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EMERGENCY ORDERS. 2

I, **Francis N. Tokura OBE, QPM, DPS**, Chief of the Bougainville Police Service and Bougainville Emergency Controller, by virtue of Powers conferred on me by *section 6 of Bougainville Emergency Act 2006*, as authorized under section 200 of the *Bougainville Constitution*, made pursuant to section 322 of the Constitution of Papua New Guinea, hereby adopt and apply the following National Emergency Regulations to Bougainville as issued by the National Emergency Controller, made pursuant to the *Emergency (General Provision) (Covid-19) Regulation 2020 (Regulation)*, and issue new orders for Bougainville.

All Essential State Services, Public utilities, State own enterprises, Business operations, Churches, Schools, Public Transports, Planes, Ships, Boats, Businesses and social gatherings, in Bougainville will continue to comply with State of Emergency Orders.

The following Orders shall be complied and adhered to:-

1. Government Employees shall continue to be paid during the State of Emergency (SOE) and shall resume normal duties when the Bougainville Emergency lapse. This period shall not be deducted from their leave entitlements.
2. Where required non-essential Government Employees shall work from home and maintain communication through appropriate means.
3. All schools in Bougainville shall resume upon advice by the Controller.
4. Personnel from the following essential Public Service shall continue to work throughout the State of Emergency period:-
 - All Health Sectors Workers,
 - Immigration and Border Security,
 - PNG Customs Service and Quarantine Authority,
 - Bougainville Police Service and ABG Payroll.
5. Except on medical grounds, there shall be no commercial flights into Bougainville until proper quarantine and screening facilities are fully established.
6. PNG Ports shall provide access to Buka and Kieta ports for the Taskforce personnel to clear all incoming cargo vessels destined to these ports, and Cargo vessels destined for Kangu port shall undergo clearance in Kieta port.

7. All cargo vessels destined for Buka, Kieta and Kangu Ports are required to comply with Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) issued by the Controller.
8. Any other agency from time to time shall provide its service at the directions of the Bougainville Controller of Emergency.
9. Private businesses, development partners and the essential service providers listed in paragraph (4) shall adopt and implement safe work practices. This includes limiting the number of employees in workplace, adopting alternative work arrangement and ensuring safe hygiene work conditions.
10. All citizens who develop symptoms associated with COVID-19 shall stay at home and seek medical assistance by calling the COVID-19 Hotline.....1800200 (Port Moresby) or 7446 0830 (Bougainville).
11. Essential service providers in Bougainville will continue to operate during the State of Emergency from **10 am to 3pm**. The following are deemed to be the essential services:-
 - Pharmaceutical, Medical clinics and Private Health services;
 - Banking and financial services;
 - Grocery shops, trade stores and supermarkets
 - Hotels Restaurants and cafeteria;
 - Telecommunication and mobile service providers and Public utilities;
 - and
 - Fuel stations.
12. There shall be no sudden increase in the prices of goods and services during this State of Emergency.
13. All service providers listed in the paragraph (11) will continue to operate and shall adopt and implement safe work practices. This include where necessary, limiting the number of employees in the work place and/or adopting safe work environment.
14. There is total closure/ban on the following activities during the State of Emergency:-
 - Gambling activities including Housie - housie, cards dice and mobile games, bomb ;
 - Night clubs, and liquor outlets, sports/social clubs,
 - Sporting activities, , musical, cultural events,

- Bakeries, fast foods and take away outlets,
 - Diocese of Bougainville Pizza House, and
 - Main markets and small markets within the Urban Towns of Buka, Arawa and Buin. This includes Hahela, Hutjena, Bendaun, Pikus markets in urban areas, and Suin, Yokomori, Boira. Morgan junction and other markets that attract large crowds along the highway).
15. All small roadside markets outside of urban centers are open only to sell local:-
- fresh fruits and vegetables,
 - fresh garden food like taro, kaukau, banana, and
 - fresh fish.
16. The following are not allowed at Roadside Markets:-
- Cooked and fried foods, and
 - soft drinks, store goods.
17. All sale and transportation of betel nut is prohibited during the State of Emergency.
18. Strictly no more than 10 people are allowed for the following activities:-
- Public gatherings,
 - Church Services or preaching; and
 - Assembling and meetings.
19. Public transport services shall operate under the following conditions:-
- Vehicles up to 4 tonnes shall carry no more than 15 passengers;
 - 4 tonnes PMV buses shall carry not more than 8 passengers, and
 - taxis are permitted to carry not more than 2 passengers.
20. There shall be no sudden increase in PMV and Taxi fares during this State of Emergency.
21. Private vehicles shall operate under the following conditions:-
- Open Back Land Cruisers are allowed to carry not more than 5 passengers,
 - Ten Seaters are allowed not more than 8 passengers,
 - 4 doors Land Cruisers allowed not more than 6 passengers,
 - 5 door Land Cruisers allowed not more than 4 passengers,
 - utilities not more than 6 passengers, and
 - sedans, station wagons, private cars will carry not more than 4 passengers.

22. All small boats operated by outboard motor engines ferrying passengers across Buka passage shall not carry passengers more than 5 person(s).
23. All traditional border crossers at International Border between PNG and Solomon Islands and domestic crossing between Bougainville, ENB and New Island are banned.
24. Yachts are strictly prohibited to carry not more than 8 passengers during the period of the State of Emergency.
25. Passenger ships operating within Bougainville waters and atolls shall not carry more than 15 passengers with cargoes during the period of the State of Emergency.
26. The Controller may issue orders to control the following:-
 - Overcrowding and social distancing;
 - Public Hygiene and Sanitation in the urban townships; and
 - Public awareness.
27. Non-compliance of the above is unlawful and is liable for prosecutions and punishment under the regulation and or other applicable laws.
28. Any authorized Officer (s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
29. All citizens are reminded that moving from your constituency to another constituency is restricted except for essential travels only.

These Emergency Orders are effective as of 12th April 2020

Dated 12 April 2020

Mr. Francis N. Tokura, OBE, QPM, DPS
Deputy Commissioner of Police
Bougainville Emergency Controller

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