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## EMERGENCY INSTRUCTION (s)

I, **Francis N. Tokura OBE, QPM, DPS**, Deputy Commissioner of Police and Chief of Bougainville Police Service by virtue of Powers and on advice of Bougainville Executive Council (BEC) and as the Controller of Emergency pursuant to section 6 of the Emergency Act 1979, and powers delegated by the Commissioner of Police, authorized to issue Order or directions for the purpose of;

- (a) Exercising this power and functions under this Act, and
- (b) Dealing with any contractual employment or situations which may arise as a result of the exercise of power and functions under this Act.

As of the signing and declaration of the Emergency in Bougainville on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2020, by the BEC the following Orders issue by the Controller of Emergency shall be enforce and remain in force in Bougainville on advice of the BEC, under the Emergency laws of Bougainville.

Dated 23 March 2020

**Mr. Francis N. Tokura OBE.QPM.DPS**  
Deputy Commissioner of Police  
Chief of Bougainville Police Service  
Controller of State of Emergency-Bougainville

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## ENFORCEMENT OF EMERGENCY ORDERS AND INSTRUCTION

With reference to the Decision and advice by the BEC on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, and all powers imposed on the Controller of Emergency on Public Health safety and Security now enforce throughout the 21 days State of Emergency period in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

These instructions be implemented and enforced by the law enforcement agencies that the orders are mandatory and shall be complied with as per instructed throughout the Emergency period.

I, **Francis N. Tokura OBE, QPM, DPS**, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and Controller of State of Emergency in Bougainville by appointment of Bougainville Executive Council (BEC) and delegated powers under the Emergency laws of Bougainville issued these orders and shall be in force throughout the period of the State of Emergency and continued to be enforced are as follows;.

- 1) All activities resolved and prescribed by the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea under the National State of Emergency is adopted under paragraph 3 of BEC Meeting No.17 and Decision No. 37 of 2020 and shall continue to be enforced.

- 2) The 21 days lock-down declared as of the Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 according to the Bougainville Constitution to be complied with and enforced during the period of Emergency.
- 3) All schools, prep to upper primary, lower secondary to upper secondary, technical schools and private schools, etc. are advised to be closed in Bougainville for the 21 days period.
- 4) Restaurants services under Hotels and Guest Houses shall be allowed to in-house guests only.
- 5) All Bakeries, take-away Fast Food and Restaurant services throughout the Region shall be closed for 21 days.
- 6) All Clubs and Liquor Out-Lets throughout the Region shall be closed for 21 days.
- 7) All Night Clubs, Gambling Centers and other social activity areas shall be closed for the 21 days.
- 8) Any gatherings in public places like Bel-Isi Park, Independence Park, Buin Oval, etc. is subject to control by allowing not more than 10 people and ensure one to two meters distance apart within the emergency period.
- 9) There shall be restrictions at all Sea and Air ports in Bougainville for International and domestic flights and ships for the 21 days period, unless and only on advice and directions of the Controller of the State of Emergency.
- 10) All border crossings/movements by ships, boats, canoes, and by foot in international borders between PNG/Solomon Islands shall be subject to controls and quarantine checks by the appropriate authorities as authorized under the National Gazette dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.
- 11) All cargo ships entering the Region are subject to quarantine checks and clearance. All ships must be anchored outside the main port until cleared.
- 12) All boats travelling between Mainland and Buka, and Mainland/Buka and Atolls including Nissan, Pinapel, Feat, Carterets, Motlock and Tasman shall be monitored, stopped and searched and shall allow not more than five (5) passengers and 1 or 1.5 meters apart in all sitting space.
- 13) Normal Church services shall be allowed with not more than 10 participants with social distance of 1 to 2 meters apart each other.
- 14) Big gatherings/crusades or rallies and street preaching activities in public places shall be restricted throughout the 21 days of the State of Emergency.
- 15) All Cultural activities, Sports and other recreational activities is banned for the 21 days period.
- 16) Financial Banks within Bougainville shall be operating within normal business hours under strict control of 10 to 15 customers each allowed at any time. Social distances of 1 to 2 meters apart each other is recommended and shall be maintained.
- 17) All big shopping malls and small out-lets shall be opened for business from 10:00am to 2:00pm (BST) throughout the Region for 21 days, with strict controls of allowing 10 people at a time and social distances of 1 to 2 meters apart shall be maintained.



- 18) The City Pharmacy shall be opened for business from 10:00am to 2:00pm within the 21 days with strict controls of allowing 10 people at a time and social distance of 1 to 2 meters apart shall be maintained.
- 19) All Banks, Shops/Pharmacies and Churches allowed for normal business under strict controls are encouraged to provide Hand Sanitizing Gel (Anti Bacteria) or soap and water for customers within the 21 days period.
- 20) Main markets as well as road side markets operating within the vicinity of town boundaries in Buka, Arawa and Buin shall be closed for the period of 21 days.
- 21) All public contacts is prohibited and safe practices of 1 to 2 meters social distance shall be encourage and enforce throughout the Region for 21 days period.
- 22) Public Transports up to 4 tonne shall carry capacity of less than 15 passengers, small vehicles less than 4 tonne carry capacity of less than 8 passengers a seat per person sitting arrangement. No overloading during the Emergency period and on advice by the Controller of State of Emergency in Bougainville.
- 23) Law Enforcement officers are encourage to maintain strict code of practice and norms of respects to maintain public trust, peace and good order.
- 24) Law Enforcement officers shall assist in carrying out instructions in relation to the State of Emergency with respect to rights of citizens.
- 25) The Orders shall remain in force and enforced throughout the period of 21 days and shall be uplifted on advice of the BEC through the Controller of the State of Emergency.
- 26) The issue of writs for Bougainville General Elections shall be deferred indefinitely upon instruction from the Controller of SOE on advise from the Health Authorities.
- 27) In all or any circumstances, including emergencies of urgencies, special request shall be made to the Controller of the SOE.
- 28) Any breaches of State of Emergency Laws, and instructions and directives by the Controller of SOE as highlighted or any laws within the period of 21 days declared as State of Emergency shall be processed under Emergency laws by Police and respective authorities.
- 29) The Orders are effective as of Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

This Order is issued according to the BEC decision and shall remain in force and enforced until the Controller of Emergency advices otherwise and on advice of BEC.

Dated 23 March 2020

**Mr. Francis N. Tokura OBE.QPM.DPS**  
Deputy Commissioner of Police  
Chief of Bougainville Police Service  
Controller of State of Emergency-Bougainville

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