, north Bougainville. Survived by his wife Juliana who was by his side when he died in Manila, he has Nellia his first daughter, James Togel (Jnr), and Juliet who are all in Port Moresby working and waiting for his "coming home".

Togel was north Bougainville's former National MP in the PNG Parliament from 2005 to 2007 after Michael Ogio beat him for this term. Togel was the National Alliance fully pledged candidate and MP and was instrumental in participating in the Government's decision making on Bougainville. He led a team of north Bougainvilleans towards the peace process before entering politics, and during the Bougainville Crisis, successfully helped in negotiating for peace in the region. He also helped the then premier's office in negotiating for peace on Bougainville. Before the Bougainville Crisis, Togel was the North Solomon's Provincial Secretary before moving to the premier's office. He retired slowly to his Malis home after he lost the 2007 elections but still had his hands full advising several leaders on issues affecting Bougainville. Togel was critical of the first ABG Government and on most occasions would call the Post-Courier to air his "off the record" views. He was one person that was very instrumental in talking about the current ABG President John Momis' come back to power on Bougainville.

Before the issue of writs for the second ABG elections in March this year, Mr Togel, in one of his references told the Post-Courier from his Malis village, that he never intended to stand for elections but had one candidate to fully support for the presidential elections and that was the current ABG President John Momis. He told the Post-Courier in our March 2010 interview: "I am getting Ambassador John Momis back here to Bougainville to come and stand for the President's seat and I am telling you, he has already won. I am just organising some committee members to strategise and once we are ready we will move...." On another occasion, the Post-Courier spoke to him during a visit to his home, but he said he was sick and wanted the paper to visit at a later date. When Momis won the election by a huge margin, Togel called the Post-Courier to say: "See I told you that Momis was going to win by a big margin especially in Buka."

After the election there was no contact until in September when Togel was Port Moresby bound, on his way to Manila where we were assured his wife Juliana be contacted from the Philippines for an update on his condition.

President Momis would not speak on Togel's death yesterday but his office assured preparations were now underway to assist with Togel's body home.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

District Games on

By REUBEN KALAUNG

Buka District will field the biggest number of sports as the district games kicks off 18th – 22nd this month. All four districts in the region will battle it out in the 4 days event to make the selection for their respective districts to compete in the 3rd ABG Games in Buin come December.

Acting President for the Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation, Joseph Mobisi tells New Dawn FM News, Buka District will field a total 11 sports, making it the biggest number of sports in the region.

District squads will then be selected to represent their districts in the Buin ABG Games.

Meantime, 26 sports officials from the region will meet in Buka tomorrow to devise rules to be applied at the ABG Games for all sporting codes. Tournament procedures will also be discussed.

The workshop ends on Friday.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Murder suspects apprehended

By REUBEN KALAUNG

Four murder suspects in a recent killing in Arawa have been apprehended by police and are now in police custody in Buka. Buka police says the murder victim is related to infamous former combatant Israel Toroama.

The killing occurred last Friday in Arawa following a drunken brawl between the deceased and a group of men, who were alleged to be heavily intoxicated at the time of the incident.

The name of the deceased could not be verified by police; however, the suspects were transferred to Buka by Wakunai police for their safety. Arawa police are investigating the murder before charges could be laid. A police source says the situation in Arawa is quite tense but under control.

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Source: United Nations University of Peace (Costa Rica)

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TOGEL ORBITS

By Aloysius Laukai

Another Bougainvillean leader has died while receiving specialist medical assistance in Manila Philippines. Former member for North Bougainville in the National Parliament, JAMES TOGEL died yesterday.

MR. TOGEL was one of the pioneer Bougainvillean University graduates who teamed up with DR. ALEXIS SAREI, LEO HANNET, MEL TOGOLO, JOHN MOMIS and others to establish the first NORTH SOLOMONS PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT in the late 1970s.

He worked with the North Solomon's Provincial Government and was one of the first Buka leaders to be held as prisoner in Panguna at the start of the Bougainville conflict.

He became the National member for North Bougainville from 2002 to 2007.

The late James Togel is survived by his wife ,two daughters and one son.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS SAD

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville President JOHN MOMIS today send his condolence to the family and relatives of former North Bougainville member, JAMES TOGEL.

MR. MOMIS said that MR.TOGEL was a very well educated leader who chose to stay with his people despite his knowledge and experiences as a Political Scientist.

He said that the late JAMES TOGEL was a committed leader who continued to work with his people despite his health condition.

MR. MOMIS said that the death of JAMES TOGEL has left a vacuum which is hard to fill.

On behalf of the people of Bougainville, MR. MOMIS sends his condolences to wife, JULIANA with his one son and two daughters.

13.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

UN HERE

By Aloysius Laukai

UN officials from Port Moresby arrived in Buka this morning for a two-day visit to the Region. They were met by the Bougainville Chief Administrator, LAWRENCE DISIN and officials from the Bougainville Administration and including members of the local UN ground team.

The team are led by DR. BERTRAND DESMOULINS.

According to the team leader, the visit by joint UN agencies demonstrate the determination by the country team to promote the new strategy of Delivering as one UN team.

Previously UN agencies have been operating under 14 different groups.

The team is to meet with the ABP President, JOHN MOMIS, Bougainville administration, Bougainville Police and other Donor partners like JICA, AUSAID,

NZAID, USAID and other Non Government Organizations.

The team would return to Port Moresby on Friday.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DISIN WELCOMES

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville's Chief Administrator, LAWRENCE DISIN this morning welcomed the UN delegation into Bougainville.

MR. DISIN told the delegation that Bougainville has been working with UN and other donor partners and would continue to collaborate with them on development issues that is affecting the region today.

He said that he hoped that their two-days stay in the region would be enjoyable.

The chief Administrator said that UN will continue to play a role as the region needs to remove all remaining weapons to fully secure lasting peace on the island.

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Source: The National

Panguna landowners claim maltreatment

LANDOWNERS of the Panguna copper mine, who went to war in 1988 over what they claimed then was utter disrespect and disregard for their existence and welfare, are claiming the same maltreatment as the National Government, the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the Bougainville Copper Ltd prepare for negotiations on the possible reopening of the mine.

They are claiming that the interim Panguna Landowners Association (PLA) has not been recognised and its reconciliation process not supported.

In a letter dated Oct 5, to chairman of BCL Paul Coleman, PLA interim secretary Lawrence Daveona said: "The people of Panguna mine leases believe that ABG, BCL and the Government have the legal obligation to assist Panguna mine landowners.

"For far too long, even before the crisis, we have been used for your own benefits. Through the crises and up till now our people are still suffering."

He said while the name Panguna landowners was "too often prostituted in the news media by the chairman of BCL in his chairman's statement at the AGM", the same chairman had said variously that the landowners were disorganised.

“Our simple question now especially with the arrangements to prepare for Bougainville copper agreement review is: How long do we have to wait for you our partners (with the resources) to assist us with funding to enable us to be prepared and be ready to take part in the BCA review?” Daveona said in his letter. It ought to be noted that both BCL and the ABG had assisted the Panguna landowners with their reconciliation ceremony last October.

The company donated K5,000 and ABG threw in K300,000.

Daveona said the work of reconciliation and disarmament was not yet completed and it would take at least two to three million more to cover the entire island.

He said presently their pleas were falling on deaf ears and it seems the reconciliation process might be short-lived and the review of the BCA proceed without the landowners participating.

“Most of the interim PLA executive members have worked tirelessly year after year over the past 21 years keeping the Panguna landowner’s fire burning because of the concern for the welfare of their people without receiving any payment. Our concern for our people is deep rooted and we will not rest until such time we have achieved our goal,” Daveona said.

“All we need from you as partners in this process is for you to assist us with:

* Make funding available to ABG electoral commission to conduct PLA elections; and

* Make funding available for United Panguna Landowners Association (UPLA) BCA review task force.”

Daveona said he was very disappointed to hear comments repeated about the Panguna landowners not being organised and do not constitute a legal body that BCL can organise.

He said the landowners had formed the interim organisation out of their resources and it was up to the company to assist with an election to make the body be properly elected and incorporated.

Daveona was particularly critical of the Government and its Office of Bougainville Affairs which had not accommodated a single request to date.

He said such neglect had led to the crisis.

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Source: The National

Lessons from Bougainville

THE Bougainville crisis did not just happen.

The writing, so to speak, was on the wall for a good seven years before violence erupted. Even in the early days of the crisis, the prolonged and bloody nature of it could have been averted, but it was not.

The reason for this was really a series of stupid decisions and unforgivable neglect by those in authority at the time in national government and the Bougainville Copper Ltd.

The Bougainville Copper Agreement, signed in 1974, had contained within it a provision for a review to occur every seven years. The first opportunity for such a review fell in 1981, but there was no review. Angry reminders were made in the media, and even in parliament, by the member for Bougainville, John Momis.

The crisis started when the second opportunity for a review, 14 years from the signing of the BCA, fell due in 1988 and it looked like nobody was prepared to do it.

When the power pylons were felled, Panguna leaders sought the way of peace but, while the people awaited an important government delegation led by a deputy prime minister to turn up, police mobile squad pounced on them and did what this squad does best – beat them up. The deputy prime minister, it turned out, was playing a game of pool in Arawa.

There had been no coordination between the government and its law enforcement agency, and an important government leader was so neglectful of his duties that an easily containable situation moved out of control.

Today, The National carries a plea, once again peacefully put, by the original landowners of Panguna to be helped in the process of their own reconciliation ceremonies which started last October.

They ask also to be assisted and to be involved in any negotiations which will determine the future reopening of the mine.

We must urge the national government, the Autonomous Bougainville Government and Bougainville Copper Ltd to fully involve the Panguna landowners in moving forward from here.

To leave them out would show that PNG has never learnt anything from the Bougainville crisis.

To that extent, we note that BCL did contribute K5,000 and the interim ABG contributed K300,000 towards the reconciliation ceremonies held in and around the Panguna area. This ceremony will be sweeping outward to cover the whole of Bougainville to bring together all parties to the conflict.

It is crucial that the national government, ABG and BCL co-fund this process. The national government, in particular, is compelled by the Bougainville Peace Agreement to actively contribute.

Under Item (F): Other matters, the agreement recognises "reconciliation and unified structure for Bougainville" as a crucial element of disarmament.

Without reconciliation, there can be no real peace as animosities, borne out of the crisis, will remain in the hearts and minds of former combatants and those who were harmed or, otherwise, displaced by the crisis. In another part of the agreement, it is stated: "The signing of this agreement is intended to be a symbol of progress in reconciliation."

Reconciliation is the way to lasting peace.

The early success shown in last October's reconciliation ceremonies between families of one of the first Panguna landowner leaders to have been killed, Mathew Kove, shows that the way of reconciliation is the best way forward.

Lawrence Daveona, who has written to the BCL chairman, was secretary of the Panguna Landowners Association. He had remained so throughout the crisis and was recently appointed to remain in the position on the interim PLA.

Many of the other interim members are likewise survivors from the crisis. The company just cannot accuse the landowners of being disorganised.

It has been intimated that BCL thinks the PLA is disorganised. Perhaps, that is not wise counsel. It also seems that the Bougainville coordination office in Port Moresby is uncooperative to the advances by PLA. That too is insensitive and, perhaps, the management there can be more alert.

Deal with the leaders at the talking stage, which is now. You do not want to leave it until the younger people get fed up and start agitating.

That much we have learnt from Bougainville and ought to apply it in all dealings with not only Panguna landowners but all others who today want to be heard.

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Source: Post-Courier

Home guards petition

By GORETHY KENNETH

ONE faction of Bougainville's home guards has petitioned the Autonomous Bougainville Government over nonpayment of outstanding claims for security services provided to government assets during the peak of the Bougainville crisis.

All over Bougainville, there are home guards still waiting to be paid - the issue also includes risk allowances which public servants have been waiting for from the ABG and its administration and the National Government.

The Sohano Island home guard group have petitioned the ABG over their outstanding claim of K317,000 being for services provided during the height of the Bougainville Crisis.

From 1991 to 1997 the Sohano Island Home Guard was formed to provide security and take care of Sohano Island purposely because all assets belonging to the State, which included Government houses, Civil Aviation, Health Department, Government School, Government-owned power house and government officials were under their protection.

The group was formed after the PNGDF and police officially asked people at Sohano Island to provide security for all these assets and the home guards were tasked to be on duty day and night ensuring there was no harm to the community and also the Government assets.

Sohano Island now accommodates Bougainville's ACP Thomas Eluh, deputy and former acting administrator Patrick Koles, ABG President John Momis and part of his cabinet ministers, the CEO for Health and Buka hospitals and many other executives of the ABG.

ABG yesterday advised the issue was still with the National Government. But the National Government advised Cabinet approved funds for the risk allowances and the home guards several years ago and yet they have not been paid.

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Source: Post-Courier

Guns disposals plans afoot

By GORETHY KENNETH

RESPONSIBLE ABG stakeholders are seriously working on a common framework for weapons collection and disposal – a way forward for the region.

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Warning on con artists

EUROPEAN shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) have warned locals in PNG and Bougainville of some European foreigners trying to do business in Bougainville or the Pacific to take heed.

Axel Sturm, president of the ESBC, in a statement, put out a strong warning to alert individuals from Europe trying to do business on Bougainville or other countries in the Pacific region.

This is, he claims, because most of the times these people have doubtful careers and come to small Pacific nations especially places like Bougainville to con people and do business and get away with millions.

Mr Sturm advised the ESBC had carried out a research and found many people are taking advantage of the situation in Bougainville and teaming up with locals to milk them.

He appealed to the people to contact EU offices, the French Embassy, British High Commission and German office in Canberra if in doubt.

"Please be extremely careful if you intend to do any business with persons from Europe. Very often, these persons have an extremely doubtful career at home and only come to small Pacific countries to trick the local people," he said.

"Do not become a victim of these people without any scruple. Do not be misled by their declarations or the fact that these person keep up good private relations to locals."

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Source: The National

Bougainville Utd FC gear up for next NSL season

By HENRY MORABANG

LITTLE known Bougainville United Football Club Limited (BUFCL) are preparing for the 2011-12 National Soccer League challenge.

BUFCL Bid Committee chairman Peter Tariesi told The National recently in Buka that his committee was working around the clock to have a franchise in the National Soccer League challenge.

Tariesi, no stranger to soccer in his heydays with Sobou and University, had been mandated to head a powerful team to ensure young Bougainvilleans realise their dreams in the NSL. He said his committee had so far raised K50,000 to have their team in NSL competition. Ganei Holdings through its managing director Gerard Ganei and Bougainville Soccer Federation president Justin Halele had put up the money to lure other corporate sectors in Autonomous Region of Bougainville to follow. Ganei donated K30,000 while BSF injected another K20,000 to kick-start the fundraising drive for the BUFCL. Tariesi, who was the former managing director of Kalang FM in Port Moresby, is now a businessman in Bougainville. He said he was aiming to raise K50,000 in the remaining 12 months to support a franchise. The chairman said the team would be based at the Kimbe Football Academy for cost-cutting measures. Although the majority of the players will be from the ARB, they will open the doors to players from Kimbe and others from the New Guinea Islands, including current NSL franchises. Tariesi said he would push for Bougainville United FC because it would unite all Bougainvilleans in the ARB and other parts of PNG. Tariesi also extended his congratulations to the Hekari United FC and John Kapi Natto for putting PNG on the world map.

13.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

UN MISSION IN BUKA

By Aloysius Laukai

A PNG UN team arrived in Buka this morning for a two-day visit to the Region. They were welcomed by ABG Government Officials at the airport. More stories later.

Just a picture of the Team leader DR. BERTRAND DESMOULINS (right) with the local UNDP Chief Technical advisor to Bougainville Anthony Agyenta (in blue)



12.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TASMAN ART

By Aloysius Laukai

A Tasman Islander has been quietly painting pictures until New Dawn FM's Aloysius Laukai found him today.

MR. Robert Lepuhi Pais had interest in paintings many years ago but came to really become involved after he resigned from NUKUMANU their local company.

Mr. Pais says that he wants to encourage other Bougainvilleans to go into painting, dancing and other talents that can be exposed to the outside world.

He says that Bougainville artists and painters should organize and display their talents instead of wasting their talents.

MR. PAIS said that he has sold two of his paintings and needs to sell other collections that he has made since he started in June this year.

He is hoping to promote his paintings with other Bougainvillean artists who would want to promote their talents at a Pacific night he is proposing soon in Buka.

MR. PAIS has about six different paintings for sale when I visited him in his studio today



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MICHA CALM

By Aloysius Laukai

The member for Taunira Teop Constituency MICHA MOSE is calling on his people to continue to work to support their families. He told New Dawn FM that despite their everyday struggles they must continue to work on their cash crops to earn their living. MR.MOSE said that he would like his people to work hard and not wait for the government for assistance. He said he was working hard to find assistance on their road network as it would greatly assist his people. MR.MOSE said that he was confident once the road network is fixed all other problems would be addressed.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MONA FESTIVAL OWED

By Aloysius Laukai

The Mona Festival Committee is yet to collect SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND KINA from pledges made by Companies and Individuals early this year. Committee Chairman, LAWRENCE BELLEH made this known today during a live Talk Back Show on New Dawn FM.

He said that because of this shortfall the committee is yet to settle bills incurred during the Mona Festival. MR. BELEH said that his committee would be carrying out fundraisings to settle all outstanding payments. And he called on persons and groups that are still owed by the Festival Committee to have patience and wait for their payments as the committee is still working the uncollected pledges. Assistance can also be made to the following Account. Bougainville Mona Festival with Bank South Pacific, Buka Branch and No. 100 164 1151

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NAMATOA SKILLS

By Aloysius Laukai

The youth of Namatoa village in the Tinputz District are calling on the ABG and other NGO to run some skills training workshops in their area. They told New Dawn FM that they would welcome literacy and other programs in their area. The Youth and Women said that there was a need for skills training for their youths so that they can develop their area. On the question of if their youths were participating in the Bougainville games, they said that only boys would participate as their Sports Association collapsed some time ago.

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Source: The National

Views on autonomous governments

THE concept of autonomous governments might mean different things to different people. The Autonomous Region of Bougainville, for instance, seems really to be a first step towards ultimate independence. The autonomous community, as it is practised in Spain, is a first level political division established in accordance with the Spanish constitution that recognises the rights of regions to self-government but declares the "indissoluble unity of the Spanish nation". Regions can attain autonomous community status but they are prevented from aspiring further. It is important to realise that autonomy on Bougainville has not been devolved from the national government as in Spain. It has been wrestled from central authority. Entirely new sections had to be added to PNG's legal scheme of things to take account of the special case on Bougainville. A provision for referendum, which was earlier thought to be dangerous and excluded from the National Constitution, has now been included only to give Bougainvilleans a chance to answer the ultimate question between now and 2015: Do they or do they not wish to remain a part of PNG? But is PNG to be lumped with the same provision for referendums so that, at some future date, another province or region might aspire for the same? As more provinces clamour for autonomy, it is crucial to ensure we do not create a situation where the nation faces disintegration at some future date. The clamour for autonomous governments, which is slowly spreading outward from the New Guinea Islands region after the case of Bougainville, must be addressed decisively by the national government before it is too late. At this juncture, it is instructive to take a closer look at the Bougainville arrangement. The Bougainville Peace Agreement was signed in 1997. In the agreement, there are three interlinking pillars which are sequenced as autonomy, referendum and disarmament. In their application, however, disarmament began before autonomy and referendum is yet to come. PNG agreed to the terms of the Bougainville agreement but the creation of the Bougainville constitution and the Autonomous Bougainville Government derived from Bougainville efforts. The national government played a supportive, advisory and financing role.

The Bougainville interim provincial government, in consultation with the Bougainville people's congress, established a constitutional commission and a constituent assembly which were the forbearers to the Bougainville constitution and the Autonomous Bougainville Government. The final draft constitution was reviewed by the national executive council and ratified by the national parliament, but it is the supreme law for all matters that fall within Bougainville's jurisdiction. It is enforceable in the Bougainville courts and the Supreme Court. The national government's powers and functions over Bougainville included defence, foreign relations, immigration, central banking, currency, international civil aviation, shipping and trade, posts, telecommunications and cross-boundary fish stocks. The Autonomous Bougainville Government looks after the balance including a civil service, a court system, police, correctional institutions and the right to impose and collect taxes. Bougainville police will not develop the equivalent of an armed police mobile unit. While public servants will be subject to the control of the autonomous government, they will swear an oath of allegiance to the head of state of PNG. Until it has the sufficient revenue-raising powers, the national government is continuing to provide various types of grants including recurrent, unconditional and development grants. Once Bougainville is financially self-reliant, the two governments would reach a revenue-sharing formula. The autonomous government would then assume the powers and functions to impose, set rates of and collect personal income tax and company tax (within certain limits). In relation to foreign aid, the national and autonomous governments will be able to obtain foreign aid – provided this does not reduce the value of aid already available to PNG and subject to overriding national foreign policy considerations.

11.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG district games on

By Veronica Hannette

BOUGAINVILLE is now preparing for District games that are scheduled this month. Preparations have been positive for the games that will be held throughout the region. So far nine zones had been confirmed to participate. They include Buka, Atolls, North 1, North 2, Central 1, Central 2 and South have been divided into three areas covering Buin, Siwai and the Bana/Torokina area. Bougainville Games Coordinator Robert Semoso says the district games are held to select players to compete in the upcoming ABG games. Semoso said the Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation has assisted 13 districts with a K5000 each in funding to conduct the games. This games will also include the Paralympics as part of the teams taking part. Semoso has stressed that all districts try to include disabled sportsmen and women in their areas. This is after an inclusive concept was passed by the National Government, which is also important to include, disables in any social activities and because the 5th New Guinea Islands (NGI) paralympics' games were supposed to be hosted in Arawa this year. The Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation (ABSF) has been asked by the Paralympics committee to integrate the disable games with the 3rd ABG games. The NGI Paralympics and the ABG games will coincide and that would be a great achievement for sport in the region.

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Source: Post-Courier

ABG minister gets tough

By PETERSON TSERAHA

THE Veterans Minister in the Autonomous Bougainville Government David Sisito will embark on a complete overhaul in his ministry.

Firstly, there will be a full scale investigation into the K5 million Veterans money, and whoever is found guilty of misappropriating that money will be held accountable and prosecuted.

“My ministry, I think is the most sensitive in the ABG and it definitely needs a very aggressive leader to handle veteran issues.” Mr Sisito said.

He also said his ministry was the most controversial one in the past five years especially with the Veterans Holdings Limited, where a lot of ex-combatants had raised questions as to how they would benefit from the company.

“The first thing I want to know of is how much money is left from the K5 million and the acquittals and financial reports, receipts invoices, rentals accommodation, transportation air fares, business deals both domestic and abroad, and everything,” Mr Sisito said.

“Three major projects will be launched soon, one in the South, Central and North Bougainville so everyone will benefit.

“We will be looking at projects everyone will benefit from and not just greedy individuals and groups,” he said. Mr Sisito said those who failed to perform would be sacked.

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Go through the hell to reach the paradise!



Cape Laverdy seen from Namatoa

Aloysius Laukai, the editor in chief of Radio New Dawn on Bougainville, visited the remote village of Namatoa in the Tinputz area - half way between Buka and Panguna. Read here two reports and see the pictures he has taken to tell a story of a forgotten island that desperately needs resume of mining for a sustainable economic recovery.

NAMATOA FORGOTTEN

By Aloysius Laukai

The people of Namatoa village in the TAUNITA TEOP Constituency have been slowly suffering in their own hideouts due to no government services and presence in their area for many years. Their only road network that connects them with the rest of Bougainville was disconnected due to no maintenance of this Fourteen Kilometre starting from SUN near Kekesu Health Centre. A team from New Dawn FM that went to the village at the invitation of the local member MICHA MOSE took more than two hours to reach the village last Friday. And nearly all people interviewed complained on their road system that has been neglected for so long by past governments and including National Government members. Member MICHA MOSE told New Dawn FM that he has been knocking on all doors since his election to fix two roads in his area but to no avail. He said these two roads account to more than 200 Hectres of Cocoa and Coconut Plantations but due to the bad road conditions his people cannot sell their produce to markets. The roads the member mentioned were the NAMATOA and INUS roads that starts from the main road to the blue mountains further inland. He said that for Bougainville to develop it has to fix these roads so that farmers have easy access to markets. The member said that these roads have not been maintained since the 1980s. And calls for assistance have fallen in deaf ears.

Roads to paradise - pictures taken by Aloysius Laukai in October 2010:











HEALTH FOR NAMATOA

By Aloysius Laukai

Women of Namatoa in the Tinputz district are calling for the Health Division to improve their only health facility that is catering for more than three thousand people in this remote region.

They told a New Dawn FM team that visited the area at the weekend that many women have died while attempting to reach Health Centres on the beach.

The women said that the only Aid Post that serves them has no inpatient for very sick patients and no delivery facility to pregnant mothers.

They said that because their road system is in a very bad state their only hope was the upgrading of their Aid Post.

They said that they have been trying to upgrade this Aid Post because of the rising population and also due to their remoteness but this has fallen also on deaf ears.

They called on the Provincial Health Division to address their problem as soon as possible.

08.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Leader slams politicians

BOUGAINVILLE politicians both at the ABG and National Government levels have been criticised for their lack of commitment to developing the region.

Selau leader Francis Hanesi said politicians are good at making empty promises.

Mr Hanesi challenged politicians to change their attitudes towards people and work together to bring about real and meaningful development.

He cited the conditions of Buka Island road and Buka town to Kessa Highway which is fast deteriorating and the Kokopau to Arawa road which is also in shambles. Bougainville Affairs Minister and MP Fidelis Semoso said sealing of these roads will start next year.

08.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

'Look after church workers'

MINISTER for Higher Education Science and Technology Michael Ogio has called for attention to be given to the needs of church workers. Mr Ogio, the Member for North Bougainville, said concentration has been placed on building materials while little consideration was given to the welfare of church workers like priests, pastors, nuns and other church workers. He challenged members of the different church denominations to look after their pastors and priests financially. He issued the challenge during the official opening of the Siara Catholic Church sub-parish in the Selau Constituency last Sunday. Mr Ogio said it was important that individual churches look after their missionaries financially. "Church members can effectively do this by paying their tithes or one tenth to the church faithfully every Sunday," he said. Priests and pastors have a big responsibility in looking after the spiritual upbringing of their congregation members.

08.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville calls recognise village courts and help improve it

By GORETHY KENNETH

IT'S time the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the National Government recognise the work of the village court officials by addressing their remuneration package. These hardworking, law abiding citizens have been working against all odds and under difficult circumstances and yet are paid K26 a month and in a year K312. Yesterday, the ABG leaders launched Bougainville's official uniform for the village court officials working in the region. In Bougainville, there are 96 village courts altogether throughout the region and 960 court officials operating - each village court has 10 officials looking after the circuit. Their monthly allowance is K26 but because it is meager, some officers decide to receive them in a year, which is K312. Bougainville's chief magistrate Peter Toliken appealed to the authorities yesterday to empower the village court officials as they are the ones looking after the law and order situation in villages and communities where 90 per cent of the population live. Mr Toliken, addressing the ABG leaders during the official launching of the village court uniforms, funded by the New Zealand and Australian governments under the Law and Justice Sector Program (LJSP), appealed for these people to be given the power and authority to rule in the villages and not seen as volunteers - this is because they carry out the law and order issues in villages where most criminal activities are committed. Mr Toliken asked if the Council of Elders and the Council of Chiefs could be empowered the same so they could work with the village court officials for a better community and village. ABG police acting ACP chief Inspector Cletus Tsien appealed for the same - for these officials to be empowered so they can help the police maintain the law and order situation in communities and villages effectively and especially in places where police cannot reach. ABG Correctional Service Minister Leo Hannett asked for the administration to come up with a proposal on the issue of remuneration for the village court officials and the COEs so that he can present it to the government to address.

ABG acting Administrator Patrick Koles said that they are now reviewing district operations which will also include the local level government operations where the village court comes under.

07.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Joint meet set for today

BOUGAINVILLE leaders want national Ministers to be present in the Joint Supervisory Body meeting between the two governments today.

The JSB meeting has been postponed for the occasion, this time because ABG leaders demanded PNG Ministers to be present when the meeting begins.

This is because they claim there are important issues to discuss apart from the drawdown of powers and the mining issue.

The ABG administration confirmed the meeting was cancelled and scheduled for next week but could not detail the dates. Last month, the cancellation of the meeting in Port Moresby was the centre of an argument between the Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso and the ABG President John Momis.

Mr Momis claimed Mr Semoso did not have the courtesy to advise on the cancellation, but Mr Semoso defended that the ABG were not ready with their agendas and all necessary papers needed for the meeting. This time, the ABG leaders have blamed the non attendance of National MPs.

They want National Planning Minister Paul Tiensten or Treasurer Peter O'Neill or even the Deputy Prime Minister Don Polye to attend the meeting.

The National Government advised they were ready, also citing they had Bougainville Affairs Minister Semoso who was also their ear, eye and mouth but assured Bougainville was important as any other pressing issues to be addressed. The Planning Office and the office of the Deputy Prime advised the ABG should communicate and work hand in hand with Minister Semoso as he was the National Government's appointee on Bougainville matters. They assured they stand ready to attend the meeting if ABG was ready also

07.10.2010

Source: The National

Bodies of MIA soldiers found in Bougainville

AN Australian army forensic team from Unrecovered War Casualties- Army (or UWC-A) has returned from Bougainville where it conducted post-mortem examinations on the human remains of three PNG Defence Force (PNGDF) soldiers.

The three soldiers were reported as missing in action (MiA) during the Bougainville emergency in 1996 and later were confirmed dead.

PNG and Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) had agreed to have the remains of the soldiers returned to their homes for burials.

The Australian army provided the expertise of UWC-A in a joint Australian Defence Force-PNGDF effort to identify the remains of the soldiers on Sept 26-30.

The team travelled to Buka and then to remote Kunua to examine the remains.

Brain Manns, UWC-A manager, said the remains were being looked after by local custodians in widely separated communities in a country where transport and communications were often very difficult.

"Despite these handicaps, the local communities went to great lengths to make the remains available for us to examine," Manns said.

PNGDF Lt-Col Eddie Yodu and Joe Ben successfully negotiated access to the remains and the necessary logistic support with the Bougainville government and local officials.

The forensic team returned to Australia last Friday and would publish a full report of the results of the examinations to the PNGDF in order that negotiations can commence for the repatriation of the remains to their home provinces and their families.

Lt-Col Siale Diro, PNGDF's director of land operations, said once the remains were identified, the

ceremonial handover of the remains involving the PNGDF, custodians and the soldier's family would begin. Other team members included investigator Lt-Col Paul Vercoe, forensic pathologist Wing Cmdr Timothy Lyons, forensic dentist Lt Comdr Russell Lain, and forensic anthropologist Donna MacGregor.

07.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SENIOR MAGISTRATE OUTLINE ISSUE

By Veronica Hannette

The Village Courts systems are not part of the Bougainville Judiciary system.

That is according to senior magistrate for the Region, Peter Toliken during his speech at the presentation of uniforms to Village Court officials in Buka today.

He said the Bougainville constitution does not recognize the Village Court as part of the regional court system.

He called on the Administration and the ABG to review the constitution and include Village Courts in the Judiciary system.

Mr TOLIKEN also mentioned that Village court officials and peace officers handle 95 percent of disputes in their rural setting yet they are not fairly remunerated.

Meanwhile, Patrick Koles the Deputy Administor Operations said the review of the Village court functions is currently underway and will be presented to the BEC soon.

07.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HANNETT APPEALS FOR SUBMISION

By Veronica Hannette

The Minister for Police and Law and Justice, LEO HANNETT has appealed to the Bougainville Administration to quickly amend the Bougainville Constitution to include the Village Court system into the Legal network.

MR. HANNETT made these comments following statements made earlier by the Provincial Magistrate PETER TOLIKEN that the Village Courts were not recognized by the ABG constitution thus making them live only on allowances since the inception of the Autonomous Bougainville Government in June 2005.

He told the Deputy Administrator Operations, Patrick Koles to make sure that the Village courts were addressed in the next ABG Constitution review that is coming up later this year.

Minister Hannett said that the review should now make sure that the ABG constitution takes on board the Village Courts as they are the only signs of a legal system in the villages.

07.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PPC

By Veronica Hannette

The Provincial Police Commander, CLETUS TSIEN says that without the Village Courts Law and Order in our rural communities would be unmanageable.

He was speaking at the Uniform Presentation to the Village Court Magistrates and Village Courts Officials in Buka this morning.

MR. TSIEN said that the Village Courts in the rural areas were trying their best to minimize law and order problems but needs the support of other Law Enforcers like the Police and the CIS.

He said that because support services from POLICE and CIS were not reaching the rural communities he wants the Village Courts to be empowered to address law and order issues in the communities.

06.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Member Launches HIV Testing

By Joyce Tohui

ABG Member for Haku Constituency, James Beani officially launched an operation program, MI GAT PAWA in Buka yesterday.

The operation, MI GAT PAWA is an initiative from Bougainville HIV AIDS Council through the National AIDS Council to carry out Voluntary Counseling and Testing in Constituencies.

The operation basically is to find out the HIV status of the region.

Before the Official Launching, Hon James Beani publicly demonstrated the HIV Testing at the Buka Beach front.

And during his Launching speech, he urged the public to take the opportunity given by the operation, MI GAT PAWA to get tested.

06.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Teen under custody

By Veronica Hannette

Buka Police have received reports of an attack on a 14 year old girl at the weekend.

Reports say that a 17 year old youth under the influence of marijuana had sexually assaulted the young girl at Topan Village in the Tonsu Constituency area.

Police apprehended the suspect who is now in the custody of a probation officer

His case would be held under the Juvenile jurisdiction.

06.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Parish Priest assaulted

By Veronica Hannette

A Fijian Priest Fr Siko based at Lemanmanu Catholic Parish is recovering from injuries sustained during an attack on him last week.

Reports reaching New Dawn say, Fr. SIKO was attacked at his residence by some unknown assailant.

Reports say the attacker made off with some of Fr. Siko's expensive belongings including a laptop.

Fr. Siko is staying with the Sister In-charge of the Lemanmanu Health Center for safety.

The suspect is still at large but known to the community.

05.10.2010

Source: USGS

Major Earthquake on Bougainville

Magnitude 5.0 - BOUGAINVILLE REGION, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

2010 October 05 00:32:03 UTC

[Details](#)[Summary](#)[Maps](#)[Scientific & Technical](#)[Tsunami Earthquake Details](#)

This event has been reviewed by a seismologist.

Magnitude 5.0

Date-Time Tuesday, October 05, 2010 at 00:32:03 UTC

Tuesday, October 05, 2010 at 10:32:03 AM at epicenter

Time of Earthquake in other Time Zones

Location 6.678°S, 154.889°E

Depth 82.4 km (51.2 miles)

Region BOUGAINVILLE REGION, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Distances 90 km (55 miles) SW of Arawa, Bougainville, PNG

185 km (115 miles) W of Chirovanga, Choiseul, Solomon Islands

900 km (560 miles) ENE of PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea

2310 km (1440 miles) N of BRISBANE, Queensland, Australia

05.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Momis 100-day report wanted

Bougainvilleans have openly asked for the Autonomous Bougainville Government President John Momis and his cabinet to spell out what they had done in their last 100 days.

The concerned Bougainvilleans, in a letter to the editor, demanded the ABG present its report on the last 100 days in office as they claim during the inauguration of the second ABG House at Kubu, which Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare and all other foreign dignitaries were present, witnessed and heard the president make a rundown of his list of things to do in his 100 days in office.

Mr Momis, in June this year, detailed his priority tasks for the next 100 days and promised to appoint a permanent chief administrator within these days to fully implement these tasks.

A chief administrator was appointed, but controversy surrounded the process in which he was appointed. BEC approved these priority tasks in June and announced a revised Budget was now being done to accommodate the tasks within the 100 days.

The tasks included awareness on weapons disposal, awareness on the peace agreement, awareness on the Bougainville Constitution, awareness on ABG's policies and consultation meetings with faction leaders and community leaders.

On the economic aspect the Momis Government planned to establish an economic recovery plan for Bougainville.

The plan was to include among others, the continuous Panguna mine consultations with the relevant stakeholders with the view of re-opening the mine, consultations with landowners on the Manetai lime stone and a Bougainville Fishing venture.

President's office advised they would respond later this week to the concerns raised by the concerned Bougainvilleans.

05.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Sensing what is good and evil

A senior minister of State, while on duty in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville was going from one engagement to another under the influence of liquor last week.

This minister, this newspaper was told, was "totally pissed to his eye ball" as in the words of a local in Buka. The man was not even allowed to board the Air Niugini flight out of Buka on Friday because of the condition he was in.

Currently there is a case pending in Court that involves another state minister. Police have charged him with attempted murder and the committal hearing into this matter will start sometime this month.

Then there was this report sometime ago about another senior government minister, who brought two women into a hotel room in Port Moresby. This newspaper learnt that one of the women was not the legal wife and when in the room, they got into a fight. Hotel security guards had to be called in to separate the women and bring the situation under control.

At every office you visit, there are workers who are standing around betelnut markets, and chewing their favorite chew and smoking. At the pokies parlours in the cities, workers are drinking their favorite amber and playing pokies, during official hours. They could not care if there is work waiting for them to do in their offices.

Are they right or is it okay for them to do what they are doing?

Moral ethics, it is generally agreed, are the principles on which our moral decisions are based. And ethics are our sense of what is good and evil, right and wrong, and the values and responsibility that goes with a job. In fact ethics, in general, is used to measure whether a person is good, bad or evil.

In simple terms moral ethics are nothing but the code of conduct decided by each person for himself or herself to live and work in this world and among fellow human beings.

And moral ethics are formed out of the obligations and duties a person has in the society. So whether we are politicians, government ministers, bureaucrats, fathers, mothers, or students, our moral conduct should be formed from the kind of job we have.

So, it goes without saying that when a person becomes morally corrupt, that is, engaging knowingly in activities that are deemed wrong, evil, or is outside of his or her duty or responsibility, it is easy for this person to lose his sense of what is right, wrong and evil, or good that can be the start to a life, plagued with lies and deceit. For leaders, this can lead to doing things illegally or dishonestly, using their power willingly. Corruption is a very serious issue in PNG. You see this everywhere you look. It can be a worker who takes a 10 minute smoke break every one hour. It can be the landowner in the highlands submitting a claim for non-existent properties on the highlands highway.

It can be a politician who gives a job to a wantok who is not qualified for that position. There are different forms of corruption, and it is said that this has become entrenched in our way of life.

We can get rid of corruption, this disease that is eating into the very fabric of our society. It does not need a rocket scientist to show us the way, for many times, either in church, in discussions and in the media, our church leaders have reminded us that moral corruption is the root cause of our problem today.

There is a lot of truth in what they are saying. For if you are not morally corrupt, you will know right from wrong, good from evil and you will make decisions that are right and good.

Thirty five years is a long time for Papua New Guinea. Its destiny in the years ahead is in our hands. We must change the way we do things, even the little things right.

05.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Pastor faces rape charge

A pastor has been locked up at Buka jail for allegedly raping of a 15-year-old girl.

The pastor was locked up last month for allegedly raping a the schoolgirl.

He appeared briefly in the Buka District Court last week but pleaded not guilty.

He told the court he did not commit the offence so the case was adjourned to a later date.

The 15-year-old girl has also been asked to appear before the court when it resumes.

She has also been ordered to bring her medical reports from the doctors or the hospital she visited when the alleged incident was committed and witnesses to appear before the magistrate when the case proceeds again.

The pastor has been denied bail as he awaits the case to proceed this week.

Last week, church executives from Lontis appeared at the Buka police station to try and bail him from prison.

Police refused him bail as they claimed the case was still pending.

The girl who attends grade five is still undergoing counselling at a local counselling office in Buka.

04.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

UNITE FOR SIARA

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville leaders were united yesterday to witness the opening of SIARA sub parish in the Selau constituency.

The Minister for Bougainville affairs and Regional member for Bougainville, Fidelis Semoso, Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology and member for North Bougainville, Micheal Ogio, ABG minister for Works and Communications, CAROLUS KETSIMUR and local constituency member Terry Mose all were present to witness the opening of the church.

According to the Building Committee, the church building was build at a cost of FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND KINA.

The leaders whilst congratulating the people of Siara for their new building also called on them to continue their good work and venture into other areas.

Leaders at the Church Opening (From left to Right) Local ABG member Terry Mose, Regional Member Fidelis Semoso, Open Member for North Bougainvile and Minister for Higher Education, MICHAEL OGIO and a local Businessman MR. E Omi.



04.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO DELIVERS CHEQUES

By Veronica Hannette

The Minister for Bougainville Affairs and Regional member for Bougainville yesterday gave out cheques totaling NINETEEN THOUSAND KINA to the people of Selau. He delivered K5000 to Siara sub-parish for completing the church building, K3000 to ST. Patrick's chapel, K10 000 to Hantoa main parish and another ONE THOUSAND KINA to the Nazareth sisters. He made those presentations during that celebration of the opening of the sub-parish at Siara. Mr Semoso assured the people that changes will not happen if the people of Selau continue to work as individuals but have to cooperate and work together for the development of their area. Regional Member Hands Chq to Parishioners pic by Veronica Hannette



04.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SIARA'S NEW CHURCH

By Aloysius Laukai

The people of Siara village yesterday became another proud owners of a new Church building. The church building was officially opened by the Parish Priest for Hantoa Catholic Parish FR. PETER LUGABAI.

In his speech FR. LUGABAI said that the people of Siara Sub Parish had sacrificed and contributed to build their own church which was a self reliance program in its own.

FR. LUGABAI said that the people of Siara were challenged in 2007 that even their School was built by outsiders and not by them.

He said because of this challenge the people organized themselves to build their church. Fr. Lugabai called on the people to continue working together to support their local church and also uphold their faith.

He said the time for Outside Missionaries are gone and that it was now up to the people to support their church and its programmes.

04.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PPC GETS TOUGH

By Veronica Hannette

Provincial Police Commander, Cletus Tsien yesterday challenged the leaders of Siara to lead by example as Law and Order was a issue in the area.

He said that he has been seeing a lot of their leaders drinking on the road and portraying a bad example for their youths

Mr Tsien said that a lot of problems were rising because the leaders were not showing examples and that was contributing to the law and order problem in their area.

He challenged the chiefs of Selau to be a role models for the youths so that they can engage in more social and church activities.

He said Bougainville is like a sinking ship and that we should work together to shape and mould our youths and not caring and drinking beer every Fridays on the road.

Mr. Tsien also urged the people of Siara to use the Church as an institution to change the behavior of youths in the area.

04.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ROTARY AGAINST MALARIA

By Veronica Hannette

A total of FIFTY ONE THOUSAND mosquito nets will be distributed throughout North Bougainville by the NGO group Rotary Against Malaria.

And another Twenty Seven Thousand would be distributed to families in the Torokina area.

According to the District Health Officer for Selau Suir District Rodney Sapaun, house hold surveys have already been conducted in parts of North Bougainville and District Health Officers are distributing mosquito nets in the region including the Atoll islands.

Rotary against malaria a Non-government Organization is carrying out the bed nets distribution under the global fund.

This is being done as malaria is one of the number one killer disease in PNG and a lot of awareness has been carried out throughout the country on Malaria.

For North Bougainville, Haku, Tonsu and Hantoa have been covered while other areas including Nissan and Atolls are yet to get their supplies.

Meanwhile, Central and South Bougainville are still doing their survey before distribution starts in their areas.

Their supplies of mosquito nets are still at the Kieta wharf awaiting distribution.

A workshop was conducted at Sohano by Rotary against Malaria last month to carry out the surveys and the distribution of the mosquito nets.

A total of 38 participants attended the workshop.

04.10.2010

Source: ESBC

JSB Meeting in Buka on October 7th and 8th, 2010

The Joint Supervisory Board meeting (JSB) that had been cancelled recently now has been scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week. Main issue on the agenda will be the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA), confirms Mr. Lawrence Daveona of the Panguna Landowners Association.

JSB Treffen in Buka am 7. und 8. Oktober 2010.

Das JSB Meeting, das kürzlich abgesagt wurde, findet nun am Donnerstag und Freitag dieser Woche in Buka statt. Wie Lawrence Daveona von der Panguna Landeigner Vereinigung bestätigt, wird Hauptgegenstand dieses Treffens die Überarbeitung des Bougainville Copper Agreements sein.

01.10.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Dolls cause quite stir in Buka

By PATRICK LEVO

A blue turquoise ocean with gentle waves lapping on the white sandy shores of palm fringed coral islands. Add a 'shipwreck' in the distance and two 'castaway' dolls.

Indeed a laid back scene of Pacific serenity and an imposing backdrop for a Crusoe type epic but not quite the script for a dramatic Hollywood blockbuster just yet!

However in this picturesque idyllic playground, a recent shipwreck and the story of its castaway survivors have the local population in uproar. It is brewing as the hottest love story with an insidious sex appeal slowly enveloping the forested atolls of Buka and developing somewhere on mainland Bougainville.

Mention the name of the offending ship – Le Feng - and you will get inquiring looks from the locals of Buka Passage.

That might just also be the appropriate title for the developing story if there is ever an attempt to shoot a sequel to the current episode involving angry villagers demanding justice, bemused police offering little or no leads and a bunch of youths high on home brew intent on having the time of their lives.

The stars in the cast are the castaway dolls and since April, the dark skinned island youths have guarded these with some intrepid enterprise and elementary Watson zeal in evading police and their own people. Now Buka police have launched 'Operation Le Feng' in an attempt to rescue the lost castaways – a pair of bubbly obedient twins who once commanded the insatiable sex needs of their oriental crew members.

It all began in April this year when the Malaysian registered logging ship MV Le Feng, traveling from Panama to Solomon Islands, encountered engine problems compounded by cyclonic weather and struck Hahamui reef between Matsungan and Petats Islands off Buka Island.

Various attempts to refloat the vessel were unsuccessful and the Chinese crew members – unable to communicate with local officials due to language difficulties - packed up and left, leaving a ghost ship parked on the reef to this date with their most ingratiating passengers – two lifelike sex dolls.

The people of the nearby islands finally boarded the unguarded, stranded ship and stripped it bare of all valuable assets including lifeboats, food, gas and anything they could lay their hands on.

According to eye witnesses, youths from one of the islands – just like the pirates of the Caribbean – clambered aboard the 50 metre vessel one dark night, and during a thorough room to room search under torch light, came upon a locked cabin.

Smashing it open in the hope of finding some hidden treasure, they were horrified to locate two human sized figures. Closer inspection by the astounded 'rescuers' soon revealed that these were not life sized rescue training mannequins but spicy sex dolls used by the mariners for absolute 'pleasure and pain' on the high seas. Now the 'sex slave dolls' are the talk of the islands as womenfolk in whispered tones refer to them as 'raba mama' or 'rubber pumps' while officially, police desperately search high and low after the Le Feng dolls – illegal sex toys under PNG law - and their seemingly invincible captors.

Adding to the hilarious and deepening mystery of the ongoing doll hunt, a senior Buka policeman said: "Yes, we were initially looking for this 'raba meri' for our prisoners but we have not succeeded. We are already told one has been sold to mainland Bougainville." A concerned community leader Rebecca Hamis said:

"These rubber women should be removed and destroyed because young boys are also being exposed to it and their minds are disturbed, find it and get rid of it before we have more social problems."

Whatever you call them, they are made for one thing and that is to entertain men without complaining and

that is probably why the police response has been half hearted as the stretched out force has bigger more stressful human problems to worry about on a daily basis.

According to one islander, who seemed to have appreciated the rubber mama's erotic appeal, the dolls are power operated, and can do what normal women perform.

"Rubber mama can sing, she can perform like a real woman," the man, who asked not to be named, said.

According to our friend, rubber mama can say: 'come here baby, come and make sweet love to me!'

Stranger things are happening which is compounding a rather rubbery situation. Since power is needed for the dolls to sing love songs, portable generator sets have suddenly gone missing in villages on Buka.

One genset owner said his power unit went missing one dark night 'only to turn up a few days later,' alas with its full tank of diesel all used up.

The general consensus among the populace is that youths under the influence of homebrew or drugs – commonly referred to as druggies – are pinching the gensets to power up the dolls and 'have a good time' in the bushes.

Police leads are few but they believe one doll was recently traded for a large sum of money to buyers on mainland Bougainville while its twin is doing the cheap rounds of cocoa patches in Buka.

Cheap sex dolls are inflatable and usually made of welded vinyl, resembling men or women with artificial sex organs. It seems the Le Feng castaways were cast in a more expensive mould of latex or silicone and the druggies of Bougainville are having a delightfully lustful time.

Meanwhile, the ship is still sitting on the reef, its owners fined K36,000 by the Buka District Court in April while its two shipwrecked 'sailors' are lifelessly being hounded and pounded into oblivion by the druggy pirates of the Buka Pasis.

01.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Wavik Thanks LO's

By Veronica Hannette

Correctional Service Deputy Commissioner Operation, Henry WAVIK yesterday thanked the Bekut land owners for accepting to offer their land for the New Prison for Bougainville.

He also challenged the land owners to take ownership of the institution because they will be the immediate beneficiary in future.

He was speaking at the Bekut Prison yesterday.

The deputy Commissioner also thanked the Law and Justice Sector for coordinating and starting funds through the AusAID and NZ AID for erecting the prison building in Bekut in the Peit constituency.

Meanwhile, police are still holding on to prisoners in the Buka cell station while the building is still under construction.

New Dawn FM understands that police are working hand in hand with the Correctional Service (CS) to maintain law and order on Bougainville.

01.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Nisira acknowledges development in the area

By Veronica Hannette

ABG Vice President, Patrick Nisira was pleased with the development taking place throughout Bougainville. He said that these developments were signs that the ABG and the National Government were working hand in hand to improve Law and order on the island.

He said that the facility would later be converted into a vocational school.

The facility would also have a Elementary school, Aid Post and market.

Mr Nisira said fifteen hectares of land were given to the government for building the prison and with the development taking place, people will lose their land but will gain from benefits from services provided by the facility.

He also said that this is an important achievement for all stakeholders and foreign partners in building this facility.

MR. NISIRA also thanked the donors and the people of Solos for contributing towards making this prison project a success.

01.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Aimo Declares prison in Buka

By Veronica Hannette

The Minister for Correctional Service, Tony Aimo yesterday officially declared the BEKUT prison in Buka. Currently there were 19 convicted cases and 25 remedy cases in the Buka police cells and the BEKUT Prison will greatly ease the over crowding at the Buka Police cells. He said the prison in Buka will be the 19TH DECLARED PRISON in Papua New Guinea, He mentioned that this is one of Papua New Guineas commitment that essential Government services are delivered through out the Nation. He also thanked the police for working in collaborating with the Correctional Services to strengthen the law and order situation on Bougainville.



CIS Minister Tony Aimo and ABG Minister for Law and Justice LEO HANNET hold up the certification document on BUKA JAIL at the ceremony yesterday

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

GRANT APPROVED

By Aloysius Laukai

The Autonomous Bougainville Government will be able to meet some of its outstanding commitments before Christmas, thanks to the Prime Minister, Chief SIR MICHAEL SOMARE's intervention last week to ensure that the FIFTEEN MILLION KINA for Bougainville's Restoration Grant was released by the Department for Finance.

The FIFTEEN MILLION KINA restoration grant is allocated to the ABG by the National Government under Section 49 of the Bougainville Peace Agreement and Section 326, subsection 11 of the Organic Law on Peace Building in Bougainville.

However this year, 2010 AND ALSO next year 2011 the National Government has not included this into the National Budget.

ABG PRESIDENT, JOHN MOMIS when thanking the Prime Minister, SIR MICHAEL SOMARE and Treasurer, O 'Neil for approving this year's grant said that Bougainville was fortunate that some National Leaders who were involved in putting together the Bougainville Peace Agreement are still there and were prepared to help Bougainville achieve its full Autonomy and then move towards Referendum to decide its future political status.

MR. MOMIS said that the Restoration and Development Grant provided by the National Government each year was important to the ABG as this was the only money that the ABG has control over its usage, as others funds are controlled by its agents on Bougainville.

Other funds under the ABG's control are the SEVEN MILLION KINA Internal Revenue.

30.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SEMOSO HAPPY

By Aloysius Laukai

The Regional Member for Bougainville and Minister for Bougainville Affairs, FIDELIS SEMOSO says that he was happy to work with the ABG to make sure that the six Landowners groups of Panguna establish their Associations and including their Umbrella Association before any review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement is undertaken.

He told New Dawn FM that one party in the Bougainville Copper Agreement are the Panguna Landowners who are yet to organize themselves and register their Associations.

The Minister said that for the first time he was able to understand them better as all the six landowner groups presented their grievances before their joint resolution was presented.

30.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS CONCERNED

Aloysius Laukai

ABG President CHIEF JOHN MOMIS is calling on all Bougainville media to be sensitive in their reporting of important issues on Bougainville.

He told a Press conference yesterday afternoon that whilst he supported the moves made by the Regional member, FIDELIS SEMOSO to unite the Panguna Landowners he was not happy on how it was reported by a daily newspaper.

MR. MOMIS said that PANGUNA started the Bougainville conflict and all cautions must be taken to report any activities surrounding Panguna.

He says that the ABG since its inception in 2005 has continuously worked with the Landowners and even created Panguna District as a special district on Bougainville.

MR. MOMIS said that to say that the ABG has done nothing to address Panguna Landowners grievances were not true.

The President said that the Panguna Mine had generated a lot of money for Papua New Guinea and Bougainville in the past, and its reopening would be welcomed by the people of Bougainville.

30.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ESBC press release 20101130

What are China's Real Intentions on Bougainville?

On Friday, November 19th, 2010 the following email reached the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC):

" This is a Network Service Company which is the domain name registration center in Hong Kong, China.

On November.16, 2010, we received an application from MEIHUA Group requested "bougainville-copper" as their internet keyword and China (CN) domain names. But after checking ,we find this name is conflict with your company's name or trademark. In order to deal with this issue better, it's necessary to send this email to you and confirm

with your company whether this company is your distributor or business partner in China?

If you did not authorize, please let us know within 7 workdays, so that we will handle this issue better. "

Why is a giant Chinese industrial group so much interested in acquiring the name of "Bougainville Copper" for their own purpose? Why are they contacting the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper and not our company itself or even better: Rio Tinto? What are the true intentions of this MEIHUA Group? Many questions...

The European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper asked these questions to Linda Wang from Hong Kong China Technology Ltd, a domain provider, but did not get any response until now.

30.11.2010

Source: Australian Financial Review (AFR)

Click here:

[Bougainville mine could reopen by 2011](#)

30.11.2010

Source: ESBC Research

Time Frame.

PLOA representatives have been given two months to formalize their respective lease associations including the Umbrella Association-UPLA. The first step has now been taken and each forward step now must be taken as follows:

1. Each Lease Association will have to be formally established and registered as a legal body,
2. Interim "UPLA" -United Panguna Landowners Association must be put in place with representatives of each of the six lease associations. This having been put in place UPLA's draft constitution must be discussed and approved and using this draft constitution,
3. UPLA office establishment will be undertaken at the same time including identifying staff to manned this office which will need to be properly resourced to be effective. Apart from this there has to be established a "UPLA BCA Review Secretariat" made up of professional support staff from our own lease areas educated people. Some of these

people have already been identified. This Secretariat will identify consultants who we will be required to assist PLOA during our BCA Review negotiations.

The Panguna landowners have to accomplish all of the above within the two months time frame.

For more in-depth information, please read here:

1. [RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS BY SIX PANGUNA LEASE MINE AFFECTED AREAS, BUKA \(KURI RESORT\) 27 – 28 November 2010](#)
2. [CRITICAL ACTIVITIES FOR FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT MOST IMMEDIATE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO SIX PANGUNA MINE LEASE AREAS](#)

30.11.2010

Source: The National

Talks to review Panguna deal

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

DISCUSSIONS to allow for a review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement is in progress with landowners from the mining lease areas of the Panguna mine encouraged to unite under one umbrella company.

President John Momis said the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) was working hard to encourage the landowners to unite so that they could speak and be heard in one voice.

“I am satisfied we are doing okay,” he said, adding that he believed a memorandum of understanding would be reached soon with the Panguna landowners as part of the process towards allowing for a review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

“We need to get the mine reopened. It will kick-start developments in Bougainville,” Momis said.

“At this time, we have not negotiated with potential developers but we have spoken with the chairman of Bougainville Copper Ltd and made known to him to respect the interest of the stakeholders, including the PNG government.”

He said he was confident that the government, with a vast mining industry, would extend its support to the autonomous region “to access the reservoir of knowledge and experience with regards to mine issues”.

Momis appealed to landowners on Bougainville to work together in re-building its peace and economy.

He added that the last thing he wanted was instability on Bougainville.

Bougainville deputy administrator for policy Raymond Masono said money was needed to conduct awareness on various ABG programmes, including weapons disposal and

reconciliation.

“Weapons disposal remains a priority for the ABG.

“What it requires now is a weapons disposal plan and funding of about K6 million,” he said.

Masono said the reconciliation programme was also a priority which would require about the same amount of funding.

“Without peace and weapons disposal, economic development will not progress,” he added.

30.11.2010

Source : The National

Bougainville mine ‘to reopen next year’

THE European shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) have welcomed the breakthrough achieved by the Panguna landowners’ conference in Buka regarding the re-opening of the Panguna mine.

This historical decision was reached on Sunday when landowners agreed to re-open the mine towards the end of next year.

ESBC president Axel Sturm said they were very satisfied with this outcome.

“This gives Bougainville the chance to recover financially from all suffering in the last 20 years.

“I am very grateful to the Minister of Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso that he finally pushed things cogently forward by organising this conference.

“We are also glad that the Autonomous Bougainville Government assisted in this important undertaking,” he said.

Sturm said he appreciated Semoso’s courage to face this sensitive issue “without any fear or prejudice”.

“Next year would bring giant investment to the island and many people who are jobless now would soon find work,” Sturm said.

“This makes me very happy especially for the young generation on Bougainville who would benefit from the decisions on this historic weekend,” he said.

30.11.2010

Source: The National

2011 ABG budget next month

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government Finance Minister Albert Punghau will table the 2011 ABG Budget in the next meeting of the House of Representatives scheduled for Dec 14.

Parliamentary members from Bougainville converged in Buka last week to discuss the budget before its tabling next month.

House of Representative Speaker Andrew Miriki issued a statement last week confirming the date.

It said K62 million was allocated by the national government as constitutional grant to Bougainville this year while the region's internal revenue stands at K4 million – far from adequate to finance the thriving public service machinery and many other impact economic projects there.

29.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PANGUNA ON

By Aloysius Laukai

Panguna Landowners this morning returned to their homes satisfied on the weekend meeting.

They are meeting at Panguna in two weeks time New Dawn FM will cover live from Panguna this next meeting by the Panguna Landowners.

Picture are the Landowners after the meeting.

More stories on the meeting shortly.



29.11.2010

Source:Post-Courier

Panguna gets the nod

By GORETHY KENNETH

“A MAJOR step to Bougainville’s economic recovery has unfolded.

Panguna landowners now want the mine to open but on their terms.

About 100 representatives from the six Panguna mine lease affected areas met in Buka for two days at the Kuri Village Resort to start the official negotiation process to review the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

They said for the first time in six years all six mine lease holders had met, thanks to the effort by Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso who financed and brought all of them together to meet on these issues. The six lease areas are Siokate, Port lease, Port Mine Access Road lease, special mining lease, Upper Tailings and Lower Tailings.

Resolutions were passed and presented to Mr Semoso for further action.

“Reopening of the Panguna Mine - as a combined group and with difference to the rest of the people of Bougainville, we the six Panguna mine affected landowner associations (PMALA) through our proposed umbrella landowner executive are of the firm position that the following must be resolved to our satisfaction prior to any re-opening and return to mining in Panguna.”

- * BCL take into account terms and conditions of the PMALA during the BCA review,

- * PMALA must be included as an equitable partner in all aspects of the BCA review process, especially as they relate to social and environmental issues,

- * Appropriate technical advisory support and funding must be provided to the PMALA during the course of the BCA review process,

- * Sufficient funding must be provided to carry out comprehensive island-wide awareness by teams representing all parties, including the National Government,

- * BCL must provide analysis and assessment of the magnitude of all affected areas but in particular the ongoing social and environmental impact on the lower tailings and,

- * A more robust and expansive consultative briefings on the ground by ABG Mining Department as well as relevant National authorities in this sector in terms of PMALA concerns and interests.

"Any statement relating to the future of the Panguna Mine must respect the views and concerns of the people within the PMALA areas.

“We reiterate that PMALA is a critical party to the BCA review and as a recognition to this position, the associations must be, properly and thoroughly briefed of all preparations leading to the commencement of the review and on all stages of the review after it commences.”

Initially the Lower Tailings, those badly affected by the mine closure, destruction and environmental, social damage gave their recommendation that they do not want any other companies to come and mine except BCL.

Mr Semoso was labelled a hero for uniting all six mining lease areas and for moving the negotiations forward.

The mine affected landowners associations were given two months to sort themselves out and an estimated timeframe of December 2011- the mine operation should officially begin if all goes well.

29.11.2010

Source:Post-Courier

Landowners begin dialogue

Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso has made a breakthrough in uniting all six mining lease area landowners to discuss the possibilities of re-opening the Panguna mine.

About 100 representatives, both men, women and children from the mine lease affected areas of Siokate, port mine access road, special mining lease, upper and lower tailings, have come together to discuss the future of the Panguna mine and to kick start stage three of the process to review the Bougainville Copper Agreement, thanks to efforts by Mr Semoso.

Mr Semoso was told that he should lead the review and negotiations right through with support from ABG and the National Government.

He committed K300,000 last night to kick off the review and operations of the landowners and strongly appealed to all leaders, the ABG, Central Bougainville MP Jimmy Miringoro, South Bougainville MP Steven Pirika Kama and North Bougainville MP Michael Ogio to give a hand and financially support the operation for the betterment of Bougainville's economy.

ABG vice president Patrick Nisira announced that once the K15 million from the National Government reaches Bougainville, they will also throw in their support. All representatives agreed that the six associations should be fully established in their lease areas and that all pending reconciliations that are impediments to the formation and establishment of these associations be dealt with.

Agreements on the preparation, timing and resources support towards umbrella landowner association executive elections comprising and representing the six lease area associations should be supported by the ABG and National governments.

29.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BCL Shareholders Welcome Breakthrough!

The European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) welcomed the breakthrough achieved by the Panguna landowners on their conference in Buka (Bougainville) : "We are very satisfied on the meeting's outcome," said ESBC President Axel G. Sturm on Sunday evening in Bangkok, "This gives Bougainville the chance to recover financially from all suffering in the last twenty years. I am very grateful to the Minister of Bougainville Affairs, Hon. Fidelis Semoso that he finally pushed things cogently forward by organizing this conference. We are also glad that the Autonomous Bougainville Government assisted this important act." Furthermore Mr. Sturm outlined that he appreciates very much Mr. Semoso's courage to face this

sensitive issue without any prejudice or fear. As the local network Radio New Dawn on Bougainville reported on Sunday the re-opening of the world class Panguna mine has been scheduled for the end of 2011. "Next year will already bring giant investment to the island and many people who are jobless now will soon find work," said Mr. Sturm, "this makes me very happy especially for the young generation on Bougainville who will take benefit of the decisions on this historical week-end."

28.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Breakthrough! Durchbruch!

Landowners set pace for Bougainville Copper Agreement review

By Reuben Kalaung in Buka

ALMOST two hundred landowners representing six Mining Lease Area in Bougainville have reached a common understanding to allow the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement, with the view to open the closed down giant Panguna mine in the future. That meeting was history in the making for the Panguna Mine landowners, being the first for everyone to attend since the civil crisis. Landowners travelled in from Central and South Bougainville while a handful travelled in from other parts of PNG over the weekend.

The meeting was funded by the Regional Member and Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso, was broadcasted live by Bougainville's community radio station New Dawn FM.

The landowner groups did not spent much time in their deliberations before making their presentation today. All resolutions tabled before themselves were unanimously endorsed. Several issues were highlight

Minister Semos oapplauded the deliberations of the meeting and urged the landowner groups to come with their decision to review the Bougainville Copper Agreement within two months. Mr. Semoso committed K300, 000 to assist the landowner groups to fast track their discussions.

Vice President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government Patrick Nisira accepted a challenge by Mr. Semoso to assist the landowners with an additional funding of K600, 000. Member for Central Bougainville Jimmy Miringtoro was also challenged to assist with another K300, 000.

The landowners have been challenged to work together to allow the mine re-opening by the end of next year. All land groups have made an under taking to work with all stakeholders, however, have made it known that they prefer working with mine owner Rio Tinto than any other mining companies. They say it's better to deal with the devil they know than the devil they do not know.



Presentation of mobile phones to the 6 Interim Chairmen of the Panguna Mine Lease Areas at the end of the meeting today in Buka. The phones were donated by the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper, to enable communication between them.

Words by Reuben Kalaung & Picture by Tani Tulo of Bougainville Affairs Ministry

Leaders at today's meeting
By Aloysius Laukai



ABG Vice President PATRICK NISIRA with Regional Member FIDELIS SEMOSO



Interim Chairman of Panguna Landowners CHRIS DAMANA makes his presentation.

28.11.2010

Source: ESBC Research

The Arduous and Expensive Way to Resume Mining on Bougainville

Once there was unrest between the people, the Melanesian culture asks for extensive reconciliation before getting back to normal life.

These documents recently established by the Panguna landowners show how difficult and delicate it is:

- [Project Identification](#)
- [Facilitators](#)
- [Reconciliation Costing](#)

These documents had been kindly provided by the Panguna Landowner Association.

27.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Panguna landowners meet in Buka

By Reuben Kalaung

Landowners representing various groups of the closed down Panguna mine in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville are now in Buka to discuss the possible re-opening of the once cash flashed Bougainville Copper Mine.



Female landowners attending the Buka meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for Sunday 28th November 2010

Landowners travelled in from Central and South Bougainville. Some travelled in from other Provinces in Papua New Guinea today. The meeting organized by the Regional Member and Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso, is aimed at getting all the landowner groups together to come up with a common position to review the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

Speaking on New Dawn FM this afternoon, Mr. Semoso says the meeting has no agenda as it was up to the landowners to decide the outcome. He believes the meeting will provide the roadmap for the possible review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement. The President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government Chief John Momis and his

Cabinet members were also invited for the meeting. The Bougainville Mining Division was applauded by the Regional Member for their efforts in spearheading work on mining in the region.

All landowners attended a dinner hosted by the Ministry of Bougainville Affairs tonight. Most Interim Chairperson who spoke at the dinner welcome the move by Minister Semoso.

Source: ESBC Research

The Big Ones

These persons are meeting on November 26th to 28th, 2010 in Buka and decide on the future of the Panguna mine.

Please forgive us if this listing is not yet complete! It will be updated progressively!

| <p>Representatives of the State of Papua New Guinea (PNG)</p> | <p>Representatives from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB/ABG)</p> | <p>Representatives of the Panguna Landowners (PLOA)</p> |
|---|--|--|
|  <p>Hon. Peter O'Neill PNG Minister of Treasury & Finance</p> |  <p>Hon. John Momis President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville</p> |  <p>Chris Damana Panguna Landowners Interim Chairman</p> |



Hon. Fidelis Semoso
PNG Minister of
Bougainville Affairs



Hon. Patrick Nisira
Vice President of the
Autonomous Bougainville
Government



Michael Pariu
Panguna Landowners
Interim Deputy Chairman



Hon. Arthur Somare
PNG Minister of
Public Enterprises



Hon. Andrew Miriki *
Speaker of the Autonomous
Bougainville Government



Lawrence Daveona
Panguna Landowners
Interim Secretary



Hon. Paul Tiensten
PNG Minister of Planning



Hon. Michael Oni
ABG Minister of
Natural Resources



Martin Miriori
Panguna Landowners

**National
Government
Institutions**

**Other representatives of
the
Autonomous Region**

**Participating
Landowners**
without pictures available

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| | of Bougainville and other Organizations | |
| MRA | Otto Noruka Central Regional Commissioner | Bernard Devata -Interim Member |
| NCOBA | Lucy Traverz Kieta District Manager | Maggie Clason -Interim Member |
| | Robin Tekapu Panguna District Manager | Anthony Tapakau -Interim Member |
| | Simon Kamai Wakunai District Manager | Wendelinus Bitanuma - Interim Member |
| | Stan Basiu - AUSAID | Tony Anung -Interim Member |
| | ABG Mining Division | Steven Tampura -Pakia |
| | | Josephine Noke -Moroni |
| | | Andrew Kukomo -Lower Tailings |
| | | Bernadene Kiraha -Lower Tailings |
| | | Andrew Taburiko -Lower Tailings |
| | | Raphael Evinu -SML |
| | | Ambrose Sipui -Road |
| | | Charles Atabe -Road |
| | | Joseph Inau -Arawa Customary |
| | | Cyril Tavore -Arawa Customary |
| | | Priscilla Bisiro -Arawa Customary |
| | | Jude Genu -Port (Uruaba) |
| | | Leonard Babatani -Port (Uruaba) |
| | | Dennis Vitou - POM (Lower Tailings) |
| | | Lohial Nuau - POM (Port- Uruaba) |
| | | William Basiku -POM (Administration) |
| | | Dominic Ampa'oi |
| | | Simon Pentanu -Meeting Facilitator |
| | | Oxen Innocent |
| | | Camillus Kabui - Lihir |
| | | Philip Miriori -MGU Landowner |

* participation not yet officially confirmed

26.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Cocoa Pod Bora in Bougainville

By Cynthia Tokiapron

The Cocoa Pod Bora is decreasing in affected areas in Bougainville since the introduction of training on cocoa block management.

This was revealed by CPB program coordinator for North Bougainville Jude Murava. He says all farmers had given up in producing cocoa after CPB has affected their areas.

This however has changed since training on cocoa management was introduced to farmers. The CPB training that is underway is a COE based program.

Jude Murava says the Cocoa pod bora is being observed as a seasonal pest. He believes that the CPB was not brought in from outside of Bougainville but originated in Bougainville. Samples were taken but still waiting for results.

It is believed that the plant the CPB insect feeds on is extinct as a result of climate change and it now feeds on cocoa.

He says people are using their cocoa blocks as an ATM, calling on people to start managing their blocks to avoid the CPB.

26.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

STOP THE CREATION

By Aloysius Laukai

The people of Bougainville have been called on to stop the habit of having several sexual partners thus creating too many unplanned and neglected children in the society.

MRS. AGNES TITUS from the UNIFEM office in Buka made these remarks at the White Ribbon celebration yesterday.

She said that the habit of men having several mistresses was not helping at all with the increasing population of Bougainville.

MRS. TITUS said that even many families were having more than five kids which they are unable to look after.

The Unifem representative also called on the ABG to formulate some laws to try to control the increasing population of Bougainville.

She said that violence against women and children comes in many forms and having so many children and not caring for them is one serious form that must be addressed.

26.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Students urged to behave

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

Bougainville's Provincial Police Commander Inspector Cletus Tsien has warned graduating students from Secondary and Primary Schools in Bougainville not to be too emotional and get into trouble.

Inspector Tsien says students tend to think that graduating from primary and secondary school is the end of school life and end up with 'wild' celebrations.

He adds that graduation from those education institution is just a chapter in life and it ends when a person dies.

The Commander is referring to the arrest of a student from Hutjena Secondary School yesterday afternoon for being in possession of marijuana.

The student from a mixed parentage of Buka and Central Province had just graduated from grade 10 yesterday.

The student was warned and arrested. He will appear before the Buka District Court on November 29 2010.

Meanwhile, Inspector Tsien adds that it has come to his notice that discipline is very low at Hutjena Secondary School.

He urges the teachers to be professional in their duties and parents to take responsibility for the discipline of their children.

26.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Buka Police investigated

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

Several officers at the Buka Police station are currently under investigation in relation to the killing of a young man along the Buka/Hutjena Highway early this year.

Last week an angry mob caused damage to the house of a public solicitor in Buka alleging that the government lawyer had conspired with certain members of the police service to cover up and destroy evidence related to the killing.

Certain police officers were suspected of having been involved in the killing which led to the Bougainville Police Hierarchy to call in an independent investigator from the East New Britain Province Police service to come and take charge of the case.

Bougainville Police Media has confirmed that the investigator has finalized his investigations but still has certain missing links in that particular case.

Attempts by New Dawn FM News to contact ENBP for comments were unsuccessful.

25.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SCHOOL VISIT

By Aloysius Laukai

2010 School year is ending and many schools are making final visits to sites of interests before they break.

Today Grade 8 Students of Wakunai Primary School visited the ABG Parliament, the NBC office and several other offices.

The students also visited New Dawn FM Studio in Buka Town.

They are pictured here outside NEW DAWN FM office in Buka.

New Dawn FM has been training alot on Bougainville Students who have been studying Journalism studies at Divine Word University since its inception in 2008.

Many students have already graduated with degrees and gone out on the field.

This year we have three second year students doing practical during Christmas Holidays.

They are Tapo Tovilu and Sonia Kenu with Fidelis Lucio... Others that have graduated include Tony Kaybing who started with us and took the interest and this year he graduated with Degree.

25.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SAY NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

By Aloysius Laukai

Non Government Organizations united to celebrate the White Ribbon Day to commemorate the day and advocate for the stop in violence against women and Children throughout the world.

The Celebration in Buka was spearheaded by the NGO group Leitana Nehan Development Agency and with the support of UNIFEM, WORLD VISION, CARE INTERNATIONAL and other stake holders on Bougainville.

Speakers at the ceremony highlighted the need to stop violence against women and children in homes.

Speaker, HELLEN HAKENA spoke on the need for men to respect women and advocate more on this.

UNIFEM representative, AGNES TITUS said that women are more vulnerable to violence describing the life of woman as vulnerable from womb to the tomb.

MRS. TITUS said that respect for women and girls should start at home with the family. And she called on the people of Bougainville to advocate for violence against women and children.

Other Speakers that spoke included two University Students who spoke on the different rights for women and children.

A woman Police Officer, Senior Constable Joyce Tseraha called on women to report domestic violence to Police.

She said that this was one way of stopping the occurrence of domestic Violence.

Police woman TSERAHA also called on women not to withdraw cases once they are in

the hands of law.

She said that out of about 20 cases reported to Police only 10 would go to the courts. Constable Tseraha CALLED on the women to make sure that they are not forced by men to withdraw cases as they could end up in major problems if their husbands are not made to pay for their actions.

25.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MINISTER CHALLENGES YOUTH

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG Minister for Community Development, Women and Youth, ROSE PIHEI today challenged Bougainville youth to prepare well before thinking of marrying. The Minister said that many of today's youth marry when they are not yet ready to be parents.

She said that new couples must make it their priority to make sure they have House, Garden and finance before they make that decision.

She said that a lot of parents would be asking uncles and aunties for school fees assistance at the start of 2011 school year as they are not prepared to pay for their children's school fees.

The Minister was speaking at the White Ribbon Day celebration in Buka today.

Minister said that violence against women and children comes in many forms and that the people of Bougainville must unite to stop all these forms of violence.

The minister also mentioned that her division was working with Law and Justice sector to formulate some activities to carry out awareness in the communities.

25.11.2010

Source: The National

Masono:Supplies ready for Bougainville atolls

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

FOOD and medical supplies for people affected by rising sea level on the atolls of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville will soon be delivered, assures Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) deputy administrator for policy Raymond Masono. Masono said K200,000 had been secured for the transportation and supply of relief assistance to the people of Cartarets, Mortlock, Tasman and Fead Islands.

"We will be transporting the supplies of rice, biscuits, flour and medicine to the 3,000 people affected as soon as the vessel, mv Solfish, which we hired from the Solomon Islands arrives," he said.

He added that officers from the health, education, community development, primary industries and technical services divisions would be also be onboard mv Solfish.

"Officers from these respective divisions will be assisting with delivery of the relief assistance and at the same time assess the food security situation and the people's

health status,” Masono said.

He also pointed out that food shortage was a critical issue for the people on these atolls, saying: “Local food supply is dwindling due to the rise in sea level destroying food gardens.

“Also, the lack of proper shipping services to the atolls has not helped the situation.

“The people rely on trade store goods from Buka Island.

“But with ships making irregular trips to the atolls, this has added to the food security concerns of the people,” he said.

On Buka Island, more than 2,000 islanders are still recovering from the impact of more than four months of heavy downpour.

The rain destroyed food gardens and water wells and brought about a rise in thieves stealing from village gardens.

Masono said relief funding had yet to be secured depending on the recommendation of the Bougainville disaster office, which has yet to assess the situation and determine the level of assistance required.

24.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BUC attacks Liquor Commission

By Joyce Tohui

The Bougainville Liquor Commission is not working closely with the Buka Urban Council before issuing liquor licenses. That has resulted in the uncontrolled increase in the number of liquor outlets in the township of Buka.

Noise pollution is also a concern to residence affected by those outlets.

Buka Urban Council Manageress Brenda Tohiana blasted Bougainville’s Liquor Licensing Inspector Luke Tarea for blaming the Town Council for the uncontrolled increase of liquor outlets everywhere.

She says it was the duty of the Liquor Commission to issue liquor trading licenses; however, the town council must approve the location of any beer outlets.

Mr. Tarea tells New Dawn FM News last night that the Liquor Commission could not regulate the numerous beer outlets as they were situated on customary land.

But the town council boss say it was the duty of the Liquor Commission to remove liquor trading licenses when the outlets breached sanctioned trading hours.

The town council also blames the Liquor Commission for not consulting its environment health section before approving licenses.

24.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Prepare youth for future

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

Leaders of Tonsu constituency were surprised when results of a youth survey was

revealed to them by a Care International Survey team in Bougainville.

Care International Program Coordinator David Haputo tells New Dawn FM News that according to a survey conducted recently, many youths in that area have multiple sex partners and practiced some form of prostitution.

He says the information was new to the leaders as they do not consider the current trend amongst their youths.

Mr Haputo says the team believes that is issue in the communities as youths were not normally involved in decision making.

The community leaders were advised to involve youths in future decision making so that issues affecting youths can be addressed.

The CARE Program Coordinator says the involvement of youths in decision making today, will greatly assist them to prepare for the future.

24.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Young population lacks knowledge on HIV

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

A health survey on youths in Bougainville has revealed that young people are most vulnerable to contract HIV/STI.

Care International HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator David Haputo says results from a survey in the region have indicated that youths lack knowledge on safe sex as well as knowledge about HIV transmission and prevention.

He adds that half of the youth population has their first sexual encounter in the age of 19.

It was also found that most communities dispute the usage of condoms and don't support discussions on issues regarding sex.

The survey was carried out in Buka and Tinputz by Care International program office in Bougainville.

Meanwhile, analysis recommends that condom usage can be increased by promoting better knowledge, access and social acceptance of condoms.

24.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Power outages affecting businesses

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism Student

Business houses in Buka are feeling the effects of constant power outages in the town area.

The normal flow of business is affected greatly with the power cuts done by PNG power.

There are no prior warnings before power cuts and the duration of the blackout is never made known to the public.

They are now calling on PNG Power to step up in its power supply delivery service to the people of Buka.

Attempts by New Dawn FM news to reach PNG Power for comments were unsuccessful.

24.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Promote women rights

By Veronica Hannette

A celebration themed UNITE TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN will be held to promote women's right.

Executive Director for Leitana Nehan womens Development Agency Helen Hakena says these celebrations are done yearly but in smaller scale.

The one day celebration is funded by the Port Moresby-based Family Support Committee. Several activities have been planned for the celebration tomorrow in Buka town.

Meantime, women worldwide will also be in white tomorrow to mark the White Ribbon Day.

The day is celebrated on November 25. It resembles the plight of women in every society.

23.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

K15M Hand shake for Bougainville

By Aloysius Laukai

The two-men delegation from ABG to meet the Papua New Guinea Prime Minister in Port Moresby at the weekend has been successful.

The ABG President JOHN MOMIS and his Finance Minister, ALBERT PUNGHAU last Friday left Buka for Port Moresby to have urgent discussions concerning financial matters affecting the ABG.

Reports reaching New Dawn FM News today said that the discussion with the Prime Ministers was good and the two would be returning with the FIFTEEN MILLION KINA development grant which was omitted from ABG's budget last year.

Under the Bougainville Peace Agreement this development grant of FIFTEEN MILLION KINA should be included to the ABG Budget annually so that the Autonomous Bougainville Government can work on some development projects in the region.

And the removal of these grant this year has nearly crippled the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

New Dawn FM understands that since last year the ABG has been complaining to the National Government to include these FIFTEEN MILLION KINA but all cries have fallen on deaf ears.

23.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Care presents data analysis on youth survey

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

The Care International regional office in Bougainville has begun the presentation of its findings on youth behaviors and their accessibility to health services.

The findings were done between April and June this year.

The survey targeted alcohol and drug use by youths, their livelihood and HIV/AIDS and their attitude to sex; especially multiple sex partners and their age during their face sexual encounter.

The survey also discovered youths' knowledge on those issues and their accessibility to health services.

Care International Program Coordinator David Haputo says the survey was done in the 13 communities of Buka and Tinputz.

Data collected will be presented to health service providers, affected communities and policy makers to assist them make better decision for the future.

23.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Authorized Trading hours

By Joyce Tohui

A call has been made to every liquor outlets to strictly observe hours of trading.

The Bougainville Liquor Commission prescribed separate trading hours for urban and rural areas.

Mr. Tarea says many bottle shops breached the normal trading hours due to threats by consumers after hours. He adds such attitudes by beer consumers contributed a lot to the breach of liquor trading hours.

Beer outlets have been warned to lower their musical entertainment to minimize noise disturbance to residences.

Mr. Tarea says loud music is only allowed at taverns, clubs and hotels that provide entertainment to customers.

He is calling on Liquor License holders in Bougainville to follow trading rules or face the loss of their license.

22.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

OGIO TOURS ELECTORATE

By Tom Kathoa

The Member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology, Hon. Michael Ogio says, Papua New Guinea would be flushed with a lot of money as a result of the mineral boom being experienced in the country.

The Minister said this during his tour of some areas in his electorate recently.

Minister Ogio said Papua New Guinea stands to make billions of kina from the LNG Gas Project in the Southern Highlands Province in three years time.

He said the first sale of gas from the project to overseas buyers would occur in 2014, three years away.

He said the country would earn K53 billion US Dollars from the project, money that would greatly impact on the lives of the people of this country.

To do this, the government would inject more money into the Southern Highlands province to avoid any disruption to the project.

The Minister also told the people that the Autonomous Region of Bougainville will also benefit from this windfall.

Minister Ogio visited Kekesu in the Taunita/Tinputz Constituency Siara in the Sealu area and Hoko in the Hagogohe Constituency.

He returned to Port Moresby today for the Budget Session of Parliament.

21.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Special Observations by FR. JOHN KORAN SM

PART FOUR SOME SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS

A. The Urbanisation Revolution & Evolution:

Urban planning within the provincial cities and towns tries to— ensure that there is a harmonious co-existence between the farmers and white collar workers . That the building constructors and building vertically (skyscrapers). In this way there is more land made available for large-scale farming in order to provide enough food to sustain the big population.

In— this way the farmers are empowered to be involved in large-scale and commercial farming. All are employed and earn a living and feel secured with such arrangements. There is care and support for each other. This is to emphasize the fact that money is not the only focus of their labour, but wealth comes in different forms: good and balanced diet, good health and healthy living. There is more sea food and more meat to maintain that health supply of protein. The farmers, and the middle class of the educated population are all committed.

— The road systems also try to have that same kind of understanding. There are

multiple railway lines and multiple highways and freeways. These are also vertically built.

B. Leadership & Management Skills:

— There seems to be that close relationship and understanding between those with leadership and management skills. There is space for the institutions to be actively involved in the planning and strategizing of the companies fulfilling of the industrial goals and their continuous development.

C. Intellectuals and Academics are a vital components in the success of the businesses and industries. Bougainville needs to learn from such arrangements and understandings.

PART THREE: THE WAY FORWARD IN BOUGAINVILLE

(My Personal Reflections)

9. I want to further analyse my reflections of China. I begin by asking this simple question. Like china how will the Autonomous Government of Bougainville go about this Economic Recovery as she tries to move forward and achieve a better life for all in Bougainville?

The Autonomous Bougainville Government on the 4th of March this year 2010 came up with the “Bougainville Economic Development Policy” and “Investing In Bougainville”. These two documents are well thought and written with grate insights. As I skimmed through these important documents, I found out that the fundamental component is missing. The documents immediately deal with the Economic Development of Bougainville . I would describe it as a body without a head, without a mind and a spirit. The spirit becomes the energy that empowers all in Bougainville to work towards achieving a better life. It becomes that fundamental and foundational part of the way forward in Bougainville.

The Chinese Experience shows that all companies and industries begin with their spirit and vision. It is the vision of their province and of their nation. This ensures that there is the same spirit that energizes and empowers them to continue fulfilling that national vision: “To achieve a harmonious society and a peaceful environment”

The danger of dealing with the body only is that there is no energy in reserve to keep on moving forward. The vision and spirit ensures that there is continuous growth and development.

10. My humble appeal to all Bougainvilleans is to discover that Vision of Bougainville. In order to achieve a better life in Bougainville, we all need to have the same vision, mission and goals. That all persons, communities, institutions and all businesses own that vision and dream. We need to go through that kind of transformation. There is a need for a Paradigm Shift and a New World View. There is need for an attitudinal change. This will enable us and lead us to have a new mind set and come up with the economic recovery needed to achieve that better life for all in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

11. Are we able to have that same dream and vision? Are we prepared to commit

ourselves and be united in achieving it within a certain period of time? I believe that “Where there is a will there is way”. There is certainly a way that will lead us forward to achieve a better life.

12. I fully support and endorse the “Bougainville Economic Development Policy” and “Investing In Bougainville” documents. These are very basic and fundamental principles in the economic recovery and development program in Bougainville.

Reflections of China Visit (PART TWO)

FOURTEEN DAYS IN CHINA (Fr. John Koran)

My personal reflections on my fourteen days in China.

I will present my experience of China in two parts. Part A will deal with the Historical Journey of China. I will also try my best to insert the equivalent of the Bougainville Story.

PART A: HISTORICAL JOURNEY

1. FOUR STAGES OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA.

Stage One: The Origin and Creation of Chinese People and Society.

1.1. In this stage we learn about the origin of the Chinese People. We come know about their culture and what makes them unique from other cultures in the world. Such uniqueness determines their identity and existence on this planet earth.

1.2. We know that Chinese people belong to Asia and share in the Asian way of life. They are a closed knit society. Family is the fundamental unit of their existence. Relationships are very important in all dimensions of their life. They live and work as a unit. Everything depends on this social system among Asian Peoples.

1.3. Bougainville also has its stories of origin. Many anthropologist have tried to trace the early settlers of Bougainville. We have our own cultural background, others can identify us and describe our character and the way we behaviour and organize ourselves. We belong to the Melanesian Cultures. The basis of our existence is family, and community. Relationships among ourselves is very important. We maintain this through our tribal and clan relationships.

Stage Two: The Evolution of Chinese People and Society.

2.1. The Chinese People and Society have evolved for thousands and hundreds of years. In this evolution they created their own political, economic, social, and cultural systems. Their existence depended very much on these systems. It makes them stand apart from other peoples in the world.

2.2. Their systems of organizing themselves enabled other peoples in the world to identify them and come to know their character. Chinese are Asians and this Asian Character connects them with other Asian Cultures. They value the family unit which becomes the basis of their existence, their identity and their security. So relationships are of paramount importance. They succeed and excel in life not as individuals but as a family, community and society.

2.3. The Bougainville People and Society have evolved for thousands and hundreds of years. In this evolution they created their own political, economic, social and cultural systems. Like the Chinese, Bougainvillians have a culture which identifies who they are and how they organize their lives. They value the family unit which connects them to the tribe and clan.

Stage Three: The Invasion of China and The Revolution it Caused

From Outside and Inside.

3.1. This was the stage of curiosity in the world. Different Peoples became explorers and trying to understand the world as a whole. In the process they discovered certain wealth which they obtained and exploited for their own gains.

3.2. The wealth and resources which the foreigners exploited was done unjustly. The Chinese did not benefit from such activities. In the end the Chinese People revolted against these unjust exploiters and decided to get them out of their country.

3.3. After the economic revolution, the cultural revolution began. Tribes and groups with certain philosophy of life got into confrontations. These divided the nation. China also had its doors closed to the outside world.. In the end there was no development.

3.4. Bougainville was colonized by the outsiders who indiscriminately exploited their wealth and resources. The people did not benefit much and these foreign business did not make a difference in the lives of the people. In the end the people rebelled and the

foreign investors left, but the cultural revolution began soon after.

Stage Four: Reform and Re-Creation.

4.1. China had a new leader whose dream was to open up China to the world. Which resulted in the open-door policy. This resulted in the economic reformation which continues to be experienced today.

4.2. So thirty years ago China moved into a new level of organizing its life. The model city was Zhenzhen. This particular city has four pillars of development and organizing the life of the people there. The Four Pillars of Development consists of: High Technological Industry, Modern Logistics, Finance and Service Industry and Cultural development.

4.3. Bougainville is now in the process of reforming its life: Politically, Economically, Socially, and Culturally. Bougainville needs a Vision, Mission and Goals to move forward and develop.

PART B: CHINA TODAY AND MY EXPERIENC OF IT'

5. In these fourteen days the questions that kept on coming into my mind was:

- a) Where do they get this energy to continue developing and changing China?
- b) What are the fundamental values that enable them to achieve so much in a short period of time?

6. China has a Philosophy of Life. This philosophy or spirit enables them to be committed to a common purpose in life. That is, they have a common vision of life.

a) I would describe their vision of life as:

To create a harmonious society and a peaceful environment.∞

b) In order to create this harmonious society and a peaceful environment there must be respect and trust among all peoples. This would lead me to come up with a mission statement:

That Respect and∞ Trust becomes the values to create a harmonious society. That the people of China have one vision, mission, and goals; and are committed to acquire a greater quality of life and improve their standard of living.

c) I got the impression that all are united to achieving these goals to acquire a better home and a better life. The aim is to:

To share their resources:∞

- i. Spiritual resources –
- ii. Intellectual resources –
- iii. Psychological resources –
- iv. Physical resources.

7. In order to make this vision, mission, and goals become a reality, China seem to have the following strategy:

a) They operate from solid bases.

i. The first unit is composed of several families. They form a community which organizes their lives around the same vision, mission and goals.

ii. These communities try to share among themselves all their resources. This enables them to economize and use wisely their resources to acquire the Basic Human Needs and the Basic Social Services.

iii. The communities make sure that all families acquire their basic human needs of : food, clothing and share. This will enable each family and the community to have a better home and live a better life. All must be united, respect and trust each other to achieve these fundamental basic needs and services in their lives.

iv. The communities make sure that all families acquire their basic and fundamental social services. These would include:- Health, Education, Water Supply, Power Supply, Transportation, and Mass Media Communication.

b).. These communities are connected to the districts and then to the counties. The counties are connected to the Provinces,. These Provinces are finally connected to the Nation as a whole.

i) Each district plans its development according to the directives from the counties and the province. They share the national vision, mission and goals of the nation.

ii) Each Province has its own approach to achieving the vision, mission and goals. So the province determines its own development strategies but is always connected to the national vision, mission and goals.

iii) The model province is Zhenzhen. This province was where the present vision of China was realized. It has Four Pillars as its basis of existence and development as a city and province. These four pillars include: High Technological Industry, Modern Logistic Industry, Finance and Service Industry and Cultural Industry. Zhenzhen is the only economic zone for trading in China. Other provinces develop themselves using the Zhenzhen Model.

8. In order to acquire these fundamental needs and services in such a nation, there was a need to have an efficient and an effective financial strategy. The Socialist Society such as China has a Social Structure which assists them in using their wealth and resource to build up each community. In the last thirty years (30)China had to develop its foreign policies:

i. Initially China had a closed-door policy. They were not able to deal with other nations. This made themselves look inward and were not able to move forward and progress in life.

ii.. Thirty years ago China had adopted an open-door policy. Entrepreneurs from outside were invited to invest in China. China learnt from them and is now leading in economic development in the world.

20.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

South ready for Bougainville Games

By Reuben Kalaung

A cultural spectacular is planned for the opening of the 3rd Bougainville Games on December 12 as communities in South Bougainville unite in partnership to host all participating zones.

Electricity Company PNG Power is also set to light up Buin township in time for the Games. Games Event Chairman Joe Maineke brushed aside security fears on New Dawn FM Sports Trek today.

He says the Games organizers are working in partnership with the districts of Siwai, Bana and Torokina to ensure all athletes enjoy the true South Bougainville hospital during the one week of sporting fiasco.

Police personnel, Buin athletes and ex-combatants form the full team that will ensure a trouble free event. Security personnel will also be out on the highway for those travelling by vehicle while the infamous Kangu Beach will receive athletes travelling by ship.

Mr. Maineke says final touches are being done to polish up all venues.

Sporting codes from nine zones throughout the region will clash in the Games this season representing Buka Atolls, North, Central and the host South Bougainville.

The Games is aimed at promoting unification amongst all Bougainvilleans as part of the overall peace building process in the once crisis ravaged island.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

We're coming – Rugby & Taekwondo

By Reuben Kalaung

Balls skills, speed and stamina are high on the training agenda as Buka and Central zone Rugby Sevens Football teams prepare for the upcoming Bougainville Games in Buin, South Bougainville next month.

Pure raw talents from the village level will be showcased at the Buin clash.

Buka Zone Rugby Coordinator Aloysius Kusi says training sessions have revealed some potential talents for selection into Bougainville's team Black Orchids for representative duties outside the region.

The Black Orchids need two more players for the National Rugby Sevens Championship in Rabaul next month prior to the Bougainville Games.

Running sessions have been the norm in the recent training sessions before ball handling takes over in the remaining weeks.

To martial arts; 32 fighters comprising 16 males and 16 females from the Buka zone are currently sharpening their Taekwondo skills for the Buin battle.

The development squad will enter specific combat skills in the weeks leading to the final showdown.

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Source: ESBC Research

Landowner Meeting next week !

The announced Panguna landowner meeting in Buka has been postponed to the next week-end because of enduring national budget negotiations in Port Moresby. This has to be considered as positive as more trustful figures for planning will be available then.

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Quelle: ESBC Research

Landeignerkonferenz nächste Woche !

Die für dieses Wochenende geplante Landeignerkonferenz in Buka ist um eine Woche verschoben worden. Dies wurde durch die andauernden nationalen Haushaltsverhandlungen in Port Moresby nötig. Die ESBC sehen darin einen erheblichen Vorteil, denn dann werden zu Tagungsbeginn verlässliche finanzielle Planungsdaten zur Verfügung stehen.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

2011 ABG Budget lock-up

By REUBEN KALAUNG

The ABG Minister for Finance Albert Punghau will table the 2011 ABG Budget in the next meeting of the House of Representatives scheduled for December 14. Parliamentary Members from Bougainville converged in Buka this week to discuss the budget before its tabling next month.

House of Representative Speaker Andrew Miriki issued a statement this week confirming the meeting date.

Sixty-two million kina was allocated by the national government as constitutional grant to Bougainville this year while the region's internal revenue stands at four million kina – inadequate to finance the thriving public service machinery and many other impact economic projects.

The National Government is understood to have allocated almost 70 million kina for Bougainville in the 2011 budget.

Meantime, ABG President John Momis and Finance Minister Albert Punghau left for Port Moresby today. It is understood, they were requested by Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare to sit a meeting with representatives from the Australian Government. New Dawn FM News understands a recent visit by a Bougainville delegation to China led by President Momis, may have raised eye brows in Australia.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville copper share price increase

By Reuben Kalaung

Shares in Bougainville Copper have witnessed a dramatic increase by 20 percent in the last 2 trading days.

Australian daily newspaper The Australian and the Wall Street Journal reported the increase in their publication today.

The publications reports, the current copper and gold prices and some foreign players particularly Chinese may have sparked the increase in the share price.

Mine owner Rio Tinto owns 54 percent of the shares, the national government 19 percent and while passive shareholder Vanguard owns 2 million shares at 5 percent.

The closed down Panguna Mine comprise a resource value of almost 4 million tonnes of copper and approximately 13 million ounces of gold.

The European Shareholders website ESBC reports 12 billion US dollars as the value of the Panguna Mine.

Mine re-opening and full production will cost a hefty 4 billion US dollars – that's approximately 12 billion kina.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Oil Palm progress

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

The ABG Cabinet has appointed a team to investigate and report on the Torokina Oil Palm project due to management issues.

This is according to Chief Executive Officer for Commerce Trade Albert Kinani.

Mr Kinani says the report will be tabled before the Cabinet to make decisions on the progress of the project.

He says in the meantime, the Bougainville Administration has issued instructions to the CEO for DPI to hand over the management of the project to the Commerce Trade division.

Mr Kinani adds that the two divisions met last week for the handing over of the Oil Palm project documents.

Meanwhile, the Division of Commerce Trade is doing a review on the planning and implementation of the project awaiting Cabinet decision.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Workshop targets male advocacy

By Joyce Tohui

Men in Bougainville are now better informed and prepared to carry out awareness on Human Rights issues in their communities.

A five day workshop on Gender Human Rights and Masculine' which aims at educating men to understand the women's rights ended today in Buka.

Executive Director for Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency Helen Hakena says big turnouts by men resemble their choice to support women, fight violence in the society.

She says the workshop taught men factors and issues which contribute to violence against women and children.

Male participants acquired knowledge and identified weaknesses that will help them advocate for women's rights.

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Source: ESBC Research and Analyses

Big BOC Bang ahead?

Since Bougainville's President, John Momis recently made an announcement of a strong Chinese interest to buy out Bougainville Copper; the BOC share prices shot up dramatically. This reminds us of the failed attempt of the BCL takeover by American Pritzker group during the civil war in 1991. Pritzker offered then a reported price of 3.75 USD per stock. Gold prices were about 350 USD per ounce as well as 80 percent lower for copper at the time. Also silver was much lower in 1991.

The Pritzker offer was rejected at the time by Rio Tinto with the furious words, "we do not give away our crown jewels!". Compared to today's market prices the equivalent virtual bid should be round about USD 20 per share. Therefore, any offer that might lure Rio Tinto has to be at 30 USD per stock or maybe even higher. That makes BCL an enterprise valued at 12 billion USD. However, it is still the fact that the mine only needs to start running and needs not to be opened completely once again. Besides, it might give rise to lure seven rich mining licenses more. As China disposes more US dollars than economically reasonable, the takeover could turn out to be a good possibility to get hard base and precious metals for some soft printed green paper.

[Read here Swen Lorenz' latest expertise on Bougainville Copper Limited!](#)

Big-BOC-Bang ante portas?

Seit Bougainvilles Präsident John Momis Rio Tinto unlängst öffentlich einen Übernahmewunsch Chinas an Bougainville Copper übermittelt hat, schießen die Kurse dramatisch nach oben. Erinnerungen an den fehlgeschlagenen Übernahmever such durch die US-amerikanische Pritzker Group werden wach: 1991 hatte Pritzker dem Vernehmen nach USD 3,75 je Aktie geboten – mitten im Bürgerkrieg und bei Goldpreisen um die USD 350 je Unze sowie 80 Prozent niedrigeren Kupferpreisen. Auch Silber gab es damals noch zum Schnäppchenpreis.

Rechnet man das damalige Angebot, das von Rio Tinto erbost mit den Worten „Wir verschenken unsere Kronjuwelen nicht!“ abgelehnt wurde, auf die heutige Marktsituation hoch, ergibt sich ein virtueller Angebotspreis von USD 20 je Aktie. Demzufolge dürfte heute ein bedenkenswertes Angebot, das Rio Tinto aus der Reserve locken könnte, eher bei USD 30 pro Aktie oder höher liegen. Daraus ergäbe sich ein Unternehmenswert von circa 12 Milliarden USD. Kein Sonderangebot aber dennoch attraktiv im Hinblick darauf, dass die Mine nur noch in Betrieb genommen werden und nicht vollends neu erschlossen werden muss. Zudem lockt die Aussicht auf weitere ertragreiche sieben Minenlizenzen. Da China ohnehin über mehr US-Dollars verfügt als ökonomisch vertretbar, könnte sich die Übernahme als gute Möglichkeit erweisen, für weiches grün bedrucktes Papier harte Basis- und Edelmetalle zu bekommen.

[Lesen Sie hier die jüngste Expertise von Swen Lorenz über Bougainville Copper Limited !](#)

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Source: The Australian with WALL STREET JOURNAL

'Bogeys' running red hot

AND talking of hot mining stocks, Bougainville Copper shares have run up 29c or 20 per cent from \$1.39 to \$1.68 in the last two trading days. This is a company whose operations closed down 21 years ago in 1989 during a civil insurrection and whose controller Rio Tinto's chairman Paul Skinner made it clear at the May AGM that there were "no plans" to reopen the Panguna mine.

Rio owns 54 per cent of "Bogeys" and the PNG government, not universally adored on Bougainville, has another 19 per cent. There are however two other influences to consider. One is of course the burgeoning copper and gold prices and the other is the possibility that some resource-starved overseas (most particularly Chinese) player may take a different perspective on the risks involved.

There's a total resource there of 3.5 million tonnes of copper and 12.7 million ounces of gold. That said, there are reportedly six separate landowner associations that will need to be brought to common agreement before anyone starts spending the \$US3-\$US4bn required to get the mine back into production. The biggest passive shareholder we could track down was index-hugger Vanguard with 2 million shares or five per cent. They're clearly betting that one day it will be back in the major indices.

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Source: Post-Courier

ABG explains agreements

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government said agreements signed with business houses in China was only meant to invite them to visit and see where they can help. ABG President John Momis and his 34-member delegation returned from China last week.

In a press conference Mr Momis announced that they signed seven Memoranda of Understanding in China with several businesses, inviting them to visit Bougainville and see for themselves where they can tap in help grow the economy of Bougainville.

The ABG said the MOUs signed were between:

- * THE Shanghai Chamber of Commerce on issues of manufacture and supply of building materials;
- * THREE major engineering and design companies in Beijing who would do a feasibility study on housing, sports complex and stadium, infrastructure, power generation and hydro, to name a few;
- * REAL estate businesses in Shanghai and Beijing;
- * Shanghai Chamber of Commerce on issues of civil engineering and construction;
- * Shanghai Chamber of Commerce on a shipping company
- * China Oriental Green on tourism; and
- * Shanghai Fujian Chamber of Commerce on waste recycle plant, water sewerage treatment plant, agriculture and livestock.

The ABG delegation also spoke to businesses about mining issues on Bougainville but because it is still a sensitive issue, Mr Momis said the options were open.

The ABG said Mr Momis signed these MOUs to invite Chinese companies and the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce to Bougainville upon an invitation by the government to explore possibilities of investing here through joint venture partnerships.

The ABG said these were just understandings between these companies and the ABG has already prepared invitation papers so they could start making their way to Bougainville for a courtesy visit.

The ABG is seriously thinking about an immediate recovery of Bougainville's economy, it said.

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Source: The National

Man shot dead in Bougainville tribal conflict

BOUGAINVILLE police confirmed that a man was shot dead and an unspecified number of houses burnt down near Oria in the Konou constituency of South Bougainville last Thursday.

The killing and burning were believed to be in retaliation for the wounding of a civilian,

who was part of a community work party from Oria, early last week.

The retaliatory attack had caused two Autonomous Bougainville house of assembly members to call once again for both parties in the long running tribal feud to sort out their differences through peaceful means.

South Nasioi member and chairman of the Law and Justice Advisory Committee John Ken teamed up with Member for Selau and vice-chairman of the Peace and Reconciliation Committee Pr Terry Mose to appeal for peace in the area.

The two leaders met with acting Assistant Commissioner of Police in Bougainville last Friday to discuss possible ways of ending bloodshed in Bougainville's southern trouble-spot.

Ken called on the local militia group from Oria, Wilmo, and the opposing party believed to be followers of rebel leader Damien Koike to lay down their arms and let the law take its course.

Mose, who has been heavily involved in trying to find a peaceful solution to the conflict, had called on all parties to reconcile for the sake of referendum and independence on Bougainville.

He urged all Bougainvilleans not to wait upon the government for reconciliation funding but continue with the process using whatever resources available in the villages.

Meanwhile, acting Bougainville police chief Tohua said they had with the Bougainville Police Service established police posts in every constituency in the autonomous region.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SCRAP METAL TRADING ON

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

A Memorandum of Understanding for the trading of scrap metal has been signed between MALCO PNC Limited, Panguna Scrap Metals, Panguna Landowners and the Autonomous Bougainville government early this week.

This has followed a proposal by the Panguna Landowners and Malco PNC Limited who want to work in partnership in purchasing scrap metals in Bougainville.

Chief Executive Officer for Commerce & Trade Albert Kinani says the MOU is a biggest achievement for the ABG.

Mr. Kinani says the scrap metal business has always been a sensitive issue particularly in Central Bougainville as many buyers were untrustworthy.

He says for the last five years ABG has tried to provide the service especially to those who are eager to enter the scrap metal business.

Mr Kinani adds that the ABG is happy with this arrangement because it's one of its first break through that will benefit the landowners and business partners.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bank fees affects Bougainville

By SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

Bougainvilleans have joined the rest of PNG to be affected by the new commercial banking fees charged by the Bank South Pacific Limited.

Bank users have expressed concerns about the new bank fees set by the bank. BSP is the only commercial bank that serves the region of Bougainville.

Chief Executive Officer for Commerce Trade Albert Kinani tells New Dawn FM News that ABG has discussed with other commercial banks such as Wespac and ANZ to set up in the region.

He says, however, they've only succeeded in bringing Nationwide Micro Bank which is currently operating in the region.

He adds that Wespac and ANZ were reluctant to establish in Bougainville due to the region's low economic scale.

Mr Kinani says the only way to attract more commercial banks, is to increase Bougainville's current revenue by establishing major impact projects.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Juvenile court establish

By Veronica Hannette

The Magisterial Service in Bougainville is planning to establish a Juvenile Court in the Kieta District.

Port Moresby's Deputy Chief Magistrate Iova Geita conducted a week long workshop on Mediation and Diversion for the magisterial services in the region.

The meeting was part of a series of workshops aimed at equipping law enforcers in Arawa to identify and separate juvenile courts from the main criminal justice system.

The juvenile court system was endorsed by the National Juvenile Justice Working group, which hopes to have the system established by the end of this year.

25 participants from the law and justice sector attended the UNICEF funded workshop.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Control population growth

By Joyce Tohui

The population in Bougainville is growing at an alarming rate.

The increase has come about because people are not informed about family planning methods.

Most people are ignorant about family planning practices as the community sees it as a

women's duty to consult planning methods.

A senior health practitioner in Buka Dr. Joe Vilosi says the family planning services are available at every health center for couples and young people.

He says these health services will assist everyone to better plan their family size.

Dr. Vilosi says many families in the past exercise family planning methods compared to families nowadays. Unplanned pregnancies by sexually active teenagers in schools have contributed tremendously to the population increase.

The medical practitioner is urging all Bougainvilleans to tackle the population issue before it gets out of control.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Population affects service delivery

By Joyce Tohui

A call has been made to the ABG Government to support the family planning awareness in Bougainville.

Dr. Joe Vilosi made this call when outlining the impacts of population during an interview with New Dawn FM News.

He says an increase population will affect government's service delivery if the issue of family planning is not seriously looked at by the government.

Dr. Vilosi says this is a major issue the government must address before it is too late. A big population has adverse effects of hunger, poverty and land shortage.

Meanwhile, the doctor says new born babies born throughout PNG within a year are equivalent to the population of Eastern Highlands.

That statistic poses serious concern to the Bougainville dream of achieving full Autonomy.

18.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Workshop helps Bougainville

By Joyce Tohui

A "Gender Human Rights Masculine Training workshop" is underway in Buka to help Bougainvilleans understand their rights.

The workshop is aimed at educating men to understand the rights of women in any decision making and equal participation.

Sixty participants representing various sectors in the fourteen districts of Bougainville are attending the five day workshop which ends tomorrow.

The workshop is facilitated by the Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency through the New Zealand AID.

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Source: The National

Soldiers recover remains of Bougainville MIA trio

By ANGELINE KARIUS

THE remains of three PNGDF soldiers who were reported missing in action (MIA) during the Bougainville crisis have been recovered.

Defence Minister Bob Dadae revealed the findings to reporters in Port Moresby yesterday.

He said the remains of Cpl Horace Maino, Pte Jimmy Jula and Pte Raymond Waia of Alpha Company, 1RPIR, were identified with the assistance and expertise from the Australian Defence Force's unrecovered war casualties army (UWC-A) forensic team. In early 2006, PNGDF was informed of the remains of the three MIA soldiers in North Bougainville may have been found.

According to the press statement, in late 2009, the PNGDF started negotiating with the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government (ARB) representatives and former combatants (Bougainville Revolutionary Army) to establish the whereabouts of the remains and to commence the identification process.

Following the request, a UWC-A investigator conducted interviews with family members and PNGDF witnesses on Sept 7 and custodians in Buka on Sept 9.

On Sept 26, the forensic team examined two sets of remains described as "Kunua One" and "Kunua Two" at the district administration building in Kunua, Central Bougainville.

The third set of remains "Kunua Three" was later examined at the Buka Hospital mortuary in Buka.

Bob Dadae thanked the efforts of PNGDF by the head of the Australian Defence staff in PNG, Col Mark Sheppard and the Australian Defence Force, UWC-A and forensic team.

He said it was the PNGDF's duty to return the remains to their families for closure.

Meanwhile, a final survey report on the retirement benefits of soldiers was also handed today to Brig-Gen Francis Agwi, to determine their entitlement payout.

18.11.2010

Source: ESBC Research

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as at 9:58:03 AM Thursday, November 18, 2010

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|----|---|---------|-------|
| 1 | 1 | 8,000 | 1.530 |
| 2 | 2 | 24,501 | 1.520 |
| 3 | 1 | 388 | 1.500 |
| 4 | 1 | 2,000 | 1.475 |
| 5 | 1 | 5,000 | 1.460 |
| 6 | 2 | 14,150 | 1.450 |
| 7 | 1 | 2,000 | 1.445 |
| 8 | 1 | 10,000 | 1.420 |
| 9 | 2 | 9,209 | 1.400 |
| 10 | 3 | 11,360 | 1.390 |
| 11 | 1 | 15,000 | 1.350 |
| 12 | 1 | 10,000 | 1.340 |
| 13 | 2 | 1,380 | 1.330 |
| 14 | 1 | 3,000 | 1.320 |
| 15 | 3 | 8,188 | 1.300 |
| 16 | 1 | 450 | 1.295 |
| 17 | 1 | 5,000 | 1.285 |
| 18 | 3 | 144,000 | 1.250 |
| 19 | 1 | 589 | 0.850 |

BOC Sellers

Price Quantity Sell Level

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|--------|--------|---|---|
| 1.480 | 8,000 | 1 | 1 |
| 1.500 | 25,593 | 1 | 2 |
| 1.555 | 5,000 | 1 | 3 |
| 1.570 | 12,348 | 1 | 4 |
| 1.595 | 11,111 | 1 | 5 |
| 1.700 | 5,000 | 1 | 6 |
| 1.795 | 3,000 | 1 | 7 |
| 1.800 | 65,600 | 2 | 8 |
| 11.000 | 610 | 1 | 9 |

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Source: ESBC Research

Board of Directors' Meeting

The board of directors of Bougainville Copper Limited actually meets in Indonesia. The agenda of the meeting has not yet been communicated. It is quite probable that President Momis' offer for a buy-out of by Chinese is one of the major topics. Rio Tinto holds an important interest in the Indonesian Grasberg mine (gold/copper) in West

Papua. Therefore it cannot be excluded that the BCL managers will meet some of their colleagues working in Indonesia. Even a participation of high level Rio Tinto executives from London seems to be possible. There are rumours that ABG-President Momis will visit shortly the RT-headquarters in London for consultations. A preparation of this journey is probable as well.

Vorstandstreffen

Der Vorstand der Bougainville Copper Limited trifft sich derzeit in Indonesien. Eine Tagesordnung wurde noch nicht veröffentlicht. Es ist jedoch sehr wahrscheinlich, dass Präsident Momis' Angebot einer Übernahme durch die Chinesen auch Thema der Gespräche sein wird. Rio Tinto hält in Indonesien eine maßgebliche Beteiligung an der in West-Papua gelegenen Grasbergmine (Gold/Kupfer). Deshalb liegt es auch im Bereich des Denkbaren, dass sich die BCL Vorstände nicht nur mit Kollegen der Grasbergmine treffen, sondern dort auch hochrangige Vertreter der der RT-Konzernzentrale in London treffen. Gerüchte wollen sogar wissen, dass ABG-Präsident Momis in näherer Zukunft zu Konsultationen nach London reist. Demzufolge könnte dieses Treffen zudem der Vorbereitung der Momis-Reise dienen.

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Source. Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Termites a growing problem

By Tapo Tovilu

Termites are becoming a concern in Bougainville.

Operations Manager of Protex Pest Control Bernard Namun says that termite infestation is a big problem in the Region.

He has just completed a survey of 125 schools in Bougainville and discovered nearly all schools have termite infestation.

Termites are very dangerous because they can destroy a building in just months of infestation.

Mr. Namun says there are many pest control companies in the region and people should have their properties examined and protected.

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Source. Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SPORTSMAN CALLS FOR SUPPORT

BY SONIA KENU

An appeal has been made to the ABG Government and business houses in Bougainville for their support towards our sportsmen.

Buka Touch Team Manager Tommy Bobos says they'll be reaching out for assistance during this time of preparation for the ABG games.

He also calls for truck owners to consider the athletes who are traveling from Haku and Halia to Ieta for training.

He says it would be more helpful if truck owners give discount on bus fares to the athletes.

The Buka Touch Team consists of 36 players, from the six constituencies who have been selected from the Buka District Zone Games in Haku last month.

Meanwhile, the team is working towards raising funds which today, team members were given coin-a-thon sheets to bring home.

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Source. Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville lacks human resource

By Joyce Tohui

An Education awareness themed 'Better Education Better Bougainville' aims to boost human resource in Bougainville.

The UPNG Bougainville students from the Selau, Suir and Tinputz Districts are carrying out the awareness programs to help the schools in their area.

The awareness team says many students from Central and South Bougainville are in tertiary institutions compared to students in North Bougainville, which have low number of students studying outside the region.

The team says the shortfall has encouraged them to carry out the education awareness.

Thirteen schools have been covered in the exercise however funding constraints did not allow proper implementation.

The UPNG Team has been advised by the Bougainville Education Division, to target low performing schools in the three districts. They are calling on the ABG Constituency members to support the program.

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Source. Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

New recruits for Bville CS

By REUBEN KALAUNG

The PNG Correctional Services will bring in fresh new recruits to the Autonomous Bougainville region by the end of this year. Correctional Services is one vital government service that's been lacking since the civil crisis.

Assistant Commissioner for New Guinea Islands Philip Eka says 25 Bougainvilleans are currently undergoing training at the Bomana Correctional Service Training Center outside Port Moresby.

On their pass out, they will be transferred to Bougainville to boost manpower at the Bekut prison in Buka. Mr. Eka is in the region to make arrangements for the transfer of the first batch of 10 low risk prisoners to the recently opened prison facility at Bekut.

The Buka Police station has been the main prison site for convicts and remandees in Bougainville after the civil conflict. Just this week, the CS headquarters deployed 5 warders from Kerevat to man the Bekut prison.

The Bekut prison has a holding capacity of 40 prisoners.

Mr. Eka says plans are in place for the deployment of 30 correctional service officers to Bougainville.

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Source: ESBC Research

ASX Sydney: Bougainville Copper (BOC) shares soar 8.69 percent (AUD 1.51)

at 12:40:34 p.m. local time!

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um 8,69 Prozent auf AUD 1,51 zu!

17.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Termites attack Bougainville

By Fabian Gatana

Snine secondary and high schools in Bougainville are under serious threat from termites attacking classrooms and teachers' houses.

The cost of rebuilding may exceed K10 million if both the National and Autonomous Bougainville Governments do not immediately address the issue.

Hutjena Secondary School has 74 buildings under threat – classrooms, boys and girls dormitories and teachers' houses – some buildings are already seriously affected with termites eating away the timbers, resulting in the houses falling apart.

Bishop Wade/Tarlana Secondary School has 70 buildings under threat, Buin Secondary School 50, Bana and Nissan high schools are also badly affected.

There are five other high schools in Bougainville with the same problem and teachers are worried the issue may affect classes in the near future.

Protex Pest Control, a locally owned company had been tasked to look at these issues

and report to the respective schools.

Operations manager of the Protex company, Bernard Namun said to save these schools the ABG or the National Government will need to spend K3 million to completely overhaul the northern termite nests that they suspect may have come from Lae through the timbers purchased from there.

“They could be northern termites and these are very dangerous. They live in colony nests and the termites multiply 1500 eggs per day,” Mr Namun said. This could be the biggest threat to the entire school buildings in Bougainville and we can help save them if we address them on time.”

16.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

ABG minister blasts Kidu

By GORETHY KENNETH

AN Autonomous Bougainville Government leader who is also a church pastor has condemned moves to legalise prostitution and same sex marriages in Papua New Guinea.

ABG Minister for Local Level Government Pastor Joseph Nopeii, in an interview with the Post-Courier, said Government Minister Dame Carol Kidu had lost his support on other issues.

“I am a strong supporter of Dame Carol Kidu’s women bill in Parliament and on many other issues that she has spoken highly on. But since her publicity on the issue of legalising prostitution and homosexuality in PNG recently, I have lost respect for her,” said Mr Nopeii.

He strongly thinks that the idea should seriously be brushed aside.

Mr Nopeii said not only was the timing for the issues not right, but the idea itself should not be brought into Bougainville as it will have a serious impact on communities in the region.

Mr Nopeii also condemned practising homosexuals, if there are any, in Bougainville. The Post-Courier understands that there are already homosexual families in Buka but are not publicly exposing themselves.

“The issue may work in first world countries but for PNG, the timing is wrong and it will have a lot of implications and social issues in Bougainville,” Mr Nopeii said.

“There should be wide consultation all over Papua New Guinea.

The National Government should seriously think about carrying a wide consultation and awareness on this before any bills can be introduced for legalising.

“We have to consider PNG having almost 90 per cent of rural based population and this will definitely have implications and affect the families, community and the people of PNG. That is my contribution to this issue.”

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Source: The National

Telikom launches X'cess mobile in Bougainville

X'CESS wireless is now more portable with Telikom PNG introducing its mobile version of the X'cess wireless phone in Arawa last Friday.

The introduction of the mobile phone coincided with Telikom PNG's launch of the wireless network in Arawa that same day.

This makes the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the first place outside of Port Moresby to receive the mobile handset service through the wireless network (CDMA). Being consciously aware that calls from the wireless service is charged at 6t per minute at peak hours and 3t per minute at off-peak hours, Bougainvilleans could not let the golden opportunity slip by as they scrambled to queue up at the Independence Park to write history by purchasing the cheap Telikom X'cess mobile handsets. As people also realised the importance of internet usage in improving lives, the wireless internet modem (EVDO) and the X'cess wireless phones also made good sales on the day.

With the availability of the wireless network now available in the once bustling township, people in Arawa can now sit back in their homes and purchase airline ticket or do online banking without paying K50 to travel more than 100km to Buka to do the transactions.

Member for Central Bougainville Jimmy Miringtoro hailed the region as being the first to receive the X'cess wireless and telephone mobile service after Port Moresby and pledged his support to the communications company to further its work in the region. Miringtoro expressed appreciation for the reality that communication was now being rebuilt in the region in line with new and improved technology to better the lives of the people after most of the telecommunication infrastructure in the region was stripped and left in ruins during the crisis.

"Communication service in Bougainville was down during the crisis, but we will now rise and move forward in terms of cheap and affordable communication solutions.

"The introduction of the X'cess mobile phones is a step forward for us," he said.

Telikom PNG Ltd chief executive officer Peter Loko said Telikom PNG was committed to ensure that every one in the country had access to cheap and affordable communication solutions.

He urged every one in the Autonomous Region to fully utilise the service and to take care of it so that tangible development is realised over time through the use of the service.

15.11.2010

Source: ESBC Research

Morgenröte auf Bougainville ?

"The government now has a big task ahead; we have to create awareness on our business houses, the people and the region. The Chinese, have a big interest in the Panguna mine, one of them said they can buyout Rio Tinto ... that show's how powerful

they are and that they have the money,” Mr. Momis said. We must be ready for the Chinese when they come.”

Diese in der Islands Post versteckte Meldung aus dem heutigen Post-Courier, die unter der nichtssagenden Überschrift [„Momis returns from China“](#) erschien, birgt Explosives – kündigt sie doch als wörtliches Zitat von ABG Präsident John Momis vielleicht eine überraschende Übernahmestory an. Auf den Aktienmarkt indes ist der Zündfunke bislang noch nicht wirklich übergesprungen.

Für die ESBC stellt sich die Situation wie folgt dar:

Szenario 1:

RIO TINTO erhält kein Angebot bzw. das Angebot ist nicht hoch genug; dann kann man immer noch China mit Hilfe eines Joint Ventures mit ins Boot nehmen. Das wäre aus unserer Sicht für alle Stakeholder die beste Lösung. In diesem Fall wäre BOUGAINVILLE COPPER ein attraktives Langfristinvestment, bei dem als kurzfristiger Katalysator die Verhandlungen zum Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) dem Kurs Flügel verleihen könnten.

Szenario 2:

China unterbreitet RIO TINTO für BOUGAINVILLE COPPER ein sensationelles Angebot von AUD 20 aufwärts. Dann wird es spannend. Wir gehen ziemlich sicher davon aus, dass China dann ebenfalls für die Anteile, die PNG besitzt, bieten wird. Wenn dem so ist, dann streben sie nach 100% und werden auch den verbleibenden Minderheitsaktionären das gleiche Angebot machen, denn so einfach kann man 28% nicht über den Tisch ziehen, auch nicht in PNG; für den Rest kommt dann der „Squeeze Out“. Solch ein Szenario wäre aus Sicht der Aktionäre kurzfristig das Attraktivste. Leider glauben wir nicht, dass diese Lösung für die Bevölkerung Bougainvilles die Beste sein wird.

Szenario 3:

Wie Szenario 2, nur erwirbt China nicht die 19% von PNG. In diesem Fall wird es in unseren Augen auch zu einem Angebot an die Minderheitsaktionäre kommen, allerdings kann dann kein „Squeeze Out“ folgen. Auch das Listing an der ASX würde beibehalten. Die Börsennotiz und einen hohen Kurs braucht man dann allein schon deshalb, damit sich PNG jeden Tag freuen kann, um zu berechnen wie viel ihr 19% Anteil wert ist.

Alles in allem glauben wir, führt der Besuch Momis in China dazu, dass sich die Dinge in Bougainville tendenziell beschleunigen. Wir pflichten all denjenigen bei, die sagen

bei: die entscheidende Frage sei trotz mancher noch zu nehmenden Hürden umso mehr, ob Panguna unter BOUGAINVILLE COPPER/RIO TINTO oder unter BOUGAINVILLE COPPER/China wiedereröffnet wird? Hierbei glauben wir, dass die erste Alternative die realistischere ist. Bei allen Szenarien wäre der Kurs deutlich höher, außer China würde die Anteile von RIO TINTO übernehmen und kein oder nur ein lächerlich geringes Angebot an die Minderheitsaktionäre machen und dann ein Delisting vornehmen. Das aber halten wir für unrealistisch. Zwar spielen die Chinesen mit allen erdenklichen Tricks, aber sie halten sich alles in allem an internationale Verhaltenskodizes. Unabhängig davon, ob dies rechtlich (nach ASX-rules und PNG-Recht) überhaupt möglich wäre, glauben wir nicht, dass die Corporate Governance Regeln von RIO TINTO dies so leicht erlauben würden, ein Angebot anzunehmen durch das die anderen Mitaktionäre so massiv schlechter gestellt werden würden.

Wir glauben fest daran, dass wir womöglich noch vor Weihnachten eine weitere Breaking News erhalten werden - entweder zum RIO TINTO/China-Deal oder aber zum BCA-Review.

New Dawn on Bougainville ?

The today's Post-Courier quoted ABG President John Momis in an article titled ["Momis returns from China"](#) as follows:

"The government now has a big task ahead; we have to create awareness on our business houses, the people and the region. The Chinese, have a big interest in the Panguna mine, one of them said they can buyout Rio Tinto ... that show's how powerful they are and that they have the money," Mr. Momis said. We must be ready for the Chinese when they come."

This recent statement of President Momis is breaking news in our eyes. Although it is fascinating news the market did not yet catch up with this potential take-over story.

For the ESBC the situation looks as follows:

Scenario 1:

RIO TINTO does not get any take-over offer or the offer price is not sufficient; then still the Chinese could participate via a joint venture; in our opinion this would be the first and best solution for all stakeholders. BOUGAINVILLE COPPER then would be a very attractive long-term investment with a very nice short-term catalyst which is the re-negotiation of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) which could make the share price fly.

Scenario 2:

China makes a very attractive bid for the shares held by Rio Tinto, let's say AUD 20+. Then things start getting exiting. In such a scenario we would assume China to bid as well for the shares held by PNG. If that was true they also would look forward to getting the shares of the minority shareholders because they want 100%. The offer will be at the same conditions, we simply cannot believe that one can cheat a minority shareholder who owns 28%, even not in PNG. Afterwards we would expect a "Squeeze Out". Such a scenario might be very attractive for shareholders short-term. But in our honest opinion it would not be the 1st best solution for Bougainville.

Scenario 3:

Same as scenario 2 with the difference that China does not buy the 19% share owned by PNG. In such a case we would still expect an offer for minority shareholders at same conditions like RIO TINTO. Obviously no squeeze out and no delisting; otherwise PNG cannot check on daily basis how much worth their stake is at a then hopefully much higher price.

All in all we think that Momis' trip to China might speed up things in Bougainville. We think despite some hurdles to take the only valid question will be if it is Bougainville Copper or the Chinese to run and re-open the Panguna mine. Still we think the first option is the more likely outcome. In all scenarios the share price should be significantly higher. There is one remaining risk which is China buys the shares from Rio Tinto and does not make an offer to minority shareholders or only at low price and delists the shares afterwards. Without being a legal expert in ASX-rules or the PNG law if this is possible at all, we think this is unlikely. Of course the Chinese are well known for playing tough games but we cannot imagine a scenario where they would breach international rules of conduct. Also we think that would cause serious problems for Rio Tinto in a way that selling shares under such circumstances would mean that this would be to a significant disadvantage to other shareholders. We think good Corporate Governance would not allow such a step.

All in all we are quite confident that we might get some breaking news very soon, hopefully before Christmas: either regarding a Rio Tinto/China deal or the BCA review.

15.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Momis returns from China

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government has signed seven memorandum of understandings with China and in a month, the powerful nation should be expected to land on Bougainville to start negotiating business.

President John Momis and his 34-member delegation returned from China over the weekend with a lot of "presents".

In a press conference on Saturday Mr Momis said seven MoUs were signed between

the Government of ABG and the Republic of China on issues – in order of priority:

- * Commercial farming (agri business);
- * Mining;
- * Tourism;
- * Hydro power;
- * Housing;
- * Shipping; and
- * Airlines.

“We are very pleased to have made the trip to China. It was an educational tour, we came back enriched and highly motivated,” Mr Momis said. The expenses, ABG Administration paid for me and my two other staff and the deputy administrator. The four businessmen paid their own airfares, the rest were paid by the Chinese people and its’ government. All other expenses were also met by them. The expenses incurred were worthwhile.”

“The government now has a big task ahead, we have to create awareness on our business houses, the people and the region.

The Chinese, have a big interest in the Panguna mine, one of them said they can buyout Rio Tinto ... that show’s how powerful they are and that they have the money,” Mr Momis said. We must be ready for the Chinese when they come.”

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Reflections

By Aloysius Laukai

One of the delegation members and Chaplain FR. JOHN KORAN has this reflection to make on this China trip.

FOURTEEN DAYS IN CHINA

(Fr. John Koran)

My personal reflections on my fourteen days in China.

I will present my experience of China in two parts. Part A will deal with the Historical Journey of China. I will also try my best to insert the equivalent of the Bougainville Story.

PART A: HISTORICAL JOURNEY

1. FOUR STAGES OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA.

Stage One: The Origin and Creation of Chinese People and Society.

1.1. In this stage we learn about the origin of the Chinese People. We come know about their culture and what makes them unique from other cultures in the world. Such uniqueness determines their identity and existence on this planet earth.

1.2. We know that Chinese belong to Asia and share in the Asian way of life. They are a closed knit society. Family is the fundamental unit of their existence. Relationships

are very important in all dimensions of their life. They live and work as a unit. Everything depends on this social system among Asian Peoples.

1.3. Bougainville also has its stories of origin. Many anthropologist have tried to trace the early settlers of Bougainville. We have our own cultural background, others can identify us and describe our character and the way we behaviour and organize ourselves. We belong to the Melanesian Cultures. The basis of our existence is family, and community. Relationships among ourselves is very important. We maintain this through our tribal and clan relationships.

Stage Two: The Evolution of Chinese People and Society.

2.1. The Chinese People and Society have evolved for thousands and hundreds of years. In

this evolution they created their own political, economic, social, and cultural systems. Their existence depended very much on these systems. It make them stand apart from other peoples in the world.

2.2. Their systems of organizing themselves enabled other peoples in the world to identify

them and come to know their character. Chinese are Asians and this Asian Character connects them with other Asian Cultures. They value the family unit which becomes the basis of their existence, their identity and their security. So relationships are of paramount importance. They succeed and excel in life not as individuals but as a family, community and society.

2.3. The Bougainville People and Society have evolved for thousands and hundreds of years.

In this evolution they created their own political, economic, social and cultural systems. Like the Chinese, Bougainvillians have a culture which identifies who they are and how they organize their lives. They value the family unit which connects them to the tribe and clan.

Stage Three: The Invasion of China and The Revolution it Caused From Outside and Inside.

3.1. This was the stage of curiosity in the world. Different Peoples became explorers and

trying to understand the world as a whole. In the process they discovered certain wealth which they obtained and exploited for their own gains.

3.2. The wealth and resources which the foreigners exploited was done unjustly. The Chinese

did not benefit from such activities. In the end the Chinese People revolted against these unjust exploiters and decided to get them out their country.

3.3. After the economic revolution, the cultural revolution began. Tribes and groups with

certain philosophy of life got into confrontations. These divided the nation. China also its doors closed to the outside world.. In the end there was no development.

3.4. Bougainville was colonized by the outsiders who indiscriminately exploited the wealth

and resources. The people did not benefit much and these foreign business did not make a difference in the lives of the people. In the end the people rebelled and the foreign investors left, but the cultural revolution began soon after.

Stage Four: Reform and Re-Creation.

4.1. China had a new leader whose dream was to open up China to the world. So it can up and open-door policy. This resulted in the economic reformation which continues to be experienced today.

4.2. So thirty years ago China moved into a new level of organizing its life. The model city was Zenhzenh. This particular city has four pillars of development and organizing the life of the people there. The Four Pillars of Development consists of: High Technological Industry, Modern Logistics, Finance and Service Industry and Cultural development.

4.3. Bougainville is now in the process of reforming its life: Politically, Economically, Socially, and Culturally. Bougainville needs a Vision, Mission and Goals to more forward and develop.

PART B: CHINA TODAY AND MY EXPEIRENC OF IT'

5. In these fourteen days the questions that kept on coming into my mind was:

- a) Where do they get this energy to continue developing and changing China?
- b) What are the fundamental values that enable them to achieve so much in a short period of time?

6. China has a Philosophy of Life. This philosophy or spirit enables them to be committed to a common purpose in life. That is, they have a common vision of life.

a) I would describe their vision of life as:

To create a harmonious society and a peaceful environment.∞

b) In order to create this harmonious society and a peaceful environment there must be respect and trust among all peoples. This would lead me to come up with a mission statement:

That Respect and∞ Trust becomes the values to create a harmonious society. That the people of China have one vision, mission, and goals; and are committed to acquire greater quality of life and improve their standard of living.

c) I got the impression that all are united to achieving these goals to acquire a better home and a better life. The aim is to:

To share their resources:∞

- i. Spiritual resources –
- ii. Intellectual resources –
- iii. Psychological resources –
- iv. Physical resources.

7. In order to make this vision, mission, and goals become a reality, China seem to have the following strategy:

a)They operate from solid bases.

i. The first unit is composed of several families. They form a community which organizes their lives around the same vision, mission and goals.

ii. These communities try to share among themselves all their resources. This enables them to economize and use wisely their resources to acquire the Basic Human Needs and the Basic Social Services.

iii. The communities make sure that all families acquire their basic human needs of : food, clothing and share. This will enable each family and the community to have a

better home and live a better life. All must be united, respect and trust each other to achieve these fundamental basic needs and services in their lives.

iv. The communities make sure that all families acquire their basic and fundamental social services. These would include:- Health, Education, Water Supply, Power Supply, Transportation, and Mass Media Communication.

b).. These communities are connected to the districts and then to the counties. The counties are connected to the Provinces,. These Provinces are finally connected to the Nation as a whole.

i) Each district plans its development according to the directives from the counties and the province. They share the national vision, mission and goals of the nation.

ii) Each Province has its own approach to achieving the vision, mission and goals. So the province determines its own development strategies but is always connected to the national vision, mission and goals.

iii) The model province is Zhenzhen. This province was where the present vision of China was realized. It has Four Pillars as its basis of existence and development as a city and province. These four pillars include: High Technological Industry, Modern Logistic Industry, Finance and Service Industry and Cultural Industry. Zhenzhen is the only economic zone for trading in China. Other provinces develop them using the Zhenzhen Model.

8. In order to acquire these fundamental needs and services in such a nation, there was a need to have an efficient and an effective financial strategy. The Socialist Society such as China has a Social Structure which assists them in using their wealth and resource to build up each community. In the last thirty years (30)China had to develop its foreign policies:

i. Initially China had a closed-door policy. They were not able to deal with other nations. This made themselves look inward and were not able to move forward and progress in life.

ii.. Thirty years ago China had adopted an open-door policy. Entrepreneurs fromoutside were invited to invest in China. China learnt from them and is nowleading in economic development in the world.

PART THREE: THE WAY FORWARD.

8.. What is our Vision?

9... What is our Mission?

10.. What are our Goals?

11.. Do we have a realistic strategic action plan?

13.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

DELEGATION ARRIVE HOME

By Aloysius Laukai in Buka

The ABG delegation that toured Seven Cities in the People's Republic of China arrived in Buka at 10:10 am this morning satisfied in the whole trip.

The team was met by ABG Government Officials and had a Press Conference at the

Buka airport.

The delegation arrived in Port Moresby on Tuesday morning after travelling by Bus from Chenzhen city to Hongkong. They took the Air Niugini night flight to Port Moresby on Monday night.



Chief Administrator Lawrence Dising (m) with Michael Piriri (r) and President Momis (L) at the News Conference this morning.



ABG President and delagation arrived in Buka and all the delegates had to put a flower to the Glass Jug on arrival at the Buka airport. Pictured is PRESIDENT MOMIS puting his flower.

12.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ATOLLS LEFT OUT

BY SONIA KENU

The Atolls and Nissan Island have been left out in the peace building activities on Bougainville over the last years.

Nazareth Rehabilitation Centre Trainer for Community Mobilization Dora Tsiuh says people from these areas were also affected by the crisis.

However, Tsiuh says most times their voices are not heard.

In addressing this, the Nazareth Rehabilitation Centre is currently running a Women's Leadership workshop for the Atolls and Nissan Island at Hahela.

The workshop began on Wednesday this week and will end next week.

Mrs Tsiuh says the workshop is aimed at training women to know themselves and where they're heading in bringing peace into their communities.

She says all women must have a say in this peace building process.

Since Bougainville women are believed to be leaders in the peace process, there's still room for training for the women of Atolls.

11.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

New mine for Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE is bracing for a new mine opening once the mining powers are drawn down. And the Autonomous Bougainville Government is aware of the preparation that has been carried out by Bougainvilleans and their international partners to open and operate the mine between Tinputz and Wakunai once all the necessary criteria and legal papers are in place.

But the issue has not gone unchallenged – a petition has already been received from the regional women representative for central Bougainville Joan Jerome on behalf of the women of Kieta, Wakunai and Panguna.

The New Bougainville Mining Exploration Company is the company now under scrutiny.

The ABG has set up a committee to investigate the nature of the petition in particular, every aspect of the company including its foreign partner, to assess the situation and verify if the rights of the Wakunai people, including access and the benefit sharing, exploitation of natural resources, ownership, recognition of traditional ways, uses, customary laws as well as benefits to the eco-system are considered, and how major impact projects will affect the eco-systems of the Wakunai area.

ABG Speaker Andrew Miriki in his members' update said that the ABG's Parliamentary Sectoral and Advisory committee on Economic Development, Natural Resources and Taxation, set up to immediately address the issue of this new mining company will soon publish its terms of reference before the committee resumes the inquiry.

The committee, chaired by the ABG Atolls MP Frank Pasini Marena, held its first meeting last week.

The ESBC cannot comment on this issue. The head of the so called "New Bougainville Mining Exploration Company" is an Italian citizen living in Lae, Papua New Guinea. Until now he appeared only once in public: He served as a translator for an Italian pianist who gave a guest performance in PNG. The ESBC are also not able to judge the Italian's further qualification to shoulder such difficult tasks like exploration or even mining.

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Source: Post-Courier

Governors slam unfair practices

By NOEL PASCOE

ALL five governors of the New Guinea Islands are united in their condemnation of the National Government's ways of dishing out money for projects.

They took this stand, says West New Britain Governor Peter Humphreys, to protest what they called "unfair and discriminatory" practices in handing out public funds to their provinces and not using the established government system.

It comes on the eve of the tabling of the 2011 National Budget.

Governors Humphreys, Michael Sapau (Manus), Sir Julius Chan (New Ireland), Leo Dion (East New Britain) and with support from the President of the Autonomous Bougainville Government John Momis, said they were frustrated and dissatisfied with the treatment they encountered with funding disbursed by the National Planning Department to their provinces.

National Planning Minister Paul Tiensten, from the Pomio Electorate in the Islands region, has been offside with Islands leaders in recent times over his running of his portfolio.

There was a bid to replace Mr Tiensten as the parliamentary leader of National Alliance for the Islands earlier this year, with Bougainville Governor Fidelis Semoso.

The governors said yesterday that the Government, especially National Planning Department, had been leaving out their provincial governments and "dealing directly with individual ministers or members and even private individuals" with funding going directly to their projects.

"This is an abuse of process," they said.

"Provincial governments are by law and the Constitution the second tier of government in our country.

"Our provincial governments have been financially marginalised deliberately or otherwise while at the same time funding has been made to organisations and individuals within our provinces without references to the provincial committees and line departments which should prioritise and oversee the allocation and application of such funding."

The governors claimed millions of Kina was being pumped into projects in their provinces which were not consistent with provincial development plans.

Also, National Executive Council commitments and properly scoped provincial impact projects were being ignored by National Planning.

They said their calls to Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare had "fallen on deaf ears".

"We feel that in many cases JDP & BPC committees (Joint District Planning and Budget Priority Committees) have been used as political tools, whose decisions will have little or no impact on the day to day lives of our people," they said.

The governors will meet soon after the Budget is presented to consult again on the issues.

10.11.2010

Source: Bloomberg

BBC Mon Asia-Pac: Conference reported scheduled on reopening PNG's Bougainville mine

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Text of report by Papua New Guinea newspaper The National website on 9 November

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Source: Post-Courier

Ex-combatants' plea to Juffa

By TODAGIA KELOLA

A COMPANY belonging to more than 300 ex-combatants from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville has pleaded with the Commissioner of Customs Gary Juffa to release the cargo of a ship impounded by his officers and detained at Rabaul.

Asatume Scrap Metal Limited owned by the ex-combatants had hired the vessel M.T UTB FJORD to transport the cargo of crude oil (heavy fuel) to a buyer overseas but the vessel was detained by Customs for breaching customs laws.

The ship and its cargo have been detained since June and the company is now counting its losses.

Through their managing director Joel Loammi they are appealing to Mr Juffa to release the cargo back to them while the ship and its crew can face the law.

Mr Loammi's appeal comes after numerous attempts to have the ship and the cargo released even through the Secretary for Transport, Mr Henry Parakei and the Minister for Transport and Deputy Prime Minister Don Polye tried to help the ex-combatants' company to have the ship released but to no avail.

The company had written to the Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister raising their concern that the Commissioner of Customs, Mr Gary Juffa had excessively applied provisions under the Customs Act on "small people like us the ex-combatants" who are trying to make a living out of waste oil and scrap metal abandoned during the Bougainville Crises some 20 years ago. They said: "We the people of Autonomous Region of Bougainville have suffered enough as a result of the crisis and have established peace on the trouble-torn island and such miss handling of sensitive issues by Customs official may trigger another conflict, thus diminishing the tireless effort by all stakeholders."

Mr Polye after receiving their plea wrote a letter to the IRC Chief Commissioner stating that "The new Commissioner of PNG Customs Services has dismissive off the relatively recent pain and suffering encountered by the Bougainville people, especially the ex-combatants whose lives were shattered as a result of the conflict and their struggle to achieve the peace they now enjoy.

"Furthermore, the Commissioner had decided to intervene in the commercial endeavour of customary landowners (whose lives were destroyed complete in the Bougainville armed conflict) who have tirelessly contributed efforts and resources to rebuild and reconstruct their lives into normalcy which is contradictory to the Governments policy on Bougainville. As I see from all recent developments to date, all stakeholders in the peace agreement and relevant authorities have not taken any drastic steps in helping the ex-combatants, and resistant forces directly or in any meaningful way since the execution of peace agreement some years back and they have been left in the dark. The only means of income has been finding and selling abandoned scrap metal and oil to make ends meet.

Taking into consideration the circumstances in Bougainville and documental evidence forwarded to my office by Asatume Scrap Metal Ltd, the Commissioner did fail in adopting an approach characterised by an attitude of finding a way forward towards a win-win situation for both the State and the Bougainville landowners concerned, given the unique and special relationship that exists between PNG and Bougainville people," said Mr Polye.

10.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Civilian shot

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

An attack on a group of 14 men yesterday morning near the Loluai Bridge has left a man hospitalized.

The attack was believed to be carried out by rebel fractions in the Konnou constituency.

The victim, a man from Oria was shot in the back of the right arm and is currently at the Buka General Hospital.

The group was carrying sago leaves for the construction of a new police post in Oria. Chief Inspector for Buka Police Huitona Tohua condemned the shooting saying that such actions were slowing the peace progress in Bougainville.

He also says that plans for the construction of a police station in Oria were in place awaiting funding assistance from the ABG.

Chief Inspector Tohua says that police are working together with the people of the Konnou constituency to try and bring peace between warring rebel fractions in the area.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Member calls for Law and Order

By Tapo Tovilu

Member for South Nasioi Central Bougainville Mr. John Ken condemned the shooting of a civilian which occurred in his constitution yesterday.

He has called on all ABG members of South Bougainville to go home and talk to their people in maintaining law and order.

Mr. Ken who is also the vice chairman of the Law and Justice Parliamentary Committee says that he is concerned about Buin being the venue of the Bougainville games.

He says that due to gun related criminal activates in Buin police presence should be stepped up during the games.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Awareness emphasizing Education

By Joyce Tohui

Awareness programs on emphasizing the importance of Education are being carried out to schools in Bougainville.

The program is an initiative by the Bougainville students studying at the University of PNG and aims at helping schools in the region.

Carlson Katora a UPNG student says there is a need for Bougainvilleans to be well educated in order to have the man power for an Autonomous region.

He says the awareness programs will discuss with the schools some important issues such as the importance of education, human resource, development, service delivery and the implementation of full Autonomy.

Mr. Katora says these programs will roll out into schools especially in the Northern region.

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Source: ESBC Research

One week later!

Due to an unexpected Budget session of the National PNG parliament, the big Landowners meeting planned for taking place in Buka next weekend had to be postponed to November 19th to 21st, 2010 as all National PNG Ministers have to be present in Port Moresby for this during these two weeks.

The ESBC were told that the initiator of this important meeting, the PNG Minister of Bougainville Affairs, Hon. Fidelis Semoso MP, is supposed to make a respective statement today. The ESBC welcome the adjournment of the Buka convention as it gives even more time to all participants to get better prepared for this decisive meeting.

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Source: The National

Euro shareholders want Panguna re-opened

By PATRICK TALU

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MORE PROCESSED FOOD

Maria Laukai

With more processed foods being brought into Bougainville every month the rate of hypertension and Diabetes is increasing at an alarming rate.

Dr Vilosi a senior Medical Officer of Buka hospital says that it is the wage earners in Buka that are in danger of these diseases.

Heavy consumption of processed foods is one of the major causes of Diabetes.

Processed foods in stores such as, sugar, rice, freezer goods, and ice cream are being blamed for the increase.

Freezer goods run out by the end of the second week after a shipment as a result of heavy consumption.

Manageress of Elutu Investments Ms Lucy Manassah and Nicholas Lautu supervisor of Jomik supermarket confirmed that it was mainly processed foods which run out.

Dr Vilosi adds that people should eat more garden food than food from the shops and that the public should check their blood pressure and sugar levels.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

District court an eye opener

By Veronica Hannette

A recent District court in Buin was hailed a success.

The court session handled a total 50 cases over a 1 week period. All cases were presided by Magistrate Vincent Linge.

Despite minor hiccups, all court requirements were met by the members of the law and justice sector agency.

Attendance at this second district court session was satisfactory, which proved an eye opener for everyone.

Cases ranged from summary offences to grade 5 and committals.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Police planned x-mas ops

By Veronica Hannette

Special operations are planned by the Bougainville police service this festive season to curtail tragedies, accidents and general lawlessness.

Bougainville Assistant Commissioner of Police Thomas Eluh say police is concerned about the increase number of traffic rules infringement. This special police operation will encourage road users to follow all road rules on the region's roads.

Mr. Eluh say those who break traffic rules will face the full brunt of the law.

He is calling on the general public to celebrate this Christmas with meaningfully, reflecting on past experiences and prepare for challenges ahead.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

STI ON THE RISE IN BOUGAINVILLE

By Joyce Tohui

Syphilis is one of the major Sexual Transmitted Infections affecting the people in the region.

More people in Bougainville are contracting the STI disease by being involved in unsafe sexual behaviors.

Masti Gimis with the Bougainville HIV/AIDS Task Force says with the increasing number of syphilis cases in Bougainville, more people are vulnerable in contracting HIV/AIDS.

He says during the constituency visits by the Bougainville HIV/AIDS Task Force, people were also tested and treated for syphilis.

Mr. Gimis says unlike HIV/AIDS having treatment, syphilis can be cured.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HIV Testing turns out successful

By Sonia Kenu

Testing for HIV and STI has turned out successful in the Haku and Halia Constituency in the Buka District.

Task Force team leader Matsi Gimis tells New Dawn FM News that over one thousand people went for testing in the period of seven days.

More people turned up for testing however, time couldn't allow them.

Mr Gimis says with more than one thousand people covered in seven days, compared to other VCT Centres, this figure would be covered within a year.

The Task Force comprises of volunteers from NGO's, World Vision and Care International, including United Church and Catholic AIDS Agency.

Meanwhile, the Task Force is supported by the Autonomous Bougainville AIDS Council (ABAC) through the National AIDS Council (NAC).

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Student Researches on Climate change

By Sonia Becks

Johannes Luetz, a student from the University of New South Wales Australia, visited Bougainville recently to do research on Climate Change.

The research is sponsored by the Institute of Environmental Studies at the University of New South Wales and is carried out in conjunction with World Vision International.

The project is among the first international studies to look at the management of climate change-related migration from the grassroots perspective of displaced populations.

Patrick Sikata Sanitation Officer with World Vision says Johannes visited Balil village and Pinepel Island in the Nissan District.

Johannes interviewed Department of Primary Industry and Community Development Officers, teachers and Villagers on their views on the effect of climate change.

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Source: Keith Jackson's PNG Attitude Blog

[ESBC spins a comeback for B'ville Copper](#)

ESBC spins a comeback for B'ville Copper

BY KEITH JACKSON

THE EUROPEAN Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC), founded in 2005, are celebrating. For the first time they hold more than 10 million shares in the company.

"We are happy about this but there is absolutely no reason to become arrogant," says ESBC President, Axel G. Sturm. "We only own a 2.5 percent of the whole company! "But we will continue to offer our experience and influence for a better future on the island of Bougainville."

Over the last two days, a Panguna landowners' meeting was held in Buka to speed-up the re-opening of the Panguna mine to improve Bougainville's economy.

PNG's Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Fidelis Semoso, himself a Bougainvillean, invited the landowners and senior PNG national government ministers including Arthur Somare, Paul Tiensten and Peter O'Neill to the meeting.

While ESBC saw the meeting as an opportunity for itself ("the ESBC appreciate very much Mr Semoso's move towards a brighter future for all Bougainvilleans," said Axel G Sturm), Bougainville President John Momis did not attend.

He was on business travel to China with a delegation of members of the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

In a statement from Beijing, Mr Momis said Bougainvilleans should "start thinking of animal husbandry and other agricultural projects" so "fruits and vegetables and potatoes sold to the company can be grown in Bougainville and not imported from outside."

Meanwhile Axel G Sturm praised Mr Semoso's initiative. "The first step is always the most difficult one.

"A round-table, as we already claimed a couple of years ago, represents the best instrument to bring the actual situation forward - to a solution from which everybody will benefit in future."

But whether this benefit will attend to the avid ESBC backing Bougainville Copper to make a return to the island, or whether the Chinese government will emerge on top, is very much an open question.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Panguna landowners to discuss mine re-opening

By Reuben Kalaung

Various landowner groups from Panguna will meet in Buka on Sunday to discuss the possible re-opening of the now defunct Panguna Copper mine in Central Bougainville. It is expected that up to 40 participants representing the landowners, the National mining department, Bougainville administration, and the Minister for Bougainville Affairs will attend the meeting.

The meeting will aim to provide opportunities for the landowners to discuss various

issues that may facilitate the re-opening of the Panguna Copper Mine.

The meet will provide an initial step towards the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement. The landowners are expected to discuss their problems and develop a common position for the National Government, Bougainville Copper Limited and shareholders of the company.

The giant copper mine ceased operations following the civil crisis, which caused the loss of thousands of lives. The region of Bougainville has returned to normalcy with ongoing reconciliation and peace ceremonies.

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Source: ESBC press service

BCL Shareholders Claim for PM's Support

European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) holding more than 10 million shares of Bougainville Copper Limited requested Sir Michael Somare's support in a [letter to the Prime Minister](#) this week. In his letter ESBC President Mr. Axel G. Sturm expressed his strong wish that the re-opening process of the Panguna mine should be speeded up in the interest of people of Bougainville and Papua New Guinea. Furthermore Mr. Sturm outlines that Panguna holds the key position for future economic recovery on Bougainville. Therefore he asked the Prime Minister to exercise his personal influence and to encourage the people on the ground to take the next step which is the review and the signature of the new Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA). "Bougainville and Bougainville Copper are the same in the perception from those outside PNG. One goes with the other. As long as there is no satisfying progress in the re-opening of the Panguna mine, there won't be any substantial investment from abroad in Bougainville," says Mr. Sturm. The ESBC president's letter arrives just in time: At the end of this week a huge Panguna conference is fixed to take place in Buka/Bougainville. The National Ministers Peter O'Neill, Paul Tiensten, Arthur Somare and Fidelis Semoso will also attend the conference as almost 40 Panguna Landowner representatives. The meeting is hosted by ABG President John Momis, Vice President Patrick Nisira and others. It is supposed to be the biggest gathering of major stakeholders ever.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Building Board needs Inspector

By Sonia Kenu

The Building Board under the Works Department in Bougainville currently needs a Building Inspector.

Building Board Chairman Aura Panka says the position has been vacant since 2008. He says without a qualified Building Inspector, the Board is unable to carryout proper

building inspections.

Mr Panka adds that it's a problem as many of the Businesses houses in Buka fail to follow the right procedures in putting up new buildings.

Since 2008 there's been a lack of supervision of buildings and as a result many new buildings went up without the Board's approval.

Meanwhile, Interim Inspector Samson Marapuni adds that it's important that business houses follow the right procedure by submitting an application of building to the Board prior to any construction.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Number plates launches

By Veronica Hannette

The ABG Minister for Transport, Works, Communication Carolus Ketsimur officially launched Bougainville's own Vehicle Number Plates last week.

Thanks to Pacific Personalize Plates limited who designed the new plate numbers for Bougainville

He said the ABG recognizes the important role that vehicle can promote economic growth and social development within the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Insert: Transport Minister (Ketsimur)

"Having a good road system wherein our vehicles will operate means that our vehicles will last a bit longer resulting in providing better Government Services to our people."

The plate numbers will instill sense of pride and responsibility in terms of driving and delivering various services to the people.

He says the launching is a step forward for Bougainville in the land transport sector.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CHINA TRIP REPORT

By Aloysius Laukai in Chenzhen city.

The decision for the ABG President, Chief John Momis and delegation which comprises of Ex Combatants representing both South, Central and North Bougainville, Women representing South Central and South Bougainville and Businessmen representing South, Central and South Bougainville is an eye opener for Bougainville. For the Ex combatants 15 of them in total they are now more determined to see real peace and Law and Order issues addressed as soon as possible.

For the Businessmen who paid for their way, they have contacts to order cargoes from directly instead of going through Rabaul and Lae as in the past.

And for the President who has no conflict of interest, he just wants Bougainvillean Businessmen and women to increase their capacities through these arrangements and build a better future for Bougainville.

And for the women they have seen it all in China as Head quarter is not important just that development should take place in all corners of Bougainville. As in China we have visited Shanghai a world Trade centre where Shipping and Trade arrangements have been signed between the ABG and the Chamber of Commerce. In Beijing the group strengthened the International relations between Papua New Guinea and China. Also the need for Air Transport was addressed in Beijing. In Changsha the biggest problem in Bougainville were also addressed that is the Electricity requirements for Bougainville in Hydro Power AND SOLARPOWER. And now the meeting this morning in Chenzhen the place were Rabaul businessmen get their cargoes will be addressed. The people especially businessmen and women in China are already talking to do business on Bougainville. And with direct shipping between Shanghai and Buka and Kieta ports the price of imported goods would drop. New Dawn FM understands that it is now up to the Bougainvilleans to utilize fully these arrangements and benefit themselves their families and Bougainville as a whole. The MOU's signed by the ABG President would formally be presented to the ABG Parliament for approval for any implementation to take place.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG Speaker condemns media report

By Reuben Kalaung

The speaker of the Autonomous Bougainville Government House of Representatives Andrew Miriki has slashed out at a recent media report about the disbursement of Bougainville MP's support grant.

A media statement from the speaker's office condemns a recent article by daily newspaper Post Courier which reported that all the MP's have received 300 thousand kina so far for the last 3 quarters of this year.

The news paper report also stated that all ABG members were entitled to an annual grant of 400 thousand kina, of which 100 thousand kina was paid quarterly.

Mr. Miriki say the Members Update, a weekly brief for the members, never published the figures as reported by the daily news paper. He therefore questioned the source of the information.

Mr. Miriki explained that the 2010 House of Representatives budget allocated a total 2 million kina as Members' support grant. Each member was entitled to an annual grant of 50 thousand kina, of which a percentage was paid quarterly.

The speaker say half of this year's grant was paid to members of the first house while the other half will be paid to current members. The current sitting members have received part of the grant.

The balance will be paid subject to funding availability.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

New Division for Environment and Conservation

By Tapo Tovilu

Bougainville Executive councils (BEC) meeting on Wednesday saw the formation of new a division for Environment and Conservation.

This division formally came under the Division of Trade Commerce and industry which was headed by the CEO for trade and commerce Albert Kinani.

Acting ABG President Albert Punghau says that now with the creation of this new division the pressing issue of climate change can be seriously looked at.

He adds that this new Division will come under Minister for Culture and Tourism Joseph Egilio.

Once in place the Division will be responsible for policy directives on environmental issues to advise the cabinet on decision making.

The acting president assured the people of Bougainville that a CEO was to be appointed to look after the office.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TEAM ARRIVE IN CHENZHEN

By Aloysius Laukai in Chenzhen city China

The ABG delegation left Changsha city yesterday morning (Sunday) and flew to the last city Chenzhen where they attended Mass at one of the City restaraunts.

They then settled down for the last meeting with Officials from the Chamber of Commerce.

The most Southern City Chenzhen has developed in the last thirthy years when the Government declared it as the Economic Zone in which Foreign Investors can invest.

The ABG is looking at declaring one or two areas as Economic zones so that Investors can start putting monies to develop the Region.

The team will leave for Hongkong tomorrow afternoon and get the HONGKONG PORT MORESBY flight tomorrow night.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

New Dawn FM offers competitive rates

By Reuben Kalaung – Sales Department

The New Dawn FM Sales Department is embarking on a major drive to raise sufficient revenue to boost our transmission coverage in the entire region of Bougainville. The

aim of this semi-commercial community radio station is to be the premier source of information and entertainment for the people of Bougainville.

Demography

New Dawn FM initially transmitted broadcast signal to the entire small Buka Island and right through to Wakunai in the mainland Bougainville, using a 300 Watts transmitter. The radio station encountered a minor set back recently due to a technical fault with our transmitter.

We are now broadcasting only in the township of Buka and the neighboring suburbs. Our technical team has begun work to have our signal back up as we continue fund raising drives to extend coverage to 600 Watts.

Plans are also in place for New Dawn FM to set up in Arawa; a strategic location to cover the entire region of Bougainville.

Our presenters are young and dynamic and are under going daily trainings in the areas of Programs, News & Current Affairs, and Sales & Production. New Dawn FM will work with every possible partner in the radio station's post conflict approach.

Our listeners comprise people of all ages from teenagers to older age groups.

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New Dawn FM offers some of the most competitive radio advertising rates. Our clients have always been our priority. Various informative radio programs and exciting shows are available for every potential advertiser to choose from.

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RICE OKAY

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville and Papua New Guinea are suitable places to grow rice according to a Rice expert from China at the Hybrid Rice Institute at Changsha city.

He told a ABG delegation that Papua New Guinea had similar climate like Indonesia and can grow Rice for commercial Production.

The Rice Expert said that China was continuously upgrading its research on Hybrid Rice and is producing enough food to meet the world's Food Security problem.

He said the latest product called waterfall rice can produce food for Ten Extra Million people every year.

The delegation was also able to see the different types and methods used to plant rice in China.



Later the group attended the MOU signing ceremony between the ABG and the Hunan Allonward Hydro Generating Equipment Company Limited at the office of the Hunan Hydro Power and Design Institute.

Later they had a farewell banquet in the evening.

The group leave Changsha city this morning{sunday} for Chenzen.

Picture of the Group outside the Hybrid Rice Research station



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SOLAR POWER

By Aloysius Laukai in Changsha China

The ABG delegation this morning visited the office of the HUNANALLONWARD HYDRO Generating Equipment Co. LTD. A manufacturing company that makes Hydro Power Generation equipments.

Later the group was able to meet with Senior Management of the company.

The Company supplies equipment to many countries in the World.

The company also designs manufactures and markets turbines, generator and auxiliaries transmission and transformation facilities, Integrated Automation systems valves and they also provide technical support and backup erection and renovation of power stations etc.

The team also visited Solar power factory which produces Solar Power products for regions that have no power.

The President requested if the company can do a feasibility study and set up one on Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) format.

The chairman JIANG HANMING said that he was willing to visit Bougainville to see for

himself the location and accepted the invitation by the President.
A MOU between the Hydro Power Company would be signed tomorrow night.

Picture of ABG President signing the Visitors Book at the Hydro Power main Planning Office



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Source: ESBC Research

ESBC: 10,000,000 Shares !

For the first time the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) hold more than 10 million shares. ([see here!](#)) Founded in 2005 the ESBC became within the last years an important investor in Bougainville and the best source for research on Bougainville worldwide. "We are happy about this but there is absolutely no reason to become arrogant," says ESBC President Axel G. Sturm in Andorra, "Finally we only own a 2.5 percent of the whole company! But we will continue to offer our experience and influence for a better future on the island of Bougainville." The ESBC are the third biggest shareholder of Bougainville Copper Limited and the biggest group of private investors. Mr. Sturm estimates up to forty or fifty million shares are held by Europeans in total.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

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Officials from PNG Power say the explosion was caused by strong sea current at the passage.

Residents of Kokopau have be urged to remain calm as work continues to install power supply.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Coffee for Bougainville

By Cynthia Tokiapron

Farmers in Bougainville will soon enjoy cash income from the sale of coffee beans as the region embarks on introducing the cash crop. The department of Primary Industry says coffee can grow well in the north, central and south Bougainville.

DPI's re-development officer Nixon Agavi says coffee grows well in both the highlands and the coastal areas.

Sixteen of the total 24 nurseries have been set up for transplanting soon. Mr. Agavi says coffee is one cash crop that can adapt any weather pattern.

Funding still plays a major part in the full implementation of such programs.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Number plates launches

By Veronica Hannette

The ABG Minister for Transport, Works, Communication Carolus Ketsimur today officially launched Bougainville's own Vehicle Number Plates.

Thanks to Pacific Personalize Plates limited who designed the new plate numbers for Bougainville

He said the ABG recognizes the important role that vehicle can promote economic

growth and social development within the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Insert: Transport Minister (Ketsimur)

“Having a good road system wherein our vehicles will operate means that our vehicles will last a bit longer resulting in providing better Government Services to our people.”

The plate numbers will instill sense of pride and responsibility in terms of driving and delivering various services to the people.

He says this launching is a step forward for Bougainville in the land transport sector.

04.11.2010

Source: ESBC Research

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ABG TEAM ARRIVE CHANGSHA CITY

By Aloysius Laukai in Changsha city

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Picture of MR. XIE YAN Presenting a Friendship Gift to President Momis



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Picture of MR. XIE YAN at the lunch today



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PNG GOOD PARTNER

By Aloysius Laukai in Beijing

The Chinese Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs and Trade for Pacific States, AMBASSADOR DU QUIWEN says that Papua New Guinea has benefitted a lot from the relations SIR MICHAEL SOMARE created by establishing relations between China and PNG one year after gaining its independence.

He said since then Trade and Aid to PNG has been increasing every year.

The ambassador said that China was also training more than 50 PNG students in Chinese Universities due to this arrangement.

He told the visiting ABG delegation that China has developed a lot in the last short 30 years because of its decision to open up to the world.

The Ambassador said that today CHINA is the largest exporter in the world.

Ambassador Du said that China will continue to support developing countries like PNG however the countries themselves must develop their areas based on their wishes.

He said that China was still trying to lift the living standard of more than 150 million

people living below the poverty line which include around 50 different minorities. The meeting was also attended by the PNG's John Amelio who is looking after the PNG Embassy since no replacement has been confirmed after the last Ambassador JOHN MOMIS resigned in January this year.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Road sealing

By Veronica Hannette

Acting Technical Service CEO, Simeon Itamai told New Dawn FM news that the road sealing is now in process.

The Nick Constantino Earth Company won the contract and is exercising the sealing that will cover four kilometers starting from Hutjena to Malasang 1.

The road sealing contract had started two weeks ago and currently they have laid the prime sealing and the final tar is still under way.

Mr. ITAMAI said the sealing started on the 18th October and should cover the whole kilometers by the 20th this month.

He says the 2.9 Million road sealing project was funded by the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

Mr. ITAMAI said that there have been hold ups on equipments, however work is in progress.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Good news for road uses

By Veronica Hannette

Good news for the road users along the Hutjena to Malasang highway. They will soon enjoy better road conditions, thanks to the Autonomous Bougainville Government who funded the project at the tune of 2.9 million kina.

Acting Technical Service CEO, Simeon Itamai tells New Dawn FM news, the road sealing will cover a total four kilometers. The Nick Constantino Earthmoving Company has been contracted to seal the highway.

Prime sealing is currently underway before final tar can be laid. The entire sealing should finish towards the end of this month.

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ABG addresses dry spell

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The Autonomous Bougainville Government has been called upon to address an alarming issue of a predicted dry spell that will affect Bougainville.

In response to this Acting President of the ABG, Honorable Albert Punghau assured the people of Bougainville that the government was ready to handle the issue. He says that with climate change already affecting the region the government has plans in place to assist its people.

One such plan is the proposal for a saltwater treatment plant to be set up in Buka to turn salt water into fresh drinking water.

He says the proposed project is an initiative of the Minister for Education Hon. Michael Ogio and talks with donor agencies are still underway.

Hon Punghau says that this is not the first time that Bougainville is facing a dry spell and that ABG will work closely with donor agencies to prepare for the predicted dry spell.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

GREAT WALL

By Aloysius Laukai in Beijing

The ABG Delegation currently visiting China yesterday thanked the Businessmen and the Government of China for making their visit to China very successful.

ABG President JOHN MOMIS at a Banquet provided by the host country thanked the Organizers of the trip for their support even though Bougainville and PNG were a very small and developing country.

MR. MOMIS said that he deliberately chose CHINA as the first country he would visit as the President of Bougainville as Bougainville can learn alot from China.

Yesterday the team met with the China People's Institute for Foreign Affairs after visiting the Great wall of China in the afternoon.



So far five agreements have been signed between ABG and Chamber of Commerce with at least two more MOU still to be signed.

Today the team leaves Beijing to visit two other cities before returning to Buka.

The next visit would be to a Hydro Power Plant and the team would for the first time visit some factories in China.

Meanwhile, China Businessmen are already excited to invest on Bougainville on a bigger scale on not on small projects.

They would like to support ABG on rebuilding of Bougainville on projects like Animal Husbandry, Tourism Land and Sea transport.

They are also prepared to give soft loans on major projects on Bougainville.

The ABG's Trade Representative in China, JASON FONG told the delegation they would like to invest on projects that would assist the ABG to come out of its financial problems and also for the local Bougainvilleans to get monies.

He said they are not really interested in individual projects although individuals can benefit from spin offs.

New Dawn FM understands that a Chinese Investor wants to Establish a Chocolate Factory on Bougainville.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

K1.4m for Cocoa Pod Borer

By Cynthia Tokiapron

A major exercise to eradicate the Cocoa pod borer in the region is currently in progress. The Cocoa Board office in Buka says the National Government has allocated K1.4 million to fight the cocoa pest.

Jude Murawa from Cocoa Board Buka says 80 thousand kina has been spent on tools, fertilizers and community awareness.

Meantime, a source from the Department of Primary Industry says they never receive any assistance from the K1.4 million funding. He is also questioning the use of the funds.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Climate change to affect millions

By Cynthia Tokiapron

The effects of climate change are becoming a major problem nationwide. That's according to Dr. Rama Krishna from the National Agriculture Research Institute. He was in the region recently with other members of the national disaster committee. He says its predicted more than 1 million people in PNG will face water shortage while another 2 million will go without food in the near future.

During a presentation last week, Dr. Rama told participants that the impacts of climate change has brought devastating effects on the environment which has contributed to loss of some marine species.

He also revealed that Bougainville is prone to be affected by climate change.

Meantime, the NARI specialist has advised everyone to plant food crops that can survive long dry season. They include cassava, African yam and rice, as substitutes for sweet potato.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Weapons to clean up.

By Marcella Tamusio

There is a big need to remove all forms of weapons in the region before Bougainville acquire full autonomy. Nick Peniai from the Peace Office made the comments during a interview with New Dawn FM News.

He says it was important to know the purpose of removing all weapons in the remaining two years before the region push for independence.

Mr. Peniai explained that disarmament will only take place when there is an agreement

between ex-combatants. He says the Peace Office will only facilitate the reconciliation between them.

Guns are still in many communities for various reasons including fear and confusion while some are used for criminal activities. Mr. Peniai urged everyone to change their mindset for the betterment of Bougainville.

04.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville to host volleyball c'ship this month

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville will play host to a festivity of volleyball events when the region host the New Guinea Islands volleyball championships this month.

The championship is slated for the 25 to 28.

Those confirmed for the event include East New Britain and West New Britain, New Ireland and Bougainville. Manus is yet to confirm its participation.

Tournament Director Philip Kunes says this will be the first time for Bougainville to host a tournament for the NGI region. Such events were mostly held in Rabaul and Kokopo. Ten teams will clash in the event. Volleyball teams in the 9 zones of Bougainville are invited to register for the championships.

Meantime, the Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation Games Coordinator Robert Semoso, is calling on all sporting codes in the region to submit their confirmed list for participation in the ABG Games.

The list will allow for other technical arrangements.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Workplace safety a growing concern

TTOVI

Safety is a big concern in Bougainville especially in the public sector and the general work force.

X Safety Training Consultant Safety Specialist and Trainer Xavier Tsiwa says that Bougainville is in dire need of proper workplace safety training.

With development on the rise in Bougainville, safety is an on going issue that many companies and nearly all sectors of the workforce take for granted.

He says that most of the workforce in Bougainville is unaware of safety practices which are to be followed in their respective trades.

He was talking in light of a fire which engulfed the Jocia Enterprise building in the early hours of yesterday morning.

04.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Fire guts Leitana Nehan Office

TTOVI

The Autonomous Bougainville Government has expressed its sentiments on the destruction of the Leitana Nehan Agency office by fire during the early hours of Tuesday.

Acting President of the ABG, Honorable Albert Punghau expressed his sentiments saying that the agency was a major contributor to the peace building and conflict resolution in the region.

He adds that it was unfortunate for the local NGO would now have to rebuild or look for office space elsewhere.

Hon Panghau also condemned the theft of computers by opportunists during the fire. He has called on those responsible to return the stolen computers as this has created a double loss to the agency.

03.11.2010

Source: ESBC

IMPORTANT RECTIFICATION !

Due to a problem of communications with Port Moresby the date of the **Buka Landowner Summit** announced for the end of this week was transmitted wrongly. We apologize for that mistake! The meeting initiated by Minister Hon. Fidelis Semoso will take place one week later **on November 13th and 14th, 2010** . The ESBC understand that ABG President Hon. John Momis who is still on business tour to China will then be back to Buka and will be able to assist this decisive meeting also.

03.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville MPs grants to be handed out

By FABIAN HAKALITS

MEMBERS of the Autonomous Bougainville Government would soon receive their third quarter allocation of the Members Constituency grant.

According to the ABG members Update Brief issue 18, the delay on the release of the Members Constituency Support Grant was due to internal revenue funds.

The report said that there was insufficient funds in the Members Constituency Support Grant account.

Minister for Finance and Treasury Albert Punghau, in consultation with the finance

division is making sure that funds for the Members Constituency Support Grant are made available and ready for release this week.

Mr Punghau has tasked the parliamentary services to quickly facilitate the claims so that funds will be released.

ABG Members' annual allocation is about K100,000 a quarter – and K400,000 a year – so far the MPs have received K300,000 for three quarters.

03.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Eluh lauds Arawa liquor ban

By FABIAN HAKALITS

ASSISTANT Commissioner of Police in Bougainville Thomas Eluh is very pleased with the continued support from the people of Central Bougainville.

This is in relation to the current liquor ban in place in the former Bougainville capital, Arawa.

Mr Eluh urged other Bougainville districts to follow the example shown by the people of Arawa, fully supporting the police to carry out their duties.

He was referring to previous alcohol related killings earlier this year in which public outcry forced most of the suspects to surrender themselves to police.

“Only public support for police will help bring Bougainville back to the status it was before the crisis,” Mr Eluh said.

“Bougainvilleans themselves can find solutions to their own problems and not anyone else.”

He urged leaders at all levels of Bougainville governments and the community to continue their support for police, in order to find lasting solutions that may pave the way to achieve the Bougainville dreams.

Meanwhile during a routine parade held at Buka yesterday morning, the Bougainville police chief warned both uniformed and civilian staff that he was fed up with the lack of discipline by members of the Bougainville police service.

He stressed that he had given a lot of advice and warnings to the members to smarten up but some seem to have an attitude problem.

Mr Eluh said he would ensure that ill-disciplined member's of the service are dealt with accordingly.

03.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG MET BY CHINA

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG delegation yesterday met the biggest group since its arrival in China last week. Yesterday a conference was held with professionals from the Academy of

Science and the Academy of Social Science and other Business leaders in China and of course representatives from the PNG Embassy in Beijing.

These two academies are made up of professional Researchers and Planners that assist the government and the people of China to properly plan programs and projects that they want.

The Deputy Administrator RAYMOND MASONO highlighted the need for Investors to invest on Bougainville based on ABG's terms.

He said that Bougainville has put in place an Economic Recovery plan and also an Economic Development policy that was also distributed at this meeting.

Many speakers openly pledged to assist the ABG by investing on Bougainville.

A Press Conference was made after the meeting with TV Station China People's Daily and another private Tv network.

New Dawn FM was also represented at this Press Conference.

Following this meeting, Three Memorandum of Understandings were signed last night between the ABG and three different Organizations paving the way for more and detailed discussions in the coming weeks.



The three Agreements were

1. with AVIC International a State Owned manufacturer of Planes and boats. China has since it opened to the outside world in 1976 developed its own Manufacturing Company that builds Boats and Planes for their own use and for sale to overseas markets.

The ABG is interested in buying planes that can be used on Bougainville to assist with the Transport sector in the region.

2. The second MOU was signed between a Construction Company that specializes in Energy saving buildings and the 3rd MOU was signed with another Company. Details will be provided once we get copies of these agreements. Five MOU's have been signed since the ABG Delegation arrived in China. Two in Shanghai and three in the Capital of China, BEIJING. The delegation will visit two more cities before returning to Bougainville.



President John Momis meets the staff of the PNG embassy in China

02.11.2010

Source: ESBC Research

A Round Table for a Better Future!

On Tuesday the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) have been informed that a special Panguna landowner meeting will take place in Buka on next Friday and Saturday, November 13th and 14th, 2010. The meeting has been organized by landowner representative Lawrence Daveona by order of the PNG

Minister for Bougainville Affairs, Hon. Fidelis Semoso. Mr. Semoso intends to speed-up the re-opening of the Panguna mine to improve Bougainville's economy as soon as possible. Therefore he invited all representatives of the six Panguna leases to Buka. Important politicians from PNG as there are the Ministers Hon. Arthur Somare MP, Hon. Paul Tiensten MP and Peter O'Neill MP will be also in Buka. Allegedly Minister O'Neill will head the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review from the National Government. Until today; it is not yet confirmed if President Hon. John Momis will attend the meeting as well. Mr. Momis is actually on business travel with a delegation of the Autonomous Bougainville Government to China. In a statement made yesterday in Beijing, President Momis already addressed to the Bougainvilleans to be prepared for the re-opening of the Panguna mine by "start thinking of animal husbandry and other agricultural projects like pineapple and fruits in preparation for the opening of the Panguna mine." Mr. Momis said under the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review he wants to see that all fruits and vegetables and potatoes that can be grown in the mountains of Wakunai and Bougainville are sold to the company and not imported from outside. The outstanding review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) is the major issue on Minister Semoso's agenda. The President of the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper, Mr. Axel G. Sturm, praised Minister Semoso's initiative on Tuesday in Barcelona: "The first step is always the most difficult one. The ESBC appreciate very much Mr. Semoso's move towards a brighter future for all Bougainvilleans. A round-table, as we already claimed a couple of years ago, represents the best instrument to bring the actual situation forward - to a solution from which everybody will benefit in future."

02.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Men power addressed

By Veronica Hannette

The police manpower shortage will be addressed in a major restructuring exercise. Assistant Commissioner for Bougainville Police Thomas Eluh says the police service in the region was seriously affected during the civil crisis.

He says the restructure will identify various positions and ranks for the police service. ACP says the restructure program will boost the men power for effective police service delivery.

The exercise is part of the police service 45 million plan to be implemented over a period of 10-12 years. It has been divided into four phases.

The first phase will cost 6 million kina to be implemented next year.

Currently the police service has only 176 police personnel. They need more than 1000 members.

02.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Minimart burns

By Veronica Hannette

A Buka minimart was razed to the ground early this morning. Authorities could not confirm the cause of the fire.

Eyewitnesses say the started from the left side of the building and burnt the entire place. The building is also occupied by the Leitana Nehan Community Development Agency.

Its assumed the fire could have been caused by electrical fault.

The public is now calling on the government to establish a fire service to protect properties in the Buka township.

02.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Liquor ban

Assistant Police Commissioner of Police in Bougainville Mr Thomas Eluh has commended the support of the people of central Bougainville.

This has come after the successful implementation of a liquor ban which is currently in place in Arawa.

He has urged other Bougainville Districts to follow the example set by Arawa town.

He thanked the people for there strong support in respecting the liquor ban and helping police in carrying out their duties.

He says only public support will help bring Bougainville back to the status it was before the crisis.

He has also appealed to all levels of the Bougainville government to continue their support for police in order to find solutions that may pave the way to achieve the Bougainville dream.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Disaster fundraising drive

By Sonia Kenu

The Bougainville Disaster Office has taken the initiative to involve communities to raise funds to prepare for unexpected natural disasters in the region.

It's a first of its kind that such a committee comprises chairmen from all the constituencies.

They've planned fundraising activities like wheel barrow push, musical concert and a corporate dinner.

Buka Disaster Office Coordinator Franklyn Lacy says the fundraising drive is a

community oriented program under the theme 'Halivim mi long halivim yu'. He says six communities in the Buka District have already gone ahead with the wheel barrow push in their respective areas. Meanwhile, Mr Lacy tells New Dawn FM News that Regional Member for Bougainville Fidelis Semoso has pledged K50, 000 towards the fundraising drive. He says the Border Development Authority has also pledged K100, 000 which is the highest amount of donation. However, Mr Lacy says they haven't received the funds yet but they look forward to it so they can start with the other planned activities.

02.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

New malaria drug

By Sonia Kenu

Training for health workers on the new malaria treatment protocol has taken place in three Districts, North, Central and South Bougainville. Health Extension Officer Mathilda Soaghei says their aim was to train health workers in all the health centres in the region. Currently this has been achieved and now they are looking at training the staff of Buka Health Office and Buka Hospital. Meanwhile, Ms Soaghei says according to health records, statistics for malaria is very high in Bougainville. She says they look forward to trying out the new drug which hasn't arrived in the country yet. The training is only in preparation for the arrival of the new drug.

02.11.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Food ban still not lifted

By Tapo Tovilu

Buka Urban Councils ban on prohibited foods is nearing its final stages as officers continue to carry out inspections on foods which are currently being sold. The ban placed in early June as a result of the outbreak of cholera in the country stops the sale of cooked foods, ice block and cream buns in public areas. After its initial setup the cholera taskforce lifted the ban on the sale of smoked fish, cooked kaukau and taro. Environmental Health Officer with Buka town council Lawrence Kumis says that these foods were inspected and passed by the cholera taskforce. She says that the public sale of ice blocks and cream buns are still prohibited as there is no safe and adequate water supply in and around Buka. Despite the ban which is in place there are still people who are selling ice blocks

placing the public at risk.

Miss Kumis says that the ban will be lifted but this will require sellers to reach certain requirements in order to sell prohibited goods.

There is no definite date as to when the ban will be completely lifted but the cholera taskforce is scheduled to sit for a meeting in December.

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Source: Post-Courier

MP wants Panguna mine re-opened

Bougainville Affairs MP Fidelis Semoso has met with Panguna landowners (PLA) and others from other Bougainville copper lease areas in Port Moresby.

He reiterated his call to see an impact project get off the ground for Bougainville, a project that will “create employment for our youth, rebuild our schools and health services but most importantly boost the economy of the region”.

He made it clear that he wanted the Panguna mine re-opened at the earliest opportunity.

This means that he wants to see the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) review fast tracked.

He said he is committed to assisting the Panguna landowners get themselves organised.

He has directed Lawrence Daveona to arrange for landowner representatives from each of the six mine lease areas to come to Buka for two days of consultation with him to tell him what they want.

He told the landowners present at the meeting that he does not want to waste time, saying that Panguna landowners’ issues had been there before the crisis and are still there and no one has really attended to them.

With the BCA review, Panguna landowners are the major stake holders.

He maintained that the problem is not the Bougainville people but “us the elected leaders of Bougainville”, both the ABG and the National Government.

Mr Semososaid during his travels throughout the island he has found out that the general feeling is that the Panguna mine must be re-opened and that there is no other way for Bougainville to move forward.

He challenged the landowners to give him tangible project submissions to push through the Government system for funding.

The landowners in turn assured him that he will be getting project submissions soon.

02.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Games to bring on lasting peace

SPORTS has brought hopes of lasting peace to groups who used to be enemies from the Bougainville Crisis days.

Bougainville all of last week had district games on in every region – central, south and north Bougainville, to prepare the areas and do selections for the major Autonomous Bougainville Games coming up in December in Buin. This will be the first time since the Bougainville crisis, that Buin, or south Bougainville for that matter will host one of the biggest event for the year. The New Guinea Islands Paralympic Games will run concurrently with the ABG Games 2010. In south Bougainville, soccer teams from Wisai and Konnou areas – war faction areas and mostly youths, left their guns at home and took to the sports field to show their talents and forget about fighting. When the two male teams were about to play, they had to obey the rules of the Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation (ABSF) that they must shake hands before the kick off is made. The youths hesitated at first, scratched their heads and looked at the referees, a gesture meaning they could not shake hands with enemies. The referees were not going to give in as the rules were clear — that every individuals had to shake hands before any kick off — that applied to all the games in Bougainville. Eventually the youths of Konnou and Wisai, in front of a whole crowd of Buin people, raised their hands and shook hands for the first time since warring days and played a very peaceful game in the end last Thursday afternoon. This gesture eventually led to a big reconciliation by the youths of these areas on Friday morning. The leaders present at that time in Buin told the Post-Courier it was a load of peace already on their shoulders and they felt the Buin Games in December will be successful and huge. “The rule before the ball kickoff is clear, and that’s the rule by the ABSF followed all over Bougainville. You have to shake hands before any kick off,” Joe Maineke, Buin ABG Games event co-ordinator told the Post-Courier from Buin over the weekend. Now we are very hopeful that the ABG Games in December will be very successful and we are very much looking forward to that.” Several other leaders and chiefs from Buin said that the future was now bright with an appeal to the ABG Government to take advantage of the ABG Games and use it also to create awareness on peace.

02.11.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville to host tourney

By FABIAN HAKALITS

BOUGAINVILLE is set to hosts the New Guinea Islands (NGI) Volleyball championships, to be held this month in Buka.

The championship will run from November 25 to 28, at the Hutjena oval.

According to NGI tournament director Philip Kunes, teams participating in the championship include Kimbe, Gigo, Hoskins, Rabaul, Kokopo, Oiscar, Pomio and Bougainville.

He said it is a requirement that all participating teams register before the games.

“All teams are expected to register and arrive in Buka before the 25th of this month,” he said.

Kunes also said that, for the first time, Bougainville would be hosting the first-ever volleyball championship.

“Most volleyball championships were held at the East New Britain Province but after much dialogue, we decided to move it to a different location, which is now Bougainville.” Kunes told said.

Meanwhile, preparations towards the tournament is well underway.

Kunes said that business houses and individuals have chipped in to sponsor and the launching will be held on Thursday.

Any issues regarding the NGI volleyball tournament can contact Philip Kunes on 720 41 354 or Rex Nobulu on 76416186.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MASONO ADMIRES

By Aloysius Laukai

The Deputy Administrator for Bougainville MR. RAYMOND MASONO is pictured here near one of the Model Planes at AVIC International China's technology.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

RED CARPET WELCOME

By Aloysius Laukai in Beijing

Organizers of the ABG delegation trip to China have made Bougainville proud by providing the best VIP treatment for the visiting Bougainville's Ambassadors. In many of the visits including Government establishments red carpet treatment was given.

Yesterday this delagation had to walk on a red carpet at AVIC International Company's Headquarters just opposit the China Olympic Stadium. The sign on the Wall also said it all.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

EXPORTER

By Aloysius Laukai in Beijing

One of the Bougainville's only Cocoa and Copra Exporter Tarscius Garuai is on this

trip to China.

MR. Garuai says that the trip is very important for local Bougainville Businesses to talk to possible new markets out there in the world.

He told this reporter that past leaders should have done this earlier instead of selecting their friends on similar trips.

MR. GARUAI said that we should support President Momis in his efforts to get Bougainville off its financial problems instead of complaining.

He said as an exporter who has been trying his best to assist the people buying their copra and also competing with giants like CPL making the right connection was the best thing the ABG government can do for his people.

He said shipping was the biggest problem and the MOU signing between ABG and Shanghai Chamber of Commerce would really help Bougainvillean Businesses to export their products And import cargoes on factory prices.



Picture of Raymond GARUAI (left)

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MOMIS ON TRADE

By Aloysius Laukai

ABG delegation led by ABG President Chief John Momis today held talks with the CHINA's Foreign Affairs and Trade Special envoy for the Pacific States in Beijing, CHINA.

The delegation included also the PNG Embassy's Senior Officer who has been acting since MR. MOMIS resigned in January this year.

The talk was on ways that PNG and especially Bougainville can work with China to develop Tourism and other business ventures in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Since arriving in China the delegation have already concluded two agreements in Shanghai for a Shipping service between Shanghai and Bougainville and a cargo distribution for import and export out of Shanghai. The service would commence soon. New Dawn FM understands if Bougainvillean Businessmen can order directly from China goods are currently bought from Rabaul and Lae, the price of goods could drop. The delegation today also met with more Businessmen in Beijing and another agreement would be signed in Beijing tomorrow evening between the ABG and a Plane and Ship building company in Beijing.

Also before the group returns to Bougainville they would also visit a big Hydro distribution plant in China.

The group has so far visited three cities in China with another two more cities this week.

President JOHN MOMIS wants the people of Bougainville to engage themselves in worthwhile projects which would be available under this arrangement.

He says that he wants Bougainville Businessmen and women to start thinking of animal husbandry and other Agricultural projects like Pineapple and fruits in preparation for the opening of the Panguna mine.

He said under the Bougainville Copper Agreement Review they want to see that all fruits and vegetables and potatoes that can be grown in the mountains of Wakunai and Bougainville are sold to the company and not imported from outside.



Pictured is the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs and Trade for the Pacific States being presented the PNG Emblem by ABG President John Momis



Some more pics from Beijing: This is a new TV Station that is still under construction. To be completed in two years time.



Picture of President Momis at the Pacific Pavilion WORLD EXPO and this is NAURU's display area.
The Expo ended on Sunday and was attended by more than 70 million people across the globe



PNG Embassy official with MR. Momis talking after meeting today



Pictured is President MOMIS admiring a Model Plane at the Plane and Ship Builders headquarters in Beijing.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Buka District games

By Veronica Hannette

The Buka District games held recently at Haku ended successfully last week.

The games were held in three locations Lemamanu, Lemankua and Lontis to host the 14 codes that was played.

The games started on Wednesday and ended on Friday and are undergoing selections in their respective COEs.

Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation (ABSF) Acting President, Joseph Mobisi tells New Dawn FM that district games have successfully completed and they are looking forward to the coming game schedule this Christmas.

Mr. Mobisi says this is the month of intensive training for those selected and we have only one month.

He is calling to all districts to submit their selection lists in order to produce ID's for the players.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Assistance calls

By Veronica Hannette

Autonomous Bougainville games coordinator, Robert Semoso is appealing to for assistance in sports.

He told New Dawn FM that he is facing a financial dilemma and needs help to further fund the sports departments.

He said the ABG games are an achievement for Bougainville therefore he is calling on all Business house and companies to assist in financial support towards the forthcoming games.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SAFE MOTHERHOOD WORKSHOP

A workshop on safe motherhood in the region started today at the Buka General Hospital.

A total of 20 health workers and aid post orderlies from South, Central and North Bougainville are attending the workshop.

CEO of Health Dr Anthony Pumpara while opening the workshop stressed the importance of safe motherhood and challenged participants to be more effective in service delivery.

He says with the increasing population in the region and the lack of awareness more mothers are at the risk of dying from complications at birth.

The workshop will cover four areas in infant birth and safe motherhood.

All participants will be monitored for a six month period after the completion of the six week training workshop.

CEO of Buka General Hospital, Mathew Mone, says that this is part of the five year role out plan to improve the health service delivery in the region.

He adds that Buka Hospital will continue more similar training workshops in the future. This is the third workshop of its kind in the region and Buka General Hospital will give its continual support in educating health workers.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Arawa VCT centre needs support

By Joyce Tohui

Arawa Voluntary Counseling and Testing centre is facing serious problems because its HIV/AIDS population is growing rapidly.

The VCT centre is currently experiencing food shortage, limited accommodation and not enough medical supplies made available.

HIV/AIDS counselor with the VCT centre, Rose Ravana says problems faced by the VCT centre can be tackled if there is availability of funds to upgrade the facility and it's on going programs.

She says with the increasing number of people with HIV/AIDS seeking help from the centre, the Bougainville Friends Association through the Bougainville Aids Counsel should chip in some money to help the centre.

Mrs. Ravana says the Bougainville Friends Association was formed at this centre with the help of people living with HIV/AIDS.

She is calling on the Government to immediately take action and stop the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Concerns raised on Food Poisoning

By Sonia Kenu/Joyce Tohui

It has come to notice that fish sold at the market has been caught using some form of chemicals.

Last Friday a family was affected when eating fish bought at the market.

A victim who wants to remain anonymous tells New Dawn FM that after eating the fish, he experienced itchiness; headache and red eyes.

Meanwhile, Environmental Health Officer with Buka Urban Council Lawrencina Kumis appeals to the public to practice safe fishing methods.

She says it's best that people are mindful of how they handle and prepare fish before consumption.

Ms Kumis urges those who sell fish to register themselves with Buka Urban Council to make it easier for them to monitor the market.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

FISH POISONING

BY MARCELLA TAMUSIO

During weekend there were some cases reveals that people were using petrol for catching fish. To sell at the market.

A local man lives in town ,Agustine Pinari says that he was concerned that those people who sells the fish got poison on them and this must have to be stop before it's too late to receive good number of the people would have died.

After receiving good number of victims who have consumed the fish for the last four days.

A mother of three says, predicting the fish at the market and thought it was healthy for her family to consume but later she noticed her children's eye turned red. when making some investigation it was fish that got poison from the petrol.

They appealed to the public to checked carefully before buying fish and must put the banned to the fish sellers not to sold fish at the market or anyway.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Police cannot cater for Bekut

By Veronica Hannette

Four detainees have been confirmed for transfer to the recently opened prison facility at Bekut, Peit constituency. The Bekut facility can only cater for low risk prisoners. That means only prisoners serving not more than 12 months are eligible to be transferred there. Prisoners serving longer jail terms may also be considered for the transfer subject to a screening process by the authorities.

Buka Police station Commander, Alex Gunan says they are still awaiting instructions from the Correctional Service headquarters.

Meanwhile, the correctional services have no man power in the region. A senior police constable has been performing the role of a CS officer.

New Dawn FM news understands that there is a shortage of police man power and would not be able to support the Bekut operation.

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Source: Bougainville Tourism

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Source: Post-Courier

Case takes a twist

By ELIZABETH BANICKI

OVER the objections of two judges, the 9th Circuit last week asked a judge to “explore the possibility of mediation” for a lawsuit accusing mining company Rio Tinto of inciting a 10-year civil war on the island of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea.

An 11-judge panel in San Francisco sent the human-rights case to 9th Circuit Judge Edward Leavy for possible mediation.

The panel gave him 28 days to decide if mediation should proceed or if the case should return to the full court. Bougainville residents accused Rio Tinto’s branches in London and Melbourne of damaging their environment and sparking a bitter civil war. The corporation has mined copper in the heart of Panguna in Bougainville since 1972. Judges Andrew Kleinfeld and Consuelo Callahan disagreed with the majority’s decision to send the case to a mediator.

“We have not yet decided whether we have jurisdiction over this dispute,” Kleinfeld wrote. “I very much doubt that we do. I suspect that we lack jurisdiction both because the case involves a political question and because we lack subject matter jurisdiction on account of extraterritoriality.”

The Papua New Guinea government allegedly blockaded the island, causing thousands of deaths and the violent civil war, which ended in 1999.

Rio Tinto is also accused of participating with the Papua New Guinea government in war crimes.

“We are told that New Zealand mediated a peace agreement, under which Bougainville now enjoys some form of autonomy from the Papua New Guinea government as the ‘Autonomous Region of Bougainville,’” Kleinfeld wrote.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TARI TESTIFIES

By Aloysius Laukai in Beijing

One of the big name combatants in South Bougainville says that Bougainville needs to stop fighting and work hard to develop its economic activity.

THOMAS TARI told New Dawn FM that he now realises that Bougainville has been wasting time fighting instead of uniting and working together to develop the Region.

MR. TARI is in the delegation that is in China this week.

Many exfighters from Central, South and North are in this delegation and are happy to go back home and prepare to destroy all weapons of destruction.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BEIJING WELCOME

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG delegation since leaving Buka have gone through many cities and are true ambassadors of Bougainville.

They were welcomed by a Philippine team in Manila had good Business discussions with some business men in Manila before travelling the next day to Shanghai, CHINA. Bougainville Exports Copra to the Philippines.

In Shanghai the welcome was very big and the team had a seminar and several meetings with the Chamber of Commerce and signed two MOU;s on Business and Cooperation.

Shipping between CHINA and BOUGAINVILLE and other Business activities the businessmen who on this trip made good contacts as they normally order from Tropicana and other stores in Rabaul and Lae.

They would greatly benefit from this trip and especially the price of goods bought from Rabaul can be dropped in Buka and Bougainville.

Details on the Agreements will be made later.

The team also visited the WORLD EXPO in Shanghai.



President Momis and his delegation visited the CHINESE PAVILION and the Pacific Pavilion

including PNG. They were able to present some CDs and performance on Bougainville culture.



In Beijing, the Capital City, the welcome was even bigger.

The team went to mass and visited another city of Ten Million people (Tian Jin) Big meeting with government officials and the Chinese Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade this morning.

Meeting the Chamber of commerce on possible partnership this afternoon.



Picture of the welcome team in Beijing

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

CHINA TRIP SUCCESSFUL

By Aloysius Laukai in Beijing

The ABG trip to the People's Republic of China is gaining momentum. This morning the team is meeting with the Foreign Affairs Office and later visiting with the Beijing Chamber of Commerce.



Picture of the team taken at Tian Jin City which is a new Industrial city.
We travelled 200Kilometeres which is normally about 2 and half hour trip by car.
We made in 29 minutes by their Bullet train.

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Last but not least!

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Source: ESBC Research

ASX in 2010

A Blind Tiger without Teeth and Claws

Bougainville Copper's (BOC) price history of 2010's last day trading is the best example ever that the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) is neither able nor willing to assure serious behavior of market participants. In the past, the ESBC has repeatedly informed the Sydney market surveillance about strange market movements in Bougainville Copper shares. Until now, without any result as the today's trades show. The ESBC consider the today's course of sales for BOC as a shining example for the incompetence and incapability of the ASX staff to assume international standards. "Under these conditions" the President of ESBC, Mr. Axel G. Sturm, said today in Bangkok that "he would appreciate if the ASX will be taken over by the Singapore Stock Exchange next year for a better, a more efficient and a more transparent business". Mr. Sturm presumes: "Obviously the ASX is a blind tiger without teeth and claws!"

REMARK:

Trade hours are one hour delayed as ASX data provider Netquote (an ASX authorized paying data service) was not able to the adjust its market data to Australian winter time until now!

Course of Sales for BOC

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31.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville police cops underway

By Fabian Gatana

Police New Year operations on Bougainville had begun with police getting tough on un-roadworthy vehicles and PMV drivers.

This is proving successful so far, says a police report. ABG acting Assistant

Commissioner of Police Huitona Tohua said there have not been any major incidents during their Christmas operations and they are hoping the New Year operations end on the same note.

Police will set up road blocks everywhere in Buka, Tinputz, Wakunai, Arawa and Buin and carry out major awareness programs on road safety throughout the province.

They will also carry out routine patrols to rural villages, while foot patrols will patrol the streets in and around Buka and Kokopau. For Arawa, police patrols will cover Panguna and Koromira while a team will be patrolling the Nagovis–Tonu highway down to Buin. In Buin, police boss Paul Kamuai will lead his team on patrol duty while another small group will be on foot patrol duties.

There will be a total liquor ban in Arawa and in Buin but in Buka people have been told not to drink in public places.

31.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Where it happens!



Only in Bougainville! Here's a picture of youths from low lying islands of Saposia and Sorom. Some from Torokina. They were seen rushing to Buka yesterday to sell these copra bags so they can have money to celebrate with in the New Year. One tonne copra costs K1500 and a single bag is at least K200 depending on the weight. Here the youths walked off with more than K3000 for their New Year celebrations!

30.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NAS

By Aloysius Laukai

NAS made two flights into Buin today to bring in medicine.

Tomorrow it will bring freezer goods for Buin Businessmen.

Charter to Buin is K4,500 one way and Passenger fare if K600 per person.

30.12.2010

Source: ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation)

Higher gold price may boost production

With the price of gold in excess of \$1,400 an ounce, driven by a weak US dollar and unrelenting demand from China and India, and no new major gold deposits seemingly available, analysts are predicting that miners with marginal deposits may re-start production.

On the back of speculation that Bougainville Copper may re-open its copper and gold production, Pricewaterhouse Cooper's mining leader Tim Goldsmith said that it would be interesting to see if the higher prices made the miners move faster.

Miners in the north of WA had found some promising results, including Beadell Resources's Tropicana East Project 350km north-east of Kalgoorlie, and Focus Minerals Ltd planning longer-term projects in Coolgardie.

Worldwide gold supply remains at about 2,500 tonnes a year, despite a tripling of the gold price since 2002.

Australian gold production has risen 22 per cent in the year to November 2010.

Recycled gold now makes up 42 per cent of the gold supply.

30.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

IMAKA COMMITMENT

By Aloysius Laukai

The National Aviation Services intends to fully service all Bougainville airstrips in the New Year according to its General Manager, JOHN IMAKA.

MR. IMAKA told New Dawn FM that the National Aviation services is setting up on Bougainville and is here to stay.

He said that they would be getting other planes to come and support the plane that is already in Buka.

MR. IMAKA said that they will be flying to Buin, Nissan, Torokina and Aropa (near Arawa) from their base in Buka.

The aircraft would also carry out emergency Search and Rescue flights and other medivac charters.

Persons who wish to make bookings can call in at their Buka Office situated at the Buka airport.

30.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

State reminded of forgotten clause

By PETERSON TSERAHA

A SELF-styled intelligent political analyst on Bougainville has once again reminded the State and the people of Bougainville about a forgotten and very important clause in the "Bougainville Copper Act".

Clarence Kosun (Cozxunie) Managing director of Kosun Creation Ltd has taken this extract from the Bougainville Copper Act which a lot of people had forgotten.

"The Bougainville Copper Act" section 15 over burden, tailings and safety:

Clause (d) Notwithstanding that the same may have been disposed of in an area and in a manner approved as herein before provided in this clause the company shall make compensation for any loss suffered by any indigenous or other inhabitant of the said Bougainville Island or other islands adjacent thereto resulting from any damage done (wether to land, anything on land, water or otherwise) or any other interference with any right to use land or water caused by the disposal by the company of any over burden removed in the course of, or tailings produced as a result of, its operations under this agreement, but nothing in this paragraph shall oblige the company to make any compensation to the administration or any governmental authority. Such compensation shall be provided either in cash or by way of provision on reasonable terms and conditions of land or other facilities or benefits or partly in one form and partly in another and in default of agreement thereon between the company and other person seeking such compensation shall upon application by such person be determined in accordance, with procedures provided for in part VII of the mining ordinance, such person or (as the case may be) the company having from such determination the rights of appeal set out in the Part VII.

"Just think for a second," Mr Kosun said. "Had this law been enforced and the environmental damage to the Jaba valley been curtailed and compensated, it is most probable that Francis Ona would have never succeeded in raising the revolution," he said. "Just think of the lives saved and the future lost because the law was not enforced," Mr Kosun said.

The Bougainville Copper Act was not even a good law but if it had been enforced, things would be very different today, he said.

"Laws are there for a reason. They are there to provide a safe and fair environment and to make commerce possible.

"The State has terribly failed to comply and abide by this particular clause since the mining days up until now, and the landowners negotiating with the government have to seriously take this into consideration, to avoid being deprived again from their rights," said Mr Kosun.

29.12.2010

Source: ESBC Research / ASX

BOC rallyes at the End of 2010

Bougainville Copper shares (BOC) soared 8.71 percent in Sydney today.

Last price was AU\$ 1.685 (+ AU\$ 0.135) at 4:10 local time.

More than 153,000 shares were exchanged.

AU\$ 1.68 = EUR 1,29

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Source: Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC Rural News)

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Former Australian prime minister Bob Hawke contacted PNG Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare and Bougainville President John Momis in Port Moresby in November. Mr Hawke's commercial connections in China could be crucial in seeing the mine reopened.

World copper prices has increased fourfold since the mine closed, and the gold price seven times.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Flights to Buin commence

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism Student

National Aviation Services will begin its flights to Buin tomorrow.

General Manager John Imaka says the flight tomorrow will officially commence the company's operations in the region.

He says the maiden flight was made during the opening of the 3rd ABG games in which they flew with ABG President John Momis to Buin to open the games.

Mr Imaka told New Dawn FM that they weren't able to fly after the maiden flight as fuel drums from Rabaul did not yet arrive.

He says however the fuel drums were offloaded from Makaia yesterday and the flight tomorrow will commence as scheduled.

The company is working on bringing one more of its planes in from Vanimo and they are aiming at restoring the provision of air services back into Bougainville.



Pilots of National Aviation Services pose for this AL Picture: Captain John Imaka (Left) and Captain Marcellin Ampa'oi (Right)

28.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Gernic Hire donates

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

One of the few Hire Car Companies in the region has donated four wheel chairs and K500 cheque to a family living with disability.

Gernic Car Hire took the initiative to assist the disable at this time of Christmas.

Businessman Gerard Habitein and his family handed the wheel chairs and the cheque to the disable on Saturday, Christmas day.

The three brothers and their sister are from Hangan village. They have lived with disability since their teenage.

Their mother Maria Hamos received the donations with tears of joy and she was lost for words in thanking Mr Habitein and his family.

The wheel chairs were bought from Callan Services at a cost of K1500.

Business woman Nicole Habitein says Callan Services offered the wheel chairs for free, however, the company gave K1000.

Mrs Habitein says K500 was paid as freight charge for the wheel chairs which were shipped to Buka.

She says the company's aim is to reach out to the needy as Christmas is a time of sharing and giving.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Tohua reviews year operation

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville Police Service this year has done a lot of awareness throughout the region on Law & Order.

Acting Assistant Police Commissioner Huitona Tohua says Bougainville police have faced a lot of challenges with law breakers but had taken responsibility on dealing with the matters.

Acting ACP adds that laws are made for everyone and that we should abide to any laws made, to guide us.

Though there were some accidents and Law & Order problems that happened, still Bougainville police were able to address the matters.

Mr. Tohua says with a lot of awareness were given through out the year resulting in a lot of improvements with Law & Order in the region.

He is appealing to the public to work together and make New Year Celebrations trouble free.

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The Ok Tedi mine would be an obvious source of skilled staff as it starts to scale down as the resource declines.

The other big factor exciting interest in the reopening of the Panguna pit is the likelihood that it will lead to the end of the moratorium on exploration that began in 1971.

Seven exploration licences covering 20 per cent of the island are held by BCL, and the potential to find new orebodies near the existing pit are considerable.

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Taylor says that since the mine closed, the BCL Foundation has continued to fund 100 scholarships a year.

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Former Bougainville Revolutionary Army "general" Ishmael Toroama insists that all the demands made by Bougainvilleans during the fighting must be met: "Panguna -- after the war -- now belongs to all Bougainvilleans," he says, insisting that the original claims for environmental compensation remain extant.

But the recently elected Bougainville government, and the Panguna Land Owners Association, have begun intense discussions.

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On a pro rata basis, the owners of PNG's 19 per cent share would have to raise \$570 million towards the mine's reopening.

It is possible Chinese entities, eager to obtain reliable sources of resources, may be prepared to help fund it, either in return for equity, or for future copper output.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BOUGAINVILLE PEACEFUL

By Aloysius Laukai

The people of Bougainville have observed the Christmas festivities peacefully with no trouble throughout the region.

Reports reaching New Dawn FM office from Buin says that a Mekamui soldier only was wounded and he is being brought to the Buka Hospital tonight.

The Mekamui soldier was involved in charging fees to the civilians for drinking within the Konnou COE.

Reports states that he was found drinking and some of his soldiers were not happy with him thus resulting in him being wounded as a warning for him and the other soldiers to follow what they preach.

In some minor incidents, A drunkard was swearing at a staff member of New Dawn Fm last Friday night.

And Police were called in they apprehended the suspect but Police were questioning him next minute he jumped over the fence and escaped in the dark.

Lucky for him he was captured again in the early hours of Saturday morning.

24.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

ABG games a success

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE'S third ABG Games ended on a high note in Buin yesterday with the Buka Atolls flying their colours with first placing with a total of 40 gold medals.

Host region, South Bougainville teams ended the ABG Games on second placing with 32 Gold medals, central Bougainville, the heart of the Bougainville Crisis – where it accommodates the Panguna Mine that started the civil war – came third with 19 gold medals while the northern part of the region won eight gold medals. Event manager Joe Maineke said yesterday on the overall, the Buin Games has had no major hiccups and the tally so far for the regions was:

- South Bougainville, 87 medals

- Buka-81 medals

- Central Bougainville -50 medals

- Northern Bougainville-29 medals and

“We broke it up in gold, silver and bronze and here is the tally:”

- South – 32 gold, 31 Silver, 24 bronze

- Central- 19 Golds, 15 silver, 16 bronze

- North-8 Golds, 12 Silver 9 Bronze

- Buka/Atolls 40 Golds, 22 Silver and 19 Bronze

“The theme of the Games have been achieved and all Bougainvilleans alike sang, danced and partied with joy as those from the Atolls, the mountains of Kunua, the islands of Buka and far north and central saw and witnessed for themselves that Buin after all was not that bad as they hear everywhere,” Maineke said.

Minister for Sports Rose Pihei officially closed the ceremony and hailed the 3rd ABG Games the biggest success and achievement for this year, especially when ABG was struggling to rid weapons and reconcile and make peace all over, the ABG Games was the venue to do that and it was achieved.

“Many of us here in Buin can now go back and tell our brothers and sisters, our children and those that could not make it that peace has now prevailed and you can

travel to and from all these areas without harassment,” she said. The 3rd ABG Games has promoted good sportsmanship and made possible for us the road to reconciliation and peace.”

24.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

GAMES BREAKTHROUGH

By Aloysius Laukai

The women of Konnou were able to shakehands with their other sisters thanks to the 3rd ABG games just completed in Buin this week.

The women from the Konnou COE were divided by the ongoing fighting in their areas since the start of the Bougainville conflict.

They were separated by groupings such as the Freedom Fighters around Konnou and Coastal COE and the Mekamui in the Upper Konnou with the Wisai Liberation Group(Wilmo) in the Wisai area.

Because they were assigned to cook for the 3rd ABG games the women were able to meet for the first time and in a small ceremony shook hands witnessed by the Womens member for South Rose Pihei.

They then agreed and set aside January 13th, 2011 as a date in which they should arrange another reconciliation ceremony at TABAGO Parish.

This time they would want their fighting children to also join in.



Pictured here are Mekamui fighters who decided to come out and see the ABG games in Buin. More than 50 members came and saw what was happening in the real world. Welcome to the real world boys.

24.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

WOMEN PRAISED

By Aloysius Laukai

The Minister for Community Development women and Sports, ROSE PIHEI this week praised the mothers of Konnou COE in Buin for taking a bold step for creating total peace in the Konnou area of Buin.

She told New Dawn FM that the step taken by the women to shake hands during the 3rd ABG games is very encouraging to the total peace and normalcy in Bougainville. The Minister made these remarks after witnessing the women of three groupings in the Konnou COE to forget their differences of the past twenty years and talk peace at last. She says that she has been trying her best to talk to these women for a long time and was happy that the 3rd ABG games has made it possible for this to happen.



Pic of the women shaking hands

24.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Students' addresses community

By Veronica Hannette

The UPNG students from North Bougainville are going into Communities to give awareness's on drugs, alcohol, law and order issues, HIV/AIDS, and Education. At their recent awareness conducted in leta village, the students challenged the people of leta to be more cautious of their behavior in order to have a better community. President of the UPNG students SELWYN SIRIMAN told the community that, leta is the gateway of Bougainville therefore they must be mindful as their behavior will reflect the Bougainville community as a whole.

He says it is possible for change to happen, because individuals have to change in order to change the community itself.

Mr Siriman also challenged organizations to formulate the mindset of the people in encouraging communities to be more cooperative.

He says today a lot of youths are influenced with drugs and alcohol therefore he appealed to the community leaders to look into these matters.

Meanwhile, plans are underway to conduct awareness in the Peit and Tonsu area after

Christmas.

The team has already covered Taiof, Gogohe, Halia, Malsang, Lontis, Haku and Tohatsi areas.

24.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Constable appeals for trouble-free X-mas

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

Constable Lesley Meten has called on all boat owners in this time of Christmas to register their boat's serial number with the Bougainville Police.

Constable Meten made this call on behalf of the Bougainville Police Service following reports on people stealing boats.

He says with the serial number, the Police will easily trace the boats if stolen.

Meanwhile, Constable Meten appeals to all drivers not to overload the trucks as it's the festive season and everyone is excited.

He says this Christmas would be peaceful and harmonious if people observe and obey the policing laws.

He urged people not to take law into their hands as they will not solve anything thus they will create more problems for themselves.

24.12.2010

Source: ASX

Opening hours Australian Securities Exchange

Last Business Day before Christmas Day Friday 24 December: ALL CLOSE EARLY (14 H)

Monday 27 December: NO TRADING

Tuesday 28 December: NO TRADING

Last Business Day of the Year Friday 31 December ALL CLOSE EARLY (14 H)

23.12.2010

Source: The National

K167.9m for autonomous region goes through house

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

THE Bougainville house of assembly has passed a record 2011 ABG budget of K167.9 million, which is the sixth full budget for Bougainville since it was established in 2005. Bougainville minister for Finance, treasury and planning Albert Punghau said the

budget which was presented to the Minister for Finance and Treasury Peter O'Neill last week, depicts the Bougainville government's policy shift and emphasis on districts. The total revenue and grants were projected at K167,911,000 which was K12.7 million higher than the 2010 ABG budget of K155.2 million.

The budget highlights were:

- . Promoting improved law and order;
- . Fostering reconciliation and weapons disposal, including budget support for the peace ministry;
- . Dissecting and operationalising the Bougainville peace agreement;
- . Preparation for referendum for Independence as guaranteed by the Bougainville peace agreement;
- . Strengthening of council of chief-elders and village assemblies;
- . Generating and sustaining economic development;
- . Ensuring socio-economic development through service delivery, particularly in health and education;
- . Further improving infrastructure and communications;
- . Draw down and implementation of powers and improved productivity of the ABG;
- . Enhancing revenue generation and collection; and
- . Reviewing and implementation of improved governance.

Punghau said the priority areas that were being promoted by the ABG through the annual money plan include:

- * Health;
- * Education;
- * District infrastructure;
- * Feeder roads;
- * Economic recovery;
- * Reconciliation and weapons disposal;
- * LLG-community development; and
- * Institutional capacity building.

The major revenue sources for the K167.9 million appropriated budget comprise:

- . Recurrent unconditional and conditional grants K66,219,000;
- . Restoration and development grants K54, 441,000;
- . Internal revenue K9,954,000; and
- . Other revenue sources K37,297,000.

Punghau requested, when presenting the 2011 ABG budget to O'Neill, that funding disbursements by the state to Bougainville be done on a quarterly basis and in a timely manner.

22.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ABG Games closes

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

The 3rd ABG games ended today with the closing ceremony held in Buin this

afternoon.

These games were a success as all teams were able to bring back some achievements to their respective zones.

Presentation of awards was done but players were presented with certificates because medals which were supposed to be flown in from Lae could not make it in time due to flight schedules.

The winner of the third ABG games was Buka Atolls declared with a total of 40 gold medals South Bougainville coming in 2nd with 32 gold medals Central Bougainville coming in 3rd with 19 gold medals and North Bougainville came in 4th with 8 gold medals.

The games were officially declared closed this afternoon by Minister for Community development and Sports Rose Pihei.

22.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Police commander's advocates unity

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville's Northern, Central and Southern Regional police Commanders have assured the people of Bougainville that they will work together as a team; sharing whatever resources they have to have an effective police force for Bougainville.

Bougainville Acting Assistant Police Commander Huitona Tohua, North Bougainville Commander Cletus Tsien and South Regional Commander Chief Inspector Paul Kamuai advocate for unity on behalf of the Bougainville police service in the region. Appeals were given to Bougainvillean youths to do away with their own ethnic groups and think of themselves as united Bougainvilleans.

The commanders challenged the people to think positively and allow positive changes into their lives in order for Buin and South Bougainville to prosper.

Sports have helped in maintaining law and order as it occupies youngsters and keeps them out of trouble.

22.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Constable gives X-mas message

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

The Bougainville Police Service will continue to run awareness programs on radio on the current trend of law and order in the region.

Constable Lesley Meten says the people's attitude has made law and order an issue in Bougainville.

He says the Bougainville Police will not give up, they will continue to talk as that is the only way to solve the problem.

Constable Meten stressed that even though people are aware that homebrew is illegal,

they continue to brew and consume homebrew.

Meanwhile, Constable Meten says adultery has become common in Bougainville as men and women are involved with multiple partners.

He says that adultery leads to other related problems like assault, domestic violence, retaliation and destroying of property.

He appeals to the people of Bougainville to work with the police and other stake holders in this time of Christmas to minimize law and order problem.

22.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Liquor ban a success

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

The recent liquor ban in Arawa which went on for six weeks since its implementation has been hailed a success.

The ban was lifted on the 13th of this month allowing the sale of alcohol in public areas.

The community of Arawa has praised the Bougainville Police Service for the implementation of the ban.

Steven Abini a resident in Arawa says unlike before the ban Arawa is now more quiet and safer at night.

He says during the liquor ban there weren't any dunked youths on the streets that would like in the past, be harassing the public.

Mr Abini has praised the Police for their tireless efforts during the liquor ban and calls for a similar exercise to be carried out for the New Year period.

22.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Stocks running low

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

With Christmas approaching this weekend businesses in Buka are feeling the rush of the festive season.

Many store goods such as freezer goods rice and sugar are running low as many customers are stocking up for the long weekend.

Store owners are predicting that much of their stocks are expected to run out by the end of this week.

This however is a normal trend for both consumer and the business houses in Buka town.

Consorts shipping schedule will see one of its ships dock in Buka early next week giving a breather for the people of Buka as they will not be left high and dry for the New Year celebrations.

22.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Deal signed to lift Bougainville roadblock

By Veronica Hannette

An agreement has been signed last week to lift a roadblock at Central Pass near Oriia in Central Bougainville.

This is a positive step forward for Bougainville as the road block had been a setback for development in the region and an inconvenience for people travelling to and from Arawa.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed a day before the inaugural flight carrying ABG President John Momis to Buin to officially open the ABG Games.

The MOU was signed among pro-ABG factions and the Bougainville Freedom Fighters to uplift the blocked areas at Kuala, Ligo and Moikui.

The factions promised during the signing to lay down their weapons for the sake of peace and ensure that the Bougainville Games were held without any disturbance.

A .303 rifle was handed over to authorities and the pro-ABG factions pledged to hand in more weapons in the future.

Meanwhile, there is an assurance that safety is granted during the games.

At the same time, Bougainville's acting Assistant Police Commissioner Huitona Tohua has expressed his gratitude to the people of Buin, for hosting the 2010 ABG Games.

22.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

MPs relationship to public bad

By Veronica Hannette

BOUGAIVILLE leaders' behaviour in public is now becoming a major concern to the public and causing problems for some.

There have been concerns from the public on political members' approach to the public.

A concerned group of elders from Buka Island made a comment that if the leaders were not careful with their public approach, the public will turn against the idea of establishing, promoting and maintaining firm respectable relationship that unites the Government leaders and the society.

The group said they were not happy with the speech given by Autonomous Bougainville Government Minister for Education and Member for Mahari Constituency of North Bougainville John Tabinaman at Hutjena Secondary School's graduation following the statement: "I will take off my cap as an Education Minister for the time being and talk as a church worker."

This, they said was an example of the behaviour of leaders in public together with public drinking and causing a nuisance in public places.

The leader said that this was part of a very discouraging statement made to the very people who mandated him.

They said ABG members should be addressing the public in a more encouraging way and not to let their people feel bad about their own leaders and also leaders should take a more responsive approach and not cause nuisance in public.

21.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Youths to change

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

At the recent 5th United Church Bougainville Youth Convention held in Arawa the challenge was issued for change in the lifestyle of youths today. With many of Bougainville's youths today being involved in all kinds activates there is a growing concern that our future leaders will not be able to lead the region forward. Keynote speaker of the Convention Bishop Reverend Tim David Arthur challenged youths to live and grow in discipleship. He says many youths today are getting involved in activities such as drugs and alcohol and the increasing trend is a growing concern. He challenged youths to leave such activities and become true faithful God honoring Christians. The convention which started on the 13th of this month ended on Sunday the 19th.

21.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Lauru Youths visit Panguna

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

A total of 105 Youths from Lauru Region in Solomon Islands have visited Panguna Mine. The Youths who are here for the regional Youth Convention took time off on Saturday to visit the closed Panguna Mine. The team lead by Reverend Timothy Zale came to Bougainville on Sunday and was in Arawa for the duration of the Convention. The visit to Panguna was the first for many of them and many after the experience were left surprised and amazed at the sights. The team returned today back to Solomon Islands aboard 10 banana boats escorted by Bougainville police.

21.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Doctor urges public to celebrate in good way

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

The Acting Director for Medical Services at Buka Hospital Dr Joe Vilosi has called on the people of Bougainville to celebrate Christmas in a good way.

Dr Vilosi made a special call on students to be mindful in what they're doing.

He says a lot of the students like to hang around with their peers during the holidays.

Dr Vilosi tells New Dawn FM that Buka hospital is aware of the number of young men who are now mentally affected due to prolong consumption of marijuana.

He says young men who are involved in drugs act like animals and this paints a bad picture of the communities they come from.

He urged young people to stop taking drugs and listen to their elders for their own good.

21.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NC Civil Works faces challenges

By Veronica Hannette

The Nick Constantino Civil Works road sealing program is scheduled to end this week. The Civil Works projects officer Deon Tulo says they have faced a lot of problems with the road sealing itself.

Deon says the Civil Works was assigned to seal the road, instead it also did road repairs which was more that they expected.

He says the 12 million kina budget that was allocated for the road sealing is not enough because the condition of the road is not good.

Hiring machines was a problem as it is expensive and also the company was cautious in the amount of materials it loaded onto the trucks.

Meanwhile, the Nick constantino Civil Works has sealed 4 kilometers of the road.

21.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Buka Hospital scale down on admissions

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

The Buka General hospital has announced its scaling down of admissions this Christmas.

The Acting Director for Medical Services Dr Joe Vilosi made this announcement in his Christmas message to the people of Bougainville.

He says the hospital has informed health workers from all the health centers that Buka hospital will not be getting elective cases until New Year.

He adds Buka Hospital will only concentrate on serious and emergency cases. Dr Vilosi also reminded the diabetics to control their sugar level because many people are dying due to complications with diabetes. He says diabetes and high blood pressure is becoming a concern for Bougainville. He urged the people to observe their sugar and blood levels and seek medication from the hospital.

20.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

One of the Bridge Project is nearing completion



pic:Dunstan Laukai
site:Mabiri

20.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

UNDP officer dies

By Veronica Hannette

A United Nations Development Projects officer late Joe Ron died after a tragic accident which happened yesterday at White Island.

Late Joe Ron had served as an Administration and Finance officer for the UNDP for 4 years.

Late Joe Ron was with friends on a church picnic when he drowned and was rushed to the hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr. Ron is survived with three daughters, two sons and six grand children and his second wife.

20.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Games brings Achievements

By Veronica Hannette

The 3rd ABG games have brought a lot of achievements to Buin.

Host organizing committee Joseph Bakoi says these games have brought achievements like reconciliation and opening of the Turiboiru airport in Buin.

Joseph says it's been almost 30 years and for PNG Power to install electricity in Buin is a big achievement.

He also extended his gratitude to the Autonomous Bougainville Sports Federation for selecting the area which brought a lot of improvement to the region.

20.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

PNG Power Lights Buin Town

By Joyce Tohui

PNG Power has restored power service in Buin Town.

The official switching on of power was done coinciding with the official opening of the 3rd ABG Games in Buin.

A PNG Power officer Albert Nanapo says the project came about with a good working relationship between the ABG Government, the National members and PNG Power.

He says this is one of many projects PNG Power is working on in the region.

Mr. Nanapo says the successful completion of the Buin power project came well with the support from the National Member for South Bougainville, Steven Pirika and ABG.

The PNG Power officer encouraged Member Pirika to contribute more money to electrification because power brought along development.

And he requested for the people of South Bougainville to look after the expensive asset.

Meanwhile Member for South Bougainville, Steven Pirika officially launched the 500

kilowatt power station in Buin saying it will be a 24-hour service and this will greatly boost the development taking place in the township of Buin South Bougainville.

20.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

NGI reports more HIV positive cases

By Joyce Tohui

HIV/AIDS is increasing at an alarming rate in the New Guinea Islands region. That's according to the recent surveillance data from the National Department of Health which states the Islands region is reporting more HIV positive cases. And Dr. Mohammad Salim from WHO says HIV/AIDS is going to be a big problem for Bougainville.

He says among all provinces in PNG, Bougainville has the highest STI rate and it's alarming for the region putting everyone at risk.

The Public Health Advisor says during a pilot program carried out in some communities last month, results have shown that 67% of the males and females are STI positive. He says when more people have STI diseases; the population of Bougainville is at risk of getting HIV.

Meanwhile Dr. Salim says people who have STI are more at risk to get HIV and those that have HIV are prone to get Tuberculosis.

20.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Sports Corporate body plans underway

By Joyce Tohui

Plans are underway to set up a corporate body for a Bougainville Sports Foundation. The Minister for Community Development revealed this during the official opening of the 3rd ABG Games in Buin.

She says funding constraints in hosting such games has forced the Autonomous Bougainville Sports Foundation planning to set up a corporate body.

Mrs. Pihei says it might be a long way of to make sports a career but it's her sincerely hope that Sports Foundation will have it's corporate body up to raise it's own funds to run sports in the region.

Meanwhile the National Member for South Bougainville, Steven Pirika pledges his support to help the minister with funding to set up the sports foundation.

He says it is a right way for Bougainville to have its own Sports Foundation.

Mr. Pirika says money is a burden and many times the Government spends on other projects and it is wise to help Minister Pihei make this dream come true in making a bright future for sports in Bougainville.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MPs relation to public

By Veronica Hannette

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The person who wants to remain anonymous says this is part of a very discouraging statement made to the very people who mandated him.

He says that ABG MPs should be addressing the public in a more encouraging way and not to let their people feel bad about their leaders.

In additional, suggestions have been made to replace the Minister in charge of Education to other experienced members.

20.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

NZ needs local cast

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE New Zealand international film crew filming the Bougainville setting of Mr Pip movie are due in Bougainville again next month to hold more auditions.

Diana Cochrane, Assistant to Robin Scholes of Eyeworks Film and TV Drama Ltd told the Post-Courier from New Zealand over the weekend that "Nikki Barrett was coming back to Port Moresby and Bougainville to hold more auditions for Mr Pip.

"We will be meeting Bougainvilleans, male and female from kids up to older adults to play a range of roles in Mr Pip or even to possibly be extras," she said.

"We will be casting in and around Arawa from January 4 and people should keep an eye out for posters with the location etc or call. And then note that people will need to be Arawa based for the filming.

"We will get onto the Port Moresby PNG soldier boys and set that up for either 2nd, or for when Nikki is coming back through in the other direction (depending on who is around)."

This is the movie set in Bougainville where the main character Matilda is a young Bougainvillean looking for her original destiny.

Last Monday, three young Bougainvillean teenagers, chosen to further audition for Matilda character flew to New Zealand to meet the directors and producers of the

movie.

Among them is a grade eight student of Kamarau International School, Xjania Matsi, who was also a lone graduate of Kamarau for grade eight this year. Ms Matsie is from central and south Bougainville. Her father is an Australian.

20.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Buin rises after demise

By GORETHY KENNETH

BUIN for the first time had a plane land at its Turiboiru airstrip last Friday, the first one after its closure 21 years ago.

Bougainville President John Momis, Treasurer Albert Punghau and Sports Minister Rose Pihei including south Bougainville National MP Steven Pirika Kama officially commissioned the Buin airport open for use – a very positive step forward for development in Buin and Bougainville as a whole.

Thousands of people gathered at the Buin airstrip to welcome the inaugural flight into Buin on the regional Bougainville Air, which was piloted by Bougainvilleans Marceline Ampaoi and John Imaka with help from a friend Greg.



Picture Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Mr Momis was proud to fly on the inaugural flight to Buin! The Post-Courier was the only media on board the inaugural flight, thanks to ABG and the flight pilots.

This is the airline that will merge in a major joint venture with AVIC international, a Chinese multi-national company that will bring in its Y12 high tech plane to officially operate in Bougainville in the new year.

Apart from the commissioning of the airport, the Buin Aropa to Arawa Highway is also ready for use, after a peace reconciliation ceremony was also held in Buin during the games.

President Momis held a peace reconciliation ceremony before the games officially kicked off and that is now a sign that total peace is now returning to the whole island of Bougainville. As if the positives were not enough, Buin is now lit up – PNG Power switched on its electricity on the official opening day on Friday.

It was a moving ceremony, coupled with the inaugural flight and the commissioning of the airport – plus the now opening of the Buin, Aropa and Arawa Highway!

20.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville unites

By GOREHTY KENNETH

THE Autonomous Bougainville Games officially kicked off in Buin last Friday with more than 5000 contingents already participating in scheduled games.

ABG President John Momis officially opened the Buin Games flanked by ABG Treasurer Albert Punghau, Local Level Government Minister Joseph Nopei and other MPs. South Bougainville MP Steven Pirika Kama who was also present, was the proudest man together with Momis because Buin was their home town.

AusAID officials, the United Nations and other civil society organisations also set up at Buin to witness the official opening of the Games. Many cultural groups were present to celebrate the day.

Event Manager Joe Maineke gave the run down as soon as the official opening was done.

Saturday saw all coaches organising themselves to make sure all games were on schedule.

Marathon kicked off also on Saturday morning with a five kilometre run from Kangu Beach to Buin Secondary School.

Maineke advised all facilities were upgraded at the three main sporting arenas which included the Buin Secondary School sporting grounds and Hall, Buin Specialised Training Centre and Buin Town oval.

The three game venues allocated for sporting events included Buin Secondary where soccer, athletics, field and track events would be played. Buin Secondary Hall will accommodate taekwondo.

The main oval will have rugby nines and sevens, kick boxing and boxing and volleyball. Softball will be played at the district office grounds while – touch and basketball in Buin

STC.

There was a late contingent from Kunua who arrived on Saturday night from the ship at Kangu – bringing the number to 5000 contingents with all the cultural groups from Kunua, YK Bamboo band from Pororan and several from Solomon Islands. The arena is still very colourful with sporting uniforms of all sort and colours.

The highlight of the games is the inclusion of the Wisai Rebel groups with their sporting teams.

20.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Buin ready for development

SPORTS has played the biggest role in breaking the barrier for fighters, former fighters and people of all walks of life in Buin! And the ABG Games has been the catalyst! Now the people of Buin can show the rest of Bougainville that after all, they are not that bad! That they are also peacemakers and that they are ready for development in the region.

20.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

24 Hour power haus win

PNG Power switched on 24-hour power in Buin! Two powerful women executives of Bougainville moved to a guesthouse in Buin over the weekend, before the night was out, they were begging the PNG Power boys to put the power off. The women had thought that the building next door was a haus win. No! It was a bar and the patrons kept the women awake all night with their noise.

19.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

GAMES PROGRESSING

By Aloysius Laukai in Buin

The 3rd ABG games could become a catalyst for the development on Buin and South Bougainville in so far as peace and stability for the region is concerned.

Since the Opening ceremony last Friday there has been total peace in Buin as all constituencies are providing food and other assistance for the Bougainville Games a thing that could not have happened in the past.

The recent Peace and Reconciliation between warring factions in the Konnou area may have contributed to this.

On Friday the PNG POWER generators bought by the South Bougainville Member STEVEN KAMA PIRIKA was officially switched on by the member himself. He also gave another ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND KINA to the Organizers of the 3rd ABG games.

Bougainville President JOHN MOMIS was very happy to see Bougainville sportsmen and women braved the heat of the sun to show solidarity of Bougainville.

He told the crowd that the ABG would contribute more in the next ABG games.

Local Community Radio NEW DAWN FM is broadcasting live from BUIN as part of its contribution to the peace process on Bougainville.

The people of Buin Town can also get New Dawn FM on 95.3 MHZ during the full duration of the games.

Yesterday heavy rain and thunderstorms stopped the Games and the games were delayed to this morning Sunday.

This morning the 5,000 meters was won by a Bougainvillean PNG champion with another lad from Buin coming second...a neck to neck case to the end.

Other highlights of today's games would be provided later.

ALSO MORE PICS Patrick and our viewers out there.

Pics of New Dawn FM team in Buin:

Pictured here are Clarence Vinoko and Dunstan Laukai working at the temporary set up.



17.12.2010

Source: ESBC Research

Are the Sydney BCL Share Price Manipulators Based in New York?

by Axel G. Sturm

Today I have been informed by my broker that all my Bougainville Copper shares that I have acquired in Sydney are safekept by the Bank of New York Mellon. That is a really scary situation as this bank had already been involved in the un-lawful sale of unsecured Bougainville Copper ADRs in the past.

Today the Bank of New York again, may be also involved in lending of BCL shares to short sellers without the knowledge of the true shareholders. The ESBC recommends to all BCL shareholders concerned to change the safekeeping of their BCL securities to [Clearstream](#) in Luxembourg. Clearstream is a subsidiary of Deutsche Boerse AG and its only activity is the safekeeping of international securities. I change the safekeeper of my BCL shares to Luxembourg.

Sitzen die Drahtzieher der BCL Kursmanipulationen in Sydney in New York?

von Axel G. Sturm

Soeben habe ich mit meiner Bank gesprochen. Sie teilte mir mit, dass alle meine in Sydney erworbenen BCL Aktien als Lagerstelle die Bank of New York / Mellon haben. Ihr könnt Euch mein Entsetzen vorstellen. Immerhin ist die Bank of New York / Mellon einer der Hauptakteure in der kriminellen Herausgabe von unbesicherten BCL ADRs gewesen. Deshalb liegt sehr nahe, dass die Bank auch heute nach wie vor ohne Wissen ihrer Lagerstellenkunden, deren Aktien zum Verleih an Shortseller nutzt. Der Kreis unseriöser Manipulationen schließt sich also...und schon wieder in New York! Bitte, erkundigt Euch, wo Eure Aktien gelagert werden. Sollten Eure Aktien in New York liegen, versucht sie zu [Clearstream](#) Luxemburg zu verlagern, da diese Lagerstelle als Tochter der Deutschen Börse AG keine anderen Geschäftsinteressen als die Lagerung von Aktien verfolgt. Schon gar nicht den Verleih von Aktien. Ich habe entsprechende Schritte unternommen.

17.12.2010

Source: ESBC Research

First response from ASX!

[Click and read here!](#)

17.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BUIN ALIVE

By Aloysius Laukai

The sleepy town of Buin came alive this morning as people gathered from all over Bougainville to witness the Opening of the 3rd ABG Games today. President Momis and his delegation were flown to Buin from Buka on PNG AVIATION SERVICES inaugural flight to Buin. The plane made two trips to Buin today. The Airport was filled by people who were surprised to see the first plane landing again after so many years of conflict.



Pictured is the Plane landing in BUIN this morning.

17.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MINI MARKET OPENED

By Aloysius Laukai

There were many activities at the Opening of the 3rd Bougainville Games in Buin. First the arrival of President Momis and his delegation on a National Airline plane which made its maiden flight to Buin.

Then the Opening and Switching on of PNG Power in Buin the Actual Games Opening and the Opening of the Buin Town Mini market.

Pictured is President Momis cutting the ribbon of the newly built market built by the Regional Member for Bougainville.



Picture of ABG President John Momis on the Buin Mini Market Opening today.



Teop group performing their Wave dance at today's Opening in Buin.

16.12.2010

Source: ESBC

ESBC Declares War to Fraudulent ASX Market Participants!

Read here the today's ESBC email to the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX):

[Bougainville Copper \(BOC\): Alleged fraudulent behavior of one or more market participants](#)

Dear Sirs,

Once again we feel obliged to inform you about strange market movements in Bougainville Copper shares within the last few weeks. Please see the today's course of sales in BOC at the end of this mail.

It seems to be quite obvious that BOC shares are again a target of fraudulent behavior of one or more market participants. This is only possible by knowledge or even support of the actual market maker.

As third biggest group of BOC shareholders the ESBC have to insist that now – once and for all - you will apply adequate measures to stop all fraudulent trade activities in Bougainville Copper shares.

We regret that we feel obliged to give you a final ultimatum of 14 days from now – until the end of this year – to investigate on this matter.

If we should not receive any satisfying response from you, we will not hesitate to bring this issue to criminal investigation of Australian authorities next year!

This email will be published on our homepage www.bougainville-copper.eu shortly!

Yours sincerely,

Axel G. Sturm

President

Vientiane, 16.12.2010

**Course of Sales for BOC
as at 12/16/2010 5:05:43 PM**

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Source: AAP/Keith Jackson's PNG Attitude

China eyes Bougainville gold and copper

BY ILYA GRIDNEFF

AAP - CHINA'S MINERAL hunger could see it take a bite into the massive Bougainville gold and copper mine that has been dormant ever since a decade-long civil war with Papua New Guinea

So far, China's mining pursuits in PNG have been a disaster and Bougainville remains hostile to outsiders.

China's Metallurgical Group Corporation's billion dollar investment in the Ramu nickel mine in PNG's Madang Province has been beset with lengthy court cases, protests, violence and endless difficulties with government departments.

And now, Bougainville President John Momis says China has expressed interest in a potential role in reopening Bougainville's Panguna gold and copper mine.

Rio Tinto, which has a 53 percent stake in Panguna mine owner Bougainville Copper Limited describes China as one of its most important partners.

China's state-owned aluminium company Chinalco currently has a 12 percent interest in Rio Tinto.

Rio declined to comment over possible arrangements for reopening the mine but Mr Momis told AAP there had to be a "paradigm shift" in approaching Panguna.

"We're open to discussion to make sure we get the best and most equitable deal," he said.

One theory, according to Mr Momis - who is the former PNG ambassador to China - is the Chinese could pay for the mine's estimated \$4 billion cost to reopen in exchange for an equity stake.

"We are cash strapped as a government, and we are putting this to potential partners that we would be very keen to have some upfront payment even before the deal for the mine is negotiated," he said.

"The Chinese have expressed an interest in the mine, but we are keeping all our options open."

Speculation of Chinese interest in Panguna was sparked after news that former Australian prime minister Bob Hawke met with "old friends" PNG prime minister Sir Michael Somare and Mr Momis, in Port Moresby in late November.

Mr Hawke is active in business relations with China and sits on Fortescue Metals Group's China Advisory Board. His consultancy, Robert JL Hawke and Associates, has a Shanghai office.

However, both Mr Hawke and Mr Momis said no specific Chinese interest was being positioned for Panguna.

Mr Hawke, a 'chief' in PNG after he was awarded the Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu in 2008, the highest honour available to non-PNG citizens, told AAP the recent meeting covered many items.

"A whole range of things were discussed and in the course of the discussion there was reference to Bougainville," he said.

"There was talk about reopening of Panguna but I can categorically deny I am representing Chinese-state interests.

"Of course, there is an economical and political interest in Bougainville's future, but to say I was representing China is utter crap."

Mr Hawke said he was in PNG working for a Korean company on unrelated matters. Mr Momis, who has repeatedly asked the PNG government to fulfil the agreement to transfer its 19 per cent mine shareholding to the Bougainville government, said no undertaking had been made to China.

"Mr Hawke did say it was important to keep the China option open but there was no agenda being pushed," he said.

"We discussed the possibility of reopening the mine. We talked about China and other companies including Rio Tinto."

Landowner groups recently met to discuss reopening central Bougainville's controversial Panguna mine, but the memory of the guerilla war that claimed an estimated 20,000 lives from fighting and disease from 1987 to 1997 still looms large. Despite talk the mine could reopen as early as December 2011, there are numerous hurdles relating to a series of complex negotiations and the ongoing peace and reconciliation program.

While the original conflict encompassed many divergent politics, the main problem stemmed from anger over the mine's massive revenue going to Australian-owned Bougainville Copper Limited and the PNG government, which at peak rate was about a quarter of PNG's GDP.

The Australian government supported PNG's inept efforts to quash the secessionist insurrection that was also sparked by local rage over the mine causing widespread environmental destruction.

The conflict dissipated when PNG military senior ranks learnt then-prime minister Julius Chan spent tens of millions of dollars hiring mercenaries led by British military man Tim Spicer.

A subsequent PNG military mutiny along with riots in the capital Port Moresby pushed the country to the brink of a coup, in what is now known as 1997's Sandline Crisis.

So now with all this behind them, the economic stability required for Bougainville's Independence referendum - scheduled for 2015 - is seen to be locked in Panguna.

Despite hostility Bougainville Copper Limited has remained in PNG slowly chipping away with gentle efforts to reopen the mine that still contains millions of tonnes of gold and copper.

Only time will tell how Panguna, this sleeping dragon of the Pacific, will awake.

15.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Budget passed

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG Budget totalling K176,911,000 was passed by the House of Representatives this afternoon.

It was delivered by the Finance Minister ALBERT PUNGHAU yesterday.

After nearly all members commented on the budget today it was finally approved and passed.

ABG President when commenting on the Budget thanked all the members for supporting the budget.

He said unity of the ABG house was crucial and comments by all members on the budget is healthy and good for Bougainville.

15.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

SPONSOR HERE

By Aloysius Laukai

Director of Christensen Funds based in California, USA arrived in Buka today to take part in the one-day COOL CULTURAL SHOW in Arawa tomorrow.

Director KEN WILSON has been sponsoring the training of cultural activities in the Central Bougainville area and the students from these trainings would then take part in the bi- annual REEDS FESTIVAL.

MR. WILSON is accompanied by the Coordinator for Melanesia, CATHERINE SPARKS.

They would be looking at ways of improving these cultural trainings.

The COOL CULTURAL festival is organized by William Takaku and a group called TAMPARA DUANTA MELANESIA also based in Arawa.

The festival will have about ten participants show cultural attire and would be awarded prizes ranging from Cash Prize of K1,500.00 for the winner and second and 3rd placing.

Other participants would also receive consolation prizes.

Participants for the COOL CULTURAL SHOW are school students ranging from Elementary to Grade Eight.

15.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

STUDENTS CALL FOR PAYMENT

By Aloysius Laukai

Bougainville Students attending Tertiary institution throughout Papua New Guinea I

would like to call up on the ABG to fulfill their commitment made to the various institutions regarding the school fees.

Bougainville Students Representative at the Pacific Adventist College, RICTER KOKINAI told New Dawn FMI from Port Moresby that he understands the ABG had already collected the overdue 15 million from the National Government and are now in their hands.

He said that the ABG must not turn a blind eye on its commitment made in colleges, universities regarding Bougainville students' fee.

He says the ABG must invest the money on things that would have long term effect to people of Bougainville and the students believe education is the foremost and significant things that the ABG should have prioritized those 15 million than other things (claims Industry).

Thus we are calling to our Government to settle all the outstanding fees for this year to avoid any inconvenient during registration at early next year 2011.

MR. KOKINAI says that some schools have warned students not to register as of next year unless the ABG honors its 40 percent fees for this year.

15.12.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Bougainville leads STI in PNG

By Joyce Tohui

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville has the highest number of STI cases in Papua New Guinea.

The statistics was revealed by the World Health Organization.

WHO's Public Health Advisor in Bougainville, Dr. Mohammad Salin told New Dawn FM News that through health programs carried out in rural communities, results have shown that 67% of the population in some communities are infected.

He says the rate of the Sexually Transmitted Infections in Bougainville is growing rapidly and its alarming for the region.

He says with the statistics, the people are more vulnerable in getting the HIV virus and if not controlled this will greatly affect the health of the region's population.

15.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier's Yutok

Settle issues first

Following media coverage and recent meeting by so-called landowners of Panguna mine in Buka with the governor for Bougainville, I would like to highlight certain issues that need to be taken into consideration before continuing discussions and plans to reopen the mine.

First to set the record straight, the landowners did not close the mine. It was the Bougainville Revolutionary Army that successfully closed the mine because of

environmental damage and for the interest of the everyone on the island. The BRA consisted of fighters from the North, Central and South Bougainville. A lot of soldiers died during the conflict, fighting to protect the environment that was destroyed by the mining giant, fighting for the land and lastly for total independence for Bougainville. For the landowners to try to reopen the mine without considering those who gave their lives and died for the closure would be an inconsiderate and greedy move. Panguna belongs to Bougainville and not a handful.

Second, when the mine was shut, there was a claim placed before the mining giant BCL, by the late Francis Ona on behalf of the landowners and Bougainville, K10 billion calculated at that exchange rate. This claim was for environmental damages and other associated factors. To all parties interested in the reopening of the mine we have not forgotten. We still stand firm with this claim as an outstanding issue that needs to be carefully considered and actioned by BCL.

Finally the move to reopen the mine as news is welcomed but very sensitive. We don't want to go down the same road we came from.

We fought against environmental damage, for our land rights, and independence for Bougainville. Any discussions to reopen the mine must have fair representation.

I call on the National Government through the Bougainville Affairs Ministry not to raise false hope without properly gauging the views and accommodating all parties involved. I also call on the Autonomous Bougainville Government to carefully consider getting a fair system of distribution in place before the mine be opened, and to BCL, the claim for environmental damage still stands, that must be paid first before anything else is done. To the Panguna landowners, Panguna—after the war— now belongs to all Bougainvillians not only the Panguna people.

As long as these points are not considered, Panguna mine will not reopen.

ISHMAEL TOROAMA
BRA GENERAL

15.12.2010

Source: The National

Women oppose Panguna review

By STEPHANIE ELIZAH

THE women and children of Bougainville are not ready for the reopening of Panguna mine, a representative of the Bougainville Indigenous Women's Landowners Association and sister of renowned Bougainville Revolutionary Army leader, late Francis Ona.

Lynette Ona, in response to recent reports of the mine's reopening and talks to review the Bougainville Copper Agreement, added that the women of Bougainville had not been consulted for their views about the mine.

"In the past years, the women of Bougainville were just names, we never signed any agreement, we were never justly represented," she said.

Ona added: "Panguna mine is not owned by only Panguna landowners because of the crisis, many lives were lost right across the island.

The mine belongs to the people from the South, Central and North Bougainville and

they must be involved in any talks regarding the mine.

“The people of Bougainville must make a good decision about the reopening of the mine because if issues arising from the crisis like payment of damages and compensation for lives lost are not resolved, it will not be a crisis for politicians or the world, it will be the people fighting amongst themselves,” Ona said.

She urged that in order for peace and stability to continue on the island, a proper feasibility study must be conducted throughout the autonomous region.

“Consultation and awareness must be carried out by the stakeholders to gauge people’s feedback on the feasibility of re-opening the mine.

“We fought against the environmental damages the mine created and we fought for our independence. We have not yet gained independence and here we are considering reopening the mine,” Ona said.

15.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Education for Bougainville

By Gorethy Kenneth

BOUGAINVILLE’S current division will officially become a Department of Education by 2011.

This is an important a step towards the drawdown of the education powers now being implemented.

By 2011, the first technical and vocational colleges will officially come into operation at Koromira Technical Vocational College in Kieta, central Bougainville.

Also, the former Arawa Technical College, a leading educational institution before the crisis, will be relocated to Tinputz and officially called the Tinputz Technical College.

ABG Education executive officer Dorothy Kenneth, who has been officiating school closings and graduations throughout Buka announced recently. At Lontis Primary School, Ms Kenneth told students and ABG Haku MP James Leanger that before the 2011 school year, the drawdown of education powers will be exercised. Ms Kenneth, who spoke on behalf of education chief executive officer Bruno Babato said

Bougainville will have an education department instead of a division. She also gave a rundown of the school fees for next year and they are:

Elementary Prep and Elementary 1 - (free), Elementary II - K19, Lower Primary School grades 3 to 5 - K69, Upper Primary School 6 to 8 - K119, Secondary School grades 9 to 10 (Day) - K608, Secondary School grades 9 to 10 (Boarder) - K1124, Secondary School grades 11 to 12 (Day) - K715 and Secondary School grades 11 to 12 (Boarder) - K1368 and finally FODE - K117 per subject.

14.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Police gets tough

By Veronica Hannette

Bougainville Police Christmas and New Year operation so far is getting results. Since last week two suspects have been apprehended by the police for illegal possession of drugs.

John Giama, 37 and Timothy Kaiae were arrested for possession of homebrew kit and dangerous drugs.

The two suspects were held for further questioning.

Meanwhile, another suspect Eddie Robin is still at large.

He was last seen drinking with some friends at Kotopan village Halia Constituency after his disappearance.

Several attempts to apprehend him had been unsuccessful.

14.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BUDGET DELIVERED

By Aloysius Laukai

The ABG Minister for Finance, ALBERT PUNGHAU this afternoon delivered the ABG's 2011 budget totaling ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT MILLION KINA.

The Budget break up are as follows,

Internal Revenue NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRET FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND KINA.

National Government Grants of SEVENTY NINE MILLION 219 THOUSAND KINA,

Re-appropriated Funds THIRTHY SEVEN MILLION KINA and

Donor funding FOURTY ONE MILLION KINA.

The House was adjourned to tomorrow for the Budget debate before the budget is passed.



Pictured are members of the ABG House listening to the Finance Minister's Budget Speech this afternoon.

14.10.2010

Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

MALARIA AWARENESS

By Aloysius Laukai

Another Non Government Organization, Population Services International is carrying out Malaria Awareness on Buka Island this week.

The Four men and one woman team based in East New Britain started their awareness at Malayan one last Friday and will wind up their awareness on Friday this week in Haku.

The team told New Dawn FM last night that they will only cover Buka Island this year and are looking at returning to Bougainville in the New Year to cover mainland Bougainville.

Spokesperson, GRACE RUDDAKA says that their thirty minute awareness concept is being accepted by the communities.

She said that there is a need to carry out more awareness's on locations as this was

the most effective way of disseminating information to the most vulnerable people in the communities.



Acting Prime Minister: Sam Abal

14.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

PM bombshell

- * PM referred and steps aside
- * Sam Abal to be Acting PM
- * Questions on Polye's removal

PRIME Minister Sir Michael Somare dropped the bombshell last night – he will voluntarily step aside from office following his referral yesterday for a leadership tribunal to investigate misconduct charges against him. Newly appointed Deputy Prime Minister Sam Abal will assume full function and responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, the Opposition claimed last night that Kandep MP and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Don Polye is still the Deputy Prime Minister because Mr Abal's appointment was constitutionally flawed.

Sir Michael's decision to step aside was expected but not as suddenly as last night. Earlier in the week, Sir Michael announced that he would vacate the office when a leadership tribunal was set up.

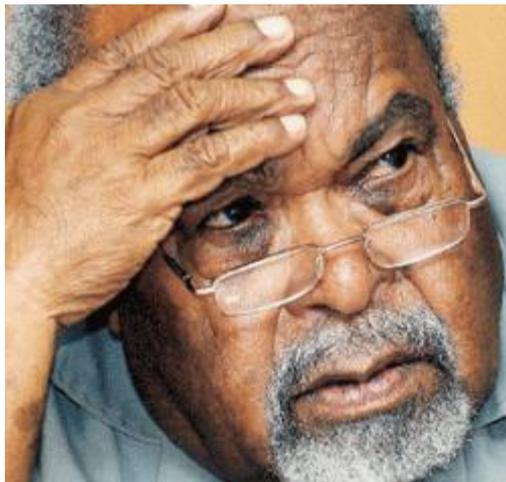
Acting Public Prosecutor Jimmy Wala Tamate referred the Prime Minister to Chief Justice Sir Salamo Injia after 4pm yesterday asking him to establish a tribunal in reference to alleged non-lodgement of three annual returns.

A statement released by the Prime Minister's media unit said while the Supreme Court had yet to give the PM an opportunity to be heard on his reference, the Public Prosecutor had proceeded to make a referral.

The PM respected the due process and would continue to avail himself to the hearings. Sir Michael had not been given an opportunity as a citizen and a PM to be heard since the filing of his substantive case in 2008 until today, the statement said.

"Equally over the past few days, no judges had been assigned or availed themselves to hear his application for an injunction," the statement said.

"This is gross injustice to any citizen who is deprived of their basic right to be heard in a competent forum."



Sir Michael Somare steps aside

14.12.2010

Source: The National

PM steps aside

PRIME Minister Sir Michael Somare yesterday stepped aside to face allegations of misconduct in office, but not before firing a broadside at the judiciary that he is a victim of "gross injustice".

Leader of government business Paul Tiensten fired a similar salvo later in the afternoon, saying that the judiciary could not force the legislator to recall parliament over the appointment of a new governor-general following the June 25 debacle. And, last night, for the first time in its history, PNG had an acting governor-general, acting prime minister, acting speaker – all ordered by the court – and an acting chief justice in coming days when Sir Salamo Injia goes on holiday.

In major developments yesterday, and since the Supreme Court nullified Sir Paulias Matane's appointment last Friday:

- *Sir Michael's lawyers failed

to obtain and prevent the public prosecutor from moving to appoint a tribunal;

- *Deputy Prime Minister and Wabag MP Sam Abal took over as acting prime minister; and

- *Attorney-General Sir Arnold Amet said any decisions on instruments signed by Sir Paulias since June 25 were binding. In other related developments:

- *Tiensten said any early recall of parliament would only be for the appointment of a new governor-general;

- *Opposition leader Sir Mekere Morauta insisted that the opposition would pursue its no-confidence agenda; and

- *Public Service Minister Moses Maladina urged the judiciary, legislator and executive to prevent a constitutional crisis.

Sir Michael said he was voluntarily stepping aside so that a leadership tribunal could hear allegations that he failed to lodge three annual financial statements in the 1990s. It came hours after his lawyers failed to obtain an injunction at the Waigani National Court to prevent the public prosecutor from moving to appoint a tribunal.

He said in a statement that he was the victim of gross injustice because there had not been a judge available to hear his application for an injunction in the past few days.

Sir Michael also said he had filed a challenge against his referral to the prosecutor in the Supreme Court two years ago but he had not been given his day in court.

The 74-year-old East Sepik Regional MP said he was stepping aside so that the tribunal could take place unhindered and he could work to clear his name.

13.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Europe happy with PM

By GOROTHY KENNETH

European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) President Axel G Sturm said on Tuesday in Vientiane (Laos) that he was satisfied to hear from Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare that he will also support the re-opening of the Panguna mine in central Bougainville.

Last weekend the PNG Prime Minister announced the resuming of mining in one of the

world's hugest copper, gold and silver mines during the PNG resource conference in Sydney.

"This visionary statement shows to me that still at 74 years-old, Sir Michael is still the shining leader of PNG who knows when the time has come to intervene," said Mr Sturm.

"Only a few weeks ago I have asked Sir Michael in a letter if he kindly could give support to this long outstanding issue. Now the time has come and he decided to act in that very positive way."

The ESBC President considers the actual political constellation as ideal.

"The Grand Chief, assisted by his Ministers Fidelis Semoso, Arthur Somare, Peter O'Neill and Paul Tiensten, together with his old friend, ABG President John Momis, are the "dream team" to bring things forward in Bougainville.

The re-opening of the Panguna mine will bring PNG into the first row of the world's base metal suppliers.

Furthermore the credibility of PNG as an interesting place for secure future investment will be improved sensibly."

Mr Sturm said "the Grand Chief Somare's initiative will help to bring peace and prosperity to Bougainville.

Mr Sturm is convinced that not only the Panguna landowners but also all Bougainvilleans will be very grateful for this.

"We, the European shareholders of Bougainville Copper are happy," said Mr Sturm.

13.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

PM believes PNG will do well

By MOHAMMAD BASHIR

Love him or loathly him, Sir Michael Somare's name and face is synonymous with Papua New Guinea.

With his trade mark sulu and goatee, he is one of the Pacific's most distinctive political figures and the longest serving politician in the Commonwealth. During the recent PNG Mining and Petro-leum Conference in Sydney, Sir Michael perhaps gave the surest indication yet that he would retire after building the right foundations for PNG. In his concluding remarks, the veteran politician said: "It has been a long time, some four decades, since I led PNG to independence. There was a great deal of euphoria at the time and we did not foresee many of the difficulties that lay ahead." He said PNG's darkest hour came with the Bougainville conflict where many parties have had to shoulder blame for the unfortunate event, including the National Government.

It was a setback from which Bougainville and the nation has not fully recovered but work was well underway to restore the damages of those years.

"When I first took office in those early years, very few of my Cabinet colleagues - indeed people in the country - had received a university education. Until recent times government revenues were inadequate for our infrastructure and service needs. This situation has begun to change in the last five or six years. But much catching up is still needed in terms of building and renovating rundown hospitals, schools and other infrastructure.

“When I leave office after these two terms, we will have in place a new generation of leaders who are capable of taking this nation forward.”

Under his guidance, the new crop of leaders have delivered a very ambitious LNG project. They have negotiated a benefits sharing agreement that takes into consideration landowners in the project areas as well as the rest of the country. They renegotiated additional profits tax to ensure that when oil prices climb to record heights any profit windfalls will be equitably shared by the project’s developers and people of PNG. Revenues from LNG will underwrite many of PNG’s social and economic programs over the next three decades.

“The new generation of leaders have delivered clear and detailed plans to guide this nation forward. I am very pleased with the task that has been undertaken,” he said. The 2011 National Budget will start the new development process and set specific targets for better delivery of services. “Having said all these, I would like to finish by saying that I feel entirely confident that the foundation set by my government will augur well.”

13.12.2010

Source: Post-Courier

Bougainville signs MOUs with China

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE is now in preparation to implement several of the Memorandum of Understandings signed in China during a recent trip by its President John Momis and his 34-member delegation last month.

The Bougainville leadership under Mr Momis had been asked on several occasions to table the MOUs signed in China.

Some of the agreements signed were between the:

* ABG (of the Independent State of PNG) and AVIC International Holding Corporation of China. The signing was between Zhengxiang Fang (Jason Fong), chairman of the Timeview international and Mr Momis on November 2 for the establishment of an airline owned by the ABG and the purchase contract of Y12 commuter and H425 helicopter for operation in Bougainville;

* ABG (PNG) and Hunan Hydro and Power Design Institute of the Ministry of Water Resources of the People’s Republic of China and Timesview International Group. Mr Momis signed this MOU with Zheng Quan Zhang, the president of Hunan Hydro power and Zhengxiang Fan (Jason Fong), chairman of the Timeview international to develop the power supply industry in the region and parties agreed to establish a joint venture company involved in development of all electric power supply systems in the ABG; and

* ABG and the Shanghai Mingqing Chamber of Commerce. The chairman of this Chinese institution, Sunhong Chan, signed the agreement with President Momis which was witnessed by Zhengxiang Fang (Jason Fong), chairman of the Timeview international for an invitation to visit Bougainville to explore a joint venture shipping company with the ABG.

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Source: Platts

PNG PM says Bougainville copper mine could reopen after 20 years

Melbourne (Platts),

Work to reopen the world-scale Bougainville copper mine after a 20-year hiatus can potentially begin within two years, Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Michael Somare was reported as saying Monday.

Restarting operations will cost an estimated \$4 billion, Australian media quoted Somare as saying at the opening of the PNG Mining and Petroleum Investment conference in Sydney.

The Panguna mine on PNG's eastern island of Bougainville shut down in May 1989 after sustaining damage during a secessionist uprising in which the issue of how income from the mine should be distributed was a key factor.

Bougainville's local media reported Monday that an agreement paving the way for the reopening of the mine had been reached with local landowners over the weekend.

"We are very satisfied on the meeting's outcome," the president of shareholder association European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper or ESBC, Axel Sturm told Islands Post's online edition. "This gives Bougainville the chance to recover financially from all suffering in the last 20 years."

The shuttered project is owned by Australia-listed Bougainville Copper Limited, or BCL, which remains active, and is in turn is owned 53.58% by Rio Tinto, 19.06% by the government of Papua New Guinea and 27.36% by public shareholders, according to the company's website.

The mine produced concentrate containing 3 million mt of copper, 299 mt (10.5 million oz) of gold and 763 mt of silver between commencing operations in 1972 and the end of 2008, representing 45% of PNG's exports over that period, BCL said in its 2008 annual report.

It produced 552,012 mt of concentrate containing 165,957 mt of copper, 13,862 kg (488,968 oz) of gold and 48,414 kg of silver in full-year 2008, its final full year of operation, according to the report.

--Wendy Wells, newsdesk@platts.com

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Source: ESBC Research

Uncertainty on Sir Michael's Political Future Strikes BCL Stocks hard!

A German broker's experience says: "Political stock markets have short legs". In so far the actual turmoil that made BCL shares fall nearly ten per cent for a short while today due to uncertainty on the political future of Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister, Sir Michael Somare, has to be considered as a hysteric reaction of some few market

participants. With or without PM Somare: The Panguna mine, owned by Bougainville Copper Limited, will be re-opened because it's the wish of the Panguna landowners, the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the people of Bougainville who want to achieve a better life in future.

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Source: Post-Courier

Drop arms, says Eluh

By Gorethy Kenneth

THE war is over and Bougainville does not need arms anymore, says Bougainville top cop Thomas Eluh.

He also warned that Bougainville does not need a marijuana-infested society.

He said alcohol consumption is at its highest and the issue is causing a great concern for the leadership on the island, including the police.

Mr Eluh, who is trying his best to rid the island of arms, said the general population is already fed up and wants peace and harmony to prosper.

He said business houses also want peace and harmony to prosper and grow their businesses and operate in peace. He said apart from arms and marijuana, liquor is also a major setback to Bougainville's economic prosperity.

"And there are still some elements of cargo cults...these are sort of things I see as impediments to progress in Bougainville," Eluh said.

"We have reasons to save Bougainville, the war is over, why do we continue to hold arms? People are still struggling for peace and harmony.

"There's no reason why we should still be holding guns. I appeal for the general public to realise this and my important question is: Where to from here? The absence of guns within the community will really help Bougainville move forward.

"I believe strongly that it's all about change of attitude, its individuals. We can't wait for someone to come and change us. For those still holding onto firearms, please, I am appealing to every Bougainvilleans to change. You see Arawa is now a very peaceful town because the people took it on themselves to sort themselves out. Why can't we do the same here in Buka and Buin?"

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Donor Happy

By Aloysius Laukai

Meanwhile the happy donor JOHN CUSSEN told New Dawn FM from EUROPE last night that he was very happy to see that his donation has finally become a reality.

He said that he was a volunteer at Asitavi in 1973 and his job was to build the library. He said that he was only a kid of 22 yrs with no real experience. It was a huge

challenge but with the help of the local Marist brothers and the local lads we did the job and he was proud to see that despite all the troubles it is still standing.
MR. CUSSEN said that he had organized the computers some time back through Peter Bana and Susan Kelly and had not heard anything from anybody for ages .
He said that Only yesterday he had sent a mail to Susan Kelly to say that he was disappointed that it had all gone flat as he had so many plans for the school
Then out of the blue came your fantastic story. What a surprise !!
MR.CUSSEN thanked New Dawn FM for its part in getting out the news to him yesterday.
He says that he now hopes that we can bring Asitavi into the new world.



Pictured is John Cussen's Library building as he says built in 1973 and still standing after the 20 years of fighting on Bougainville. AL

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Awareness

BY SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

Caption Constable Lesley Meten visited New Dawn FM earlier today. He did a live broadcast awareness reminding the public to take extra precautions during this festive season. He said many people don't know the true meaning of Christmas thus celebrate with alcohol. He urged drivers to be mindful in seeing that the trucks are not overloaded plus they must not drink and drive. Mr Meten on behalf of the Bougainville Police Service thanked the communities for their continuous support towards maintaining law and order in the region.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ASITAVI MOU

By Aloysius Laukai

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between KAGU COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS a local IT company and the Board of Asitavi High school on the service and maintenance of the Communication systems launched yesterday. Under this MOU Kagu communications will look after the service and maintenance of these facilities making it another first such arrangement to service such facility on Bougainville.

Manager of Kagu Communications, PETER BANA when making his comments after the MOU said that ASITAVI high school had made the right decision on the upkeep of

these facilities.

He said that many communication Vsats set up all over Bougainville by various groups have deteriorated because the Service and Maintenance part was not included.



Pictured is Kagu Manager PETER BANA signing the MOU whilst the Headmistress (left) is watching and the Chairman(right) is also present.

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Source: Post-Courier

Momis clarifies meeting report

By Peterson Tseraha

Autonomous Bougainville Government President John Momis said yesterday he welcomed a meeting last week by landowner representatives from the six mine lease areas of the Panguna mine.

“I welcome the meeting of the landowner representatives. At the same time I must clarify some issues that have been mis-reported since the landowner meeting.”

“It has been reported that this was the first time in six years that all six mine lease

holders have met, this claim is totally untrue.”

“In fact the Bougainville administration has organised several meetings of landowner representatives from all six lease areas.

“The meetings began in 2009, and have continued in 2010, with large meetings held at Panguna in March and July.”

Mr Momis said these meetings were held at the direction of the ABG to consult landowner communities about organising themselves to be effectively represented in the process of reviewing the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

“The first formal step in the process to review the copper agreement has also been taken by the ABG,” Mr Momis said.

“That was in a letter I sent to Prime Minister Somare, formally requesting the national Government to initiate the review process, so far the Prime Minister has not yet responded to my request.”

Mr Momis said in spite of the silence by the national government, the ABG has continued to work to prepare for the review process.

That is why the ABG has directed the Bougainville administration to organise the landowners so that they are represented in the review process.

“As a result of meetings organised by the Bougainville administration, the people in each of the six mine lease areas decided many months ago that they wanted separate associations, one to represent each lease area,” Mr Momis said. “They also agreed to consult amongst themselves on the structures of each of the proposed associations.

“Bougainville administration lawyers have held two rounds of consultations with communities, which had resulted in the preparation of draft constitutions for each proposed association. As a result the work of preparing to establish the six associations is almost complete.”

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

VSAT

Picture of the Vsat set up at Asitavi High School



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

LUNCH TIME

Students had buttered bread for lunch



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

STUDENTS

Students watch as the computers were demonstrated at the communication room.



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

TSIGUL

Kieta students performing Tsigul at today's launching.
Picture by Aloysius Laukai



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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

HM

Headmistress of Asitavi Girls High School Elaine Baris speaking at today's launching.



She called on Kagu communication to be considerate in billing the School as they do not have monies for paying for such expensive services.

The Manager for Kagu Communications, PETER BANA also commented the School for having such facilities. He said the School now can have uptodate information for student's learning.

On the bill, MR BANA said that their charges would be very minimal.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

ASITAVI FIRST

By Aloysius Laukai

The only ALL Girls High school on Bougainville today became the first High School on Bougainville to have access to Internet and Telephone Communications thanks to a donation from a European donor who used to work at the School some years back. The Vsat communications were donated by John Cussen and was installed and commissioned by a local Telecommunication company Kagu Communications at the School today.

The Chairman of the Schools Board of Governors, JOE PAIS thanked MR. CUSSEN for his donation towards capacity building of the school.

MR. PAIS said that the School used to be one of the premier schools before the Bougainville conflict and rebuilding capacity of the School would greatly help the school

return to its former stage.

The Chairman also appealed for more donations from other donors and former students as all its buildings and equipments are all rundown.

This reporter was taken for a tour of the School's facilities and further confirms that the school is in dire need of assistance.

Today's launching of the Schools communication system saw the test of three computers which are connected to the internet and four telephone lines.



Picture of Kagu Communication Manager Peter Bana cutting the Ribbon. (right) (Left is Chairman Joe Pais and centre is Community Leader SBasiou
Picture by Aloysius Laukai

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Kamarau International gives

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

Students and teachers from Kamarau International School in Buka today visited Buka General Hospital.

The aim of the visit was to share the spirit of Christmas to those children who could not be fortunate enough to spend Christmas at home.

Students brought gifts and presented children in the different wards of the hospital.

A spokesperson told New Dawn FM News that the event was an annual event and that it was a time students and teachers took to share the Christmas spirit.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

OBE in Bougainville

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

The outcome based education system which was newly introduced into Bougainville recently has caught a lot of criticism.

Many teachers in Bougainville have expressed concern over the new system saying that Bougainville is not ready.

The outcome based education system is a system where learning is based on the student's academic outcome and the student's independent learning.

The previous system saw learning as a one way thing as teachers spoon-fed students. However the new system which requires the student to obtain additional knowledge on a particular subject independently will require additional resources such as a well up to date library and if possible research tools such as the internet.

This however is not possible for many schools in the region.

Principal of Hutjena Secondary Martin Takali while speaking at the schools graduation says that Bougainville is not yet ready for the OBE and that the implementation had a negative effect on students.

He says with the limited resources the school had students weren't able to fully utilize the concept.

A call has been made to review the OBE system and if possible its removal from the schools in Bougainville where it has been implemented.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Archbishop on Callan Services

By Joyce Tohui

A call has been made to the people of Bougainville to support the work of Callan Services.

Bishop of the Bougainville Catholic Diocese, Bernard Unabali says Callan Services was established through Christian faith to serve the ministry of Christ and not for social work.

Bishop Unabali says through Christian faith God's preference goes straight and foremost to the poor and not so called ability and that is a normal kind of work God does in helping people.

He says helping persons with disability is a way of alleviating poverty in the world. Mr. Unabali says persons with disabilities are not liabilities however they are gift with special needs given by God in the society.

Meanwhile Archbishop Unabali says this kind of work by Callan Services originated in Ireland some 200 years ago and later spread throughout the world by a group called Christian Brothers of the schools founded by Edmond Rice.

He adds that similar services are provided in New Zealand, Australia and PNG.

In PNG these centers are in Rabaul, Wewak and located in many Catholic Dioceses in the country and centers in Bougainville are Hahela and Arawa.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Awareness in Central Region

By Joyce Tohui

An awareness is being carried out in Central Bougainville to get the views of people on MOU's signed by the ABG in a recent trip to China.

The awareness program is initiated by veterans in the Central region who were part of the official delegation to China.

Women's representative for Central Bougainville, Joan Jerome says the awareness aims at making known to the people of the Central region of the Memorandum of Understandings signed between the ABG Government and various companies in China before the implementation of Agreements can take place.

She says people of Central Bougainville are excited having heard of the MOU's signed however they must fully understand them before work can proceed.

Ms. Jerome says the awareness team comprises of members representing all districts in Central and is working in partnership to deliver proper message to the people.

The Central Women's Rep says there has been a lot of good feed back from the communities in the area.

She says during the awareness many raised concerns on the safety of the Environment saying that projects must be environment friendly.

Meanwhile Similar Awareness in South Bougainville has also started.

The people of South Bougainville want to swing into major Agricultural projects which Likui Trading has already started in Siwai.

They would want to go into large scale Rice farming and other products.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Traditional medicine

By Tapo Tovilu DWU Journalism student

A new project aimed at preserving and systemizing traditional medicine has been started by the Catholic Diocese in Bougainville.

Coordinator of the program Stephanie Stroeble from Horizon 3000 says that research has shown that during the crisis herbal medicine proved very effective in treating illnesses and diseases.

She says the program was started because the older generation of herbalists are dying with out passing their knowledge of traditional medicine to the young generation. They are currently running workshops on teaching and improving the knowledge of herbal medicine to youths in Bougainville.

Stroeble says the main area which the health program is concentrating on is on basic health care.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY

By Tom Kathoa

The adjournment of parliament to May next year and the fast approaching Christmas and New Year festive seasons is a great opportunity for our leaders to attend to end of school celebrations in their respective electorates.

The Member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology, Hon Michael Ogio does not want the opportunity to slip by.

Already, the Minister has attended to some of these activities starting with the ordination of a young man in the Hagogohe area into the priesthood.

Two more ordinations have been scheduled for this weekend and the following week to be conducted at Lemanmanu and Hahela Parishes in Buka respectively.

On Sunday, Minister Ogio visited the people of Gohi Village and today went to Soakela in the Sealu constituency.

Today the Member for North Bougainville attended the Grade 10 and 12 Graduation of students of Bishop Wade Secondary School.

Mr. Ogio will proceed on to Tinputz area on Friday to be guest speaker of Namatoa Primary School closing ceremony.

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Source: ESBC

ESBC press release 20101207

ESBC President Lauds Grand Chief

The President of the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC), Mr. Axel G. Sturm, stated on Tuesday in Vientiane (Laos) that he is very satisfied to hear from

Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare that he also will support the re-opening of the Panguna mine in central Bougainville. Last weekend the PNG prime Minister had announced the resuming of mining in one of the world's hugest copper-, gold- and silver mines on a PNG resource conference in Sydney. "This visionary statement shows to me that still at 74 years old Sir Michael is still the shining leader of Papua New Guinea who knows when the time has come to intervene," said Mr. Sturm. "Only a few weeks ago I have asked Sir Michael in a letter if he kindly could give support to this long outstanding issue. Now the time has come and he decided to act in that very positive way." The ESBC President considers the actual political constellation as ideal: "The Grand Chief, assisted by his Ministers Fidelis Semoso, Arthur Somare, Peter O'Neill and Paul Tiensten, together with his old friend, ABG President John Momis, are the "dream team" to bring things forward in Bougainville. The re-opening of the Panguna mine will bring PNG into the first row of the world's base metal suppliers. Furthermore the credibility of PNG as an interesting place for secure future investment will be improved sensibly." Mr. Sturm says that " the Grand Chief Somare's initiative will help to bring peace and prosperity to Bougainville. Mr. Sturm is convinced that not only the Panguna landowners but also all Bougainvilleans will be very grateful for this: "We, the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper, we are!"

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Source: Post-Courier

BCL shares to help

THE State's 19.06 equity interest in the Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) may end up with the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) if Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare has it his way.

According to Bougainville President John Momis, Sir Michael has on several occasions discussed with him the question of disposal of the national government shareholding in BCL to the ABG.

"On every occasion the Prime Minister has proposed that the shares should be transferred to the ABG.

"The most recent occasion was in my meeting with him in Port Moresby on November 22, 2010," Mr Momis said.

He said this when expressing concern about the lack of official feedback from the national government over ABG's request for the prompt review of the pre-independence era Bougainville Copper Agreement. He said since taking over office in June 2010, priority was given to the issue of future mining activities on Bougainville. He said Cabinet had been fully informed about it since efforts were initiated under the former Tanis government which involved organising leaders from the six mining lease areas to be included in the review.

Mr Momis said in July this year that he officially wrote to the Prime Minister, prompting him to initiate the review which was officially stipulated under the 2008 memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by former deputy Prime Minister Sir Puka Temu. He said in that letter he requested the national government and Bougainville administration to meet with BCL to begin planning for the review. Mr Momis expressed disappointment that he had not received any official feedback on his initiative,

prompting him to write again in mid-November this year on the same matter. When discussing the lack of response, Mr Momis revealed his discussions with Sir Michael, saying the 76,430,809 shares were the States main tax and dividend revenue source from BCL between 1972 and 1989.

"I welcome and support this proposal from the Prime Minister," he said in relation to the BCL shares. Transferring the shares to the ABG would only be fair. Revenue from the Panguna mine paid for the development of the rest of PNG from 1972 to 1989 but now the situation is different," Mr Momis said.

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Source: Post-Courier

Sir Michael predicts unprecedented economic growth

PAPUA New Guinea yesterday expressed its most optimistic outlook for the future with bold predictions of major transformations taking place in the standard of living for the people.

Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare told leading international investors and multi-corporations the country's way forward had been carefully mapped and PNG was now on the verge of reaping windfalls from the development of its natural resources. He said this when delivering the keynote address on day one of the 11th PNG Mining and Petroleum Investment Conference in Sydney, Australia.

More than 1000 participants are attending the conference which is billed as PNG's most precedent setting and its most ambitious yet due to the latest development achievements in the resources sector.

Sir Michael took the lead in focusing on the US\$16 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) project which he said would propel the economy to new heights and improve the social indicators significantly.

He said PNG's participation was 19.6 per cent equity in the project.

He welcomed the Australian government's assistance in the preparation of legislation for the sovereign wealth funds creating the Stabilisation, Future and Infrastructure Funds from LNG proceeds.

He said growth was 7.1 this year and as indicated in the 2011 budget would be 8 per cent "that will give us an unprecedented 10 successive years of economic growth."

"This will give rise to confidence about rising prosperity and living standards and will place PNG among the fastest growing economies in the world," he said.

"My government will ensure that PNG's competitive edge will be strengthened and maintained."

He assured investors of the continuation of political stability, fast tracking of licences and protection of the environment.

He announced two new government entities including Petroleum Resources Authority and the National Petroleum Company of PNG set up to reform and better stream line management of the resources sector.

"We could also witness the re-opening of the Bougainville copper mine at the cost of US\$4 billion as well as the world's first deep sea mining project of Nautilus," Sir Michael said.

He said within two years three or more world scale mining operations could be under construction including Marengo Mining's US\$1 billion Yandera project and the US\$5.3 billion Frieda River Xstrata and Highlands Pacific copper project.

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Source: Post-Courier

Big talk, people die

AS Papua New Guinea's largest-ever investment conference got underway in Sydney yesterday, medical officers in Daru, Western Province, delivered a bitter and hard bill to swallow - more than 200 people have died of cholera in the province.

And this is from a province that boasts of one of the largest copper mines in the world which paid billions of Kina into government and the provincial coffers.

Latest reports reaching Port Moresby from Daru say more than 2000 cases have been reported through the VHF radio network. And in Sydney yesterday, Oil Search managing director Peter Botten told a packed audience that his company has so far paid PNG a mammoth K11.931 billion in oil benefits between 1992 and 2009 without any indication of improvement in living standards. (see story inside).

There's nothing to show for expenditure of all that money. "No significant appropriate improvements in living standards" had accrued to Papua New Guineans from billions of kina received by landowners, provincial governments and the national government as resource benefits since 1992, he said.

The 11th biennial conference organised by the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum is attended by PNG landowners, government ministers, provincial governors, public servants and international oil and gas industry delegates.

Mr Botten told the 11th Mining and Petroleum Conference that a total K11.931 billion had been paid out by his company to the national government, provincial governments and to landowners from 1992 to 2009.

The National Government received K8.796 billion in benefits for petroleum income tax, salary and wages tax, stamp duty, withholding tax and equity dividends. (see inside for more). Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare opened the conference. He said when the next conference opens in 2012, a new government will be in place.

By then three more world-scale mining operations will be under construction, among them Marengo Mining's \$US1 billion-plus Yandera project and Xstrate's Frieda River project (\$US5.3b).

Bougainville Copper Limited could also re-open the Panguna copper mine by then at the cost of about K11 billion.

He praised the Australian government for supporting the PNG LNG project with a \$US500 million concessional finance and brushed aside criticism as being "totally misguided."

He said the Australian companies involved in the LNG project have won contracts worth twice more than the concessional funding from Australian government.

He thank the Australians for also helping to create legislation to set up Sovereign Welfare Fund which created a Stabilisation Fund, Future Fund and Infrastructure Fund, He also announced the creation of a Petroleum Resources Authority and the creation of a Petroleum National Company.

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Source: Mining Weekly

PNG looks to reopen Bougainville copper mine by 2012

SYDNEY, - Papua New Guinea hopes to reopen its huge Bougainville copper mine by 2012, two decades after secessionist violence forced it to close, and to play a bigger role in world copper markets, the nation's prime minister said on Monday.

"We could see the reopening of Bougainville at a cost of about \$4-billion," Prime Minister Michael Somare told a Papua New Guinea investment conference in Sydney. Papua New Guinea regularly talks up the prospect of the Bougainville mine reopening, but industry analysts now take this possibility more seriously, given rising investor confidence in the country and surging demand for the metal from Asia.

Bougainville's secessionist movement has also faded away.

"PNG is in the throes of becoming a major world supplier of copper," Somare told the conference, which serves as a regular investment roadshow for the country with Australian financiers.

In 1990, miner RTZ (now Rio Tinto) closed the mine, one of the world's richest copper deposits, after angry villagers attacked workers and sabotaged mine operations.

World copper demand, especially from China, now represents an unprecedented opportunity for Bougainville, said Greg Anderson, head of Papua New Guinea's Chamber of Mines and Petroleum.

"There is a real appetite to get Bougainville up and running again as soon as possible," he told Reuters.

Copper on the London Metal Exchange fetches about \$8,700 a tonne and gold \$1 400 an ounce compared with \$3 000 for copper and \$450 for gold when the mine was abandoned.

The dormant, open-cut mine is owned by Bougainville Copper, which has retained its Australian stock-market listing. It in turn is owned 53,58% by Rio Tinto.

The stock firmed 0,6% to A\$1,71 in afternoon trade, in a flat overall market.

The Bougainville rebellion was the longest-running conflict in the South Pacific, lasting 12 years from 1989 and leaving a death toll ranging from an official few hundred to a rebel tally of an estimated 15 000.

The rebellion fizzled out after a peace treaty was signed in 2001. Several of the key secessionist leaders have also died.

Rio Tinto has said that waste-disposal arrangements and funding would need to be addressed before restarting operations.

The mine has potential to annually produce 200,000 tonnes of copper and 400,000 ounces of gold, making it larger than BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam mine in Australia, the world's fourth-largest known copper deposit.

Sources familiar with the project said Rio Tinto had applied to the Papua New Guinea government for a fresh 21-year lease over the mine, known as Panguna.

But a Rio Tinto spokeswoman said Bougainville Copper did not have a timetable for reactivating the mine.

"There is a formal peace process underway and we are participating in that," she said.

Under the peace treaty, with granted autonomy to Bougainville island, the local government was expected to hold an independence referendum within 15 years, but there have been no more moves towards such a vote in recent years.

Papua New Guinea is rich in resources but has often struggled to exploit them due to endemic corruption, land ownership issues and poor infrastructure.

But investor confidence has been growing, culminating in oil giant ExxonMobil's recent decision to develop a \$15-billion liquefied natural gas project in the country.

London-listed miner Xstrata Plc is also set to conclude a study in 2012 over development of its Frieda copper mine. The mine could yield 260 000 t of copper and 390 000 oz of gold a year in its first seven years.

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Source: Wirtschaftswoche

Friedbert Pflüger: Neue Metallgesellschaft

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Plans for wharf renovation

By Veronica Hannette

Renovation plans are underway for the wharf near the premises of Katsin Brothers Ltd. Proposal plans have been submitted to donor agencies to assist in renovating the jetty which would cost 2 Million Kina.

Katsin Brothers Administration Manager, Greg Hivinis says, there is a need for renovations because the wharf needs to be better constructed to boost shipping activities.

He says the wharf was partially renovated by the Curtain Brothers in 2004 but is now corroding.

Mr. Hivinis told New Dawn Fm news that the jetty has been helpful especially when ships flood into Buka.

He adds that renovating would greatly assist because the jetty has been used since the civil crisis.

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Source: ABC - Australian Broadcasting Corporation

\$US4 billion to reopen Panguna mine, says Somare

Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare presides over an unprecedented boom in Papua New Guinea mining. [AFP].

Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister, Sir Michael Somare, says he hopes the Bougainville copper mine can be reopened within two years.

He was speaking at the opening of the PNG Mining and Petroleum Investment conference, in Sydney, Australia.

The prime minister said reopening the Bougainville mine would cost about \$US4 billion. The Panguna mine was closed 20 years ago amid secessionist violence.

Pressure

But with demand for copper increasing, there is growing pressure to reopen the mine to exploit one of the world's largest deposits.

A record 1,100 delegates registered to attend the investment conference, with commodity prices high and PNG in the grip of a mining and gas boom.

The three-day event will see Sir Michael joined on the podium by all his key economic and resources ministers, as well as landowners and landowner companies.

Investors will hear updates on projects ranging from the \$15 billion ExxonMobil-led PNG liquefied natural gas project and Xstata Copper's \$5.3 billion Frieda River development.

Also to be covered were the Chinese-owned Ramu Nickel mine and well-advanced plans for the world's first seafloor mining.

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Source: REUTERS

PNG looking at re-starting Bougainville copper mine

By Bruce Hextall

SYDNEY, Dec 6 (Reuters) - Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Michael Somare said on Monday efforts could be underway within two years to reopen the Bougainville copper mine as the country looks to boost exports of copper.

"We could see the reopening of Bougainville at a cost of about \$4 billion," Somare told an Australian investment conference on mining in Papua New Guinea.

The Panguna copper mine on Bougainville island was closed 20 years ago following secessionist violence, preventing further exploitation of one of the world's largest deposits.

The mine was previously operated by Bougainville Copper, 53.58 percent owned by Rio Tinto .

"PNG is in the throws of becoming a major world supplier of copper," said Somare.

The mine has the potential to operate an annual rate of 200,000 tonnes of copper and

400,000 ounces of gold, making it larger than BHP's Olympic Dam mine in Australia. Sources familiar with the project said Rio Tinto had applied to the PNG government for a 21-year mining lease over Bougainville's Panguna mine.

A Rio Tinto spokeswoman said Bougainville Copper did not have a timetable for re-opening the Panguna mine.

"There is a formal peace process underway and we are participating in that," she said.

Rio Tinto's website states that Bougainville Copper had welcomed the support expressed by local landowners and would continue to work alongside them.

The company also said it was giving practical assistance to the processes of reconciliation and social stability.

Secessionist violence ended a decade ago after a peace treaty gave the island autonomy, but there has been little economic development since then.

Papua New Guinea is rich in resources but has often struggled to exploit them due to endemic corruption, land ownership issues and poor infrastructure.

The country is ranked 154th in the world in Transparency International's annual corruption index on a par with Congo and below Sierra Leone.

(Reporting by James Regan and Bruce Hextall; Editing by Ed Davies)

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Source: Post-Courier

BCL shareholders happy

By GORETHY KENNETH

THE European shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) welcomed the breakthrough achieved by the Panguna landowners on their conference in Buka (Bougainville) : "We are very satisfied on the meeting's outcome," said ESBC president Axel G. Sturm on Sunday evening in Bangkok.

"This gives Bougainville the chance to recover financially from all suffering in the last 20 years.

"I am very grateful to the Minister of Bougainville Affairs, Fidelis Semoso that he finally pushed things cogently forward by organising this conference. We are also glad that the Autonomous Bougainville Government assisted this important act."

Mr Sturm outlined that he appreciated very much Mr Semoso's courage to face this sensitive issue without any prejudice or fear. The re-opening of the world class Panguna mine has been scheduled for the end of 2011.

"Next year will already bring giant investment to the island and many people who are jobless now will soon find work," said Mr Sturm, "this makes me very happy especially for the young generation on Bougainville who will take benefit of the decisions on this historical weekend."

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Source: Post-Courier Weekender

Ironing out differences

The Panguna mine landowners have come together last weekend to settle their differences and plans for a re-opening is brewing once all plans are in place. Parties give nod for mine to re-open

By Gorethy Kenneth

IT may take Bougainville several years to get back to where it used to be 20 years ago!

Twenty years back, Bougainville could have been the Kuwait of the Pacific!

This is because of the once booming Panguna mine, which made PNG, Bougainville and the Pacific smile with its high flying life!

But it never did because leaders that were in power at that time did not work hard enough to save and make it happen.

But that is history now, 20 years later, after what's left of Panguna since it was torched, closed and left to the dogs — is all rubble — the key players in the mine closure are now back on course and want it re-opened but with totally new deals on board.

The positive thing is that the once economic provider of Papua New Guinea and Bougainville for that matter, one that costs thousands of lives — the Panguna Copper mine may soon re-open if all goes well.

Last weekend, a significant meeting took place, which also caused a bit of a row within the ABG, but the landowners from the six mine lease affected areas came together in Buka to iron out their “grudges” and come together to make resolutions that will now form the basis of further negotiations for the hopeful historical re-opening. Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso was given a letter of request to host this meeting, which he did financially support.

ABG President John Momis defended his leadership claiming ABG has been working hard to get these landowners together — the problem has been that since then, there has not been any media involvement to make it known publicly that such was happening.

But as they say, that is history, the landowners under their six mine lease categories had successfully come up with resolutions that are now detailed as follows:

Special Mining Lease landowner communities

Resolutions:

* The ABG and the Regional Member for Bougainville in the PNG Parliament and Minister for Bougainville Affairs are requested to provide the funding needed to establish the six mine lease area associations and an umbrella organisation covering all people in the six mine lease areas, so that those bodies can represent the people of the areas in processes for review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA) and other negotiations about the future of the Panguna copper and gold mine

* BCL must pay all outstanding rent, royalty and compensation monies that are payable to landowners in the mine lease areas, together with interest accrued

* The ABG and the Regional Member are requested to fund the establishing and operation of an office for the umbrella organisation and for the six mine lease area organisations.

Upper Tailings Lease Landowner communities

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- * The ABG and the Regional Member are requested to fund and assist with all major obstacles to the unification of the people in the six mine lease areas
- * BCL must pay all outstanding rent, royalty and compensation monies that are payable to landowners in the mine lease areas, together with interest accrued
- * The ABG and the Regional Member are requested to fund the establishing and operation of an office for the umbrella organisation and for the six mine lease area organisations.

Lower Tailings Lease landowner communities

Resolutions:

- * The ABG and the Regional Member are requested to fund:
- * All major outstanding reconciliations that are continuing obstacles to the unification of the people in six mine lease areas and
- * All steps (such as elections or other processes) needed to establish the six mine lease area associations
- * BCL must pay all outstanding rent, royalty and compensation monies to landowners in the mine lease areas
- * If an agreement is made for BCL to re-open the Panguna mine, there must also be an agreement for a Lower Tailings Lease company to manage the tailings generated by the mine and deposited in the lower tailings lease area

Statement of views of the Lower Tailings Lease landowners:

- * Draw down of powers over mining and petroleum and their transfer to the ABG must be completed before the Panguna Mine re-opens
- * No mining company except BCL should mine at Panguna and
- * A completely new mining agreement must replace the BCA before mining is allowed to resume and it must accommodate all concerns and interests of the people of the six mine lease areas, as well as those of the people of Bougainville as a whole

Port Mine Access Road Lease landowner communities

Resolutions:

- * The ABG and Regional Member should assist in every way possible with the registration and establishing of the six mine lease landowner associations and the umbrella organisation
- * BCL must make a goodwill payment to the mine lease landowners before any recognition of the BCA
- * The issues discussed with the ABG Mining Department in meetings over the past 12 to 18 months, (such as reconciliation issues and mining policy issues) must be re-visited through reports from and discussions with the Mining Department.

Resolutions:

- * The landowners of the six mine lease areas must be included in any process for review of the BCA
- * As he is Bougainvillean with extensive experience of the mining industry in PNG, Melchior Togolo should be a part of all negotiations about re-negotiation of the BCA
- * There must be compensation package to cover past impacts of the mine
- * The ABG and the Regional Member should fund offices for the umbrella organisation and the six new mine lease area associations and

* Before there is any mine re-start there must be a cleanup of all toxic chemicals in the mine lease areas.

Arawa Urban Lease landowner communities

Resolutions:

The Arawa, Loloho, Poraka Resource owners Association (ALPROA) has resolved that:

* Copies of the Siokate Lease Agreement must be made available to the landowner representatives (ALPROA) in preparation for the BCA review process

* Outstanding lease payments for the Siokate lease area dating back to 1988 together with accrued interests on the lease payments must be paid by the National Government

* Environmental and damage caused by or associated with the activities of BCL and damage caused by toxic chemicals used by BCL which have had impacts on the Arawa village people and which were not covered in the original BCA or in other agreements BCL made with landowners must be assessed and compensated to cover past damage and must also be covered in any future agreement and

* Information about value of resources must be made available in relation to areas where the situation or status of rents and compensation payable to the landowners or the situation of ownership of land is unclear and in particular the following land:

* Arawa Extension Lease area land

* Loloho bulk fuel storage land area; and

* Loloho Agriculture Lease area land.

The onus is now on both the ABG and the National Government including BCL to act on these demands if they really want Bougainville's economic recovery take them back to be the Kuwait of the Pacific.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Police to observe traffic

By SONIA KENU DWU Journalism Student

Member for Selau Hon Pastor Terry Mose has called on Bougainville Traffic Police to observe closely their traffic duties.

Pastor Terry said this in his speech to mark the International Disable Day which was celebrated today.

He says Bougainville people have an attitude of overloading trucks and many drivers are drinking and driving.

He says that car accidents also cause disability for people.

He adds that many people are born able, however, they cause disability for themselves through their attitude.

Meanwhile, Pastor Terry urged the people to treat the disable like any other person who has a right to live and access basic services.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

BMA/DALTRON PARTNER

By Aloysius Laukai

A local Microfinance company, Bougainville Micro Finance Association, today opened its new IT showroom in Buka.

BMA support services which runs the IT shop selling mostly DALTRON ELECTRONICS products was able to showcase what it is offering to Bougainville customers.

Many speakers at today's opening congratulated BMA for partnering with DALTRON ELECTRONICS to provide IT products and Training support to the region.

Daltron's representative, ROB CHARD said that through this partnership DALTRON will provide training for BMA staff and also introduce other IT products at a cheaper rate.

Full operation of the office will commence on Monday.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

KETSORE ORDAINED PRIEST

By Tom Kathoa

The number of Catholic Priests in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville is to be increased with the ordination of three young men into the priesthood this month. The first such ordination will be conducted at Gogohe Parish for young deacon, Paterson Ketsore into the priesthood tomorrow.

The people of Gogohe Parish have been busy preparing for the occasion to be attended by political and church leaders.

The Archbishop of Bougainville, Bishop Bernard Unabali will be the main celebrant. At the political level, the Member for North Bougainville and Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology, Hon Michael Ogio, the ABG President, John Momis and other leaders.

The Gogohe ordination would be followed by Lemanmanu on the 11th of this month with the last ordination to be conducted at Hahela Catholic Mission for a young man from South Bougainville into the priesthood.

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Source: The National

BCL shares soar

BOUGAINVILLE Copper Ltd's share price has soared as talks to unite the landowners of the mine site under a single umbrella company proceeded.

If successful, the talks will streamline negotiations for the reopening of the mine in Bougainville.

According to Australian security exchange last Friday, the share price of the Rio Tinto-controlled company rose 4.08%, and on Monday 4.58%.

The shares had doubled in price since August and tripled since May, even though the mine had not operated for 21 years, the ASX stated.

The new president of the Autonomous Bougainville Government John Momis, told the media last week that discussions between landowners were going well.

“I am satisfied we are doing OK ... we need to get the mine reopened ... it will kick start developments in Bougainville,” Momis said.

The copper mine, at Panguna, provided about 20 % of government revenue during the 1970s and 1980s.

It closed in 1989 as the island disintegrated into civil war, in part due to disagreements about the mine’s impact and the way royalties were shared. Rio Tinto owns 53.58% of the company.

The PNG government has a 19.06 % stake, and the other 27.36% is held by public shareholders.

“With copper reserves estimated at almost three million tonnes and gold production in the range of 400,000 ounces per annum, Panguna is one of the world’s largest potential producers of both metals,” BCL, as quoted in the Sydney Morning Herald this week, said.

“It is expected that the Bougainville copper agreement renegotiation will be actively pursued towards the end of 2010.”

The company said market values for both copper and gold were higher than at the time of mine’s closure.

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Source: Radio New Dawn on Bougainville

Panguna Landowner shunned ABG

By Reuben Kalaung

A Panguna Mine landowner has called on the ABG President John Momis and his Mining Minister Michael Oni to fully support the six landowner groups in their bid to review the Bougainville Copper Agreement (BCA).

The landowner, who wants to remain anonymous, made the call after hearing comments made in the media by President Momis and Minister Oni.

The landowner says the duo must support a neutral leader like Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso, to assist landowner groups form the umbrella Panguna Mine Landowners Association, and in getting the BCA review off the ground.

The landowner also says Bougainville needs a united leadership, and all leaders must let go of their egos and meet the landowner groups at every round table discussions.

The landowner further says all Mine Lease Areas are committed to review the BCA and wants all leaders to come down from their ‘high chairs’ and practically support them.

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Source: Post-Courier

Boat, motor theft rising

By GORETHY KENNETH

AN organised crime racket has been uncovered in Bougainville, the region's top cop Thomas Eluh has announced.

The racket involves thugs allegedly aiding and working with the so-called Me'ekamuis by stealing outboard motors, boats and other expensive electrical items and selling them across the Solomon Islands border.

Already ACP Eluh has warned all Bougainvilleans that there will now be a mechanism in place where an Agreement (MOU) will be signed between ABG and Solomon Islands to address these issues so that those stealing will no longer hide but will be arrested to face the full force of the law.

"There is now an organised crime racket which involves people who are into stealing outboard motors in Buka and taking them into the south part of the region for sale," Mr Eluh said.

"I strongly appeal to the boat owners to please be extra cautious and they must be aware that there is a criminal racket. I have been told that Me'ekamui is involved, they steal the boats here in Buka and give away to the Me'ekamuis and they go and sell outside Solomon Islands and likewise those in SI steal there and come sell here. We have a serious problem if these Me'ekamuis are involved and I am sure there are genuine Me'ekamuis out there that are not involved. I challenge the Me'ekamui faction involved and those people stealing to refrain from stealing from our very own brothers and sisters, I think you should be ashamed of yourself.

"Me'ekamui should not tarnish its good name. These boats cost a lot of money and shame on you for stealing from your very own people who have worked hard to earn that boat.

"You should also work hard for your own boat instead of stealing from someone else's sweat.

He said: "If you are a thief there is no room for you in Bougainville. Put yourself in the shoes of those you are stealing from, how are you going to feel?"

"I'm just fed up of all these rubbish and I'm warning you, we will come for you. We are on the move to enter into an MOU and you won't hide anymore. Enough is enough."

ACP Eluh made these statement after several boats went missing over the weekend, one of which belonged to former Administrator, now deputy administrator operations, Patrick Koles, another for AGMARK, a long standing business in the region.

Eluh appealed to parents of those in Matsungan, Petats Islands Sapos, Sohano Island and nearby Novah to please discipline their young men and teach them no to steal from their brothers and sisters in Bougainville.

"Shame on them for stealing someone else's sweat and hard work," he said

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Source: Post-Courier

Panguna to be reopened

By Gorethy Kenneth

THE Autonomous Bougainville Government is waiting for a response from Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare for the National Government to initiate a review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement.

ABG President John Momis said in a statement to the media that he sent a letter to Sir Michael in July this year, formally requesting the National Government to initiate the review process of the Bougainville Copper Agreement. He said this in response to reports about the meeting of Panguna mine lease landowners in Buka over the weekend.

“The first formal step in the process to review the Copper Agreement has also been taken by the ABG. That was in a letter I sent in July 2010 to Prime Minister Somare, formally requesting the National Government to initiate the review process. So far the Prime Minister has not responded to my request. In spite of the silence on the part of the National Government, the ABG has continued to work to prepare for the review process. That is why the ABG Cabinet has directed the Bougainville Administration to work with the mine lease landowners to help them organise themselves to be represented in the review process,” Mr Momis said.

But key PNG Government ministries like Bougainville Affairs Minister Fidelis Semoso, Mining Minister John Pundari, State Enterprise Minister Arthur Somare and responsible departmental heads said they have not sighted the letter to kick start the review process.

The National Government through the Mining Ministry and its responsible stakeholders like Attorney-General’s office and Planning have been waiting for an official letter from the ABG on the issue of the review of the BCA.

Mr Semoso also does not have a copy of the letter and the PM’s office yesterday could not confirm nor deny having received the letter.

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Source: The National

Row over internet domain name

By PATRICK TALU

THE European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper (ESBC) has questioned a move by a Chinese industrial group to acquire “Bougainville copper” as their internet keyword.

Alex Sturm, ESBC president in a statement yesterday, questioned what China’s real intentions on Bougainville are after an email dated Nov 19 requested ESBC verification on the proposed internet keyword.

The email read: “This is a Network Service Co which is the domain name registration center in Hong Kong, China.

“On Nov. 16, 2010, we received an application from MEIHUA Group requesting ‘bougainville-copper’ as their internet keyword and China (CN) domain names.

“But after checking, we find this name is in conflict with your company’s name or trademark. In order to deal with this issue better, it’s necessary to send this email to you and confirm with your company whether this company is your distributor or business partner in China. If you did not authorise, please let us know within seven working days, so that we will handle this issue better.”

Sturm had asked why a giant Chinese industrial group was so interested in acquiring the name of “Bougainville copper” for their own purpose.

“Why are they contacting the European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper and not our company itself or even better, Rio Tinto?

“What are the true intentions of this MEIHUA Group?

“The European Shareholders of Bougainville Copper had asked these questions to Linda Wang of Hong Kong China Technology Ltd, a domain provider, but did not get any response until now,” he said.

A search on the internet showed that MEIHUA Group is engaged in door manufacturing and in the production of monosodium glutamate, a flavour enhancer, using materials from corn.

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Source: Post-Courier

Training helps rural dwellers

By Veronica Hannette

A course participant at the recent Leadership Training Workshop in Buka has expressed disappointment at the lack of training given to people from constituencies like Nissan and the Atolls.

The concerned participant said while people of constituencies better served by a reliable road work were receiving all kinds of training, those from remote areas continue to miss out on such training opportunities.

She has called on the authorities to change the situation by providing leadership training to the less advanced areas of Bougainville like the Atolls.

The participant said now they are equipped with what they have learned and they will now be able to impart the acquired knowledge to people in their own areas.

Meanwhile, a participant from the Teua Constituency also expressed concerned that services were often accessed by those near towns and nearby areas and they never received any organised training like the one just ended.

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Source: Post-Courier

Perform to develop: Momis

By FABIAN HAKALITS

GRADUATING students of Hutjena Secondary School in Buka have been urged to work hard for the future of Bougainville.

Head of the School of Natural and Physical Science at the University of Papua New Guinea Professor Frank Griffin said this while delivering his keynote address at the 11th Grade 12 and 40th Grade 10 graduation held last Thursday.

The graduation held under the themed “Enhancing Moral Education for a Better Bougainville” saw 326 students graduating in flying colours, with 151 Grade 10s and 175 Grade 12s. Professor Griffin told the graduates that Bougainville needs good educated citizens to spearhead the Autonomous Government.

“The future of Bougainville depends on you young educated elites. You will be the leaders of tomorrow, contributing to the developments of this beautiful great region of Bougainville in an honourable manner, in an environment with a high moral standard with the best of ability, honest, integrity and diligence.

“If we all operate and perform in this manner, we will achieve a lot with satisfaction. There is no better feeling then to achieve your goals knowing that you have done so through honourable means,” said Professor Griffin.

He said education in the universal sense means it is acquiring of skills to make ourselves useful and competent in our environment of operation.

“There are also many other opportunities out there that the current development boom will bring so find your place in society and contribute to the development of Bougainville.

“In whatever you end up doing, I encourage you all to acquire specialised training programs that may bring both hands. But at the same time acquire life skills that will allow you to perform your duties with humility, honesty, transparency, ethically and with high morality. You have to seize the opportunities that come your way and make useful life for yourselves, your parents and families.” he said.

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Source: Post-Courier

Momis hits out at reports

AUTONOMOUS Bougainville Government President John Momis lashed out at the Post-Courier yesterday claiming that the paper’s reports on the Panguna landowners over the weekend were biased.

Mr Momis went on air through Radio Bougainville and New Dawn FM lashing out at the reports.

He was angry and particularly critical about the reports that for the first time in six years the six mine affected lease areas had come together to start negotiations towards the setting up of the umbrella group and the review of the Bougainville Copper Agreement. The PLOs were very happy and commended Minister for Bougainville Affairs Fidelis Semoso for getting them together.

They also claimed they had lost hope in being stagnant at Panguna with nothing moving. But Mr Momis said ABG, both past and present Governments, were also working very hard to get the landowners together and that their major setback was finance.

Mr Momis said they were cash-strapped but were working very hard on the issue of the Panguna and BCL for that matter.

He warned all Bougainvilleans and particularly the landowners to be very careful about negotiations for the re-opening of the Panguna mine and advised that ABG would engage top advisers to advice on all the issues of the re-opening of the Panguna mine and all issues related to it.

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Source: Post-Courier

Power for Bougainville

By GORETHY KENNETH

BOUGAINVILLE'S multi-million kina hydro power plant stands to benefit from an Asian Development Bank loan that has been approved.

ADB has extended \$120m in loans to Papua New Guinea for renewable energy facilities that will help the country meet electricity supply gaps in urban centres. The ADB board of directors has approved a multi-tranche financing facility for the Town Electrification Investment Program, which will contribute to the state utility PNG Power's 10-year power development plan through to 2018.

It will fund, in two stages, renewable energy facilities, including run-of-river hydro power plants and transmission systems in about six provincial centres.

The first tranche of the investment program will support run-of-river hydro plants in Northern Province and the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, and a 66KV transmission line in West New Britain.

The transmission facility will provide access to about 1MW of spare generation capacity from the Lake Hargy hydro power plant, and up to 3MW of biomass-generated electricity from palm oil plantations.

The first tranche of the funding will include a loan of \$40.9m from ordinary capital resources, and one of \$16.4m equivalent from the concessional Asian Development Fund, with annual interest charges based on ADB's LIBOR-based lending facility. Collectively they will finance 80% of the first tranche cost of \$71.6m, with the Government of PNG providing counterpart funds of \$14.3m.

The full program is due for completion in December 2016, with first tranche activities finished by December 2013.