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Downstream processing for local growers underway.

Communities to produce coconut virgin oil



The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has embarked on downstream processing of copra and coconut to create a product- Virgin coconut oil.

The DPI's food security program coordinator Julianne Peniai revealed this recently in their weekly *lain blong ples* program on NBC.

Downstream processing has been a long time agenda for the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) and local copra producers in an effort to increase the income base and promote self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

"Virgin coconut oil pays better and has health benefits. The Department of Primary Industries will conduct an awareness on this new product so that people can be aware of its production methods, sales and product benefits," Ms. Peniai said.

There is a private company in Bougainville called Virgin Coconut Oil Products Limited

that will trial this new initiative. Virgin Coconut Oil Products Limited has partners in Sydney that manufacture the oil producing machines. This machines called *direct micro expellers* extract oil from the coconut to produce high quality coconut oil.

The direct micro expellers produce oil in three different grades. A grade is produced for consumption especially in drinks. B grade is for cooking oils and C grade is used in ingredients to produce soap and cosmetics. Its by-products are also useful for livestock feed.

There are currently two machines operating in Bougainville that produce samples. These machines are also used in the awareness activities for Virgin coconut products.

"The direct micro expeller costs around K14,000 for each unit and feasibility studies have shown that it can earn up to tK200,000. annually," Ms Peniai said.

This reduces the burden on workload as one person can operate it and cuts down processing time, costs, it is profitable and has health benefits.

"Virgin Coconut Oil Products Limited will buy the oil from local farmers and export them overseas. There is a demand for this product in the international market and Virgin Coconut Oil Products Limited is a positive step towards meeting this demand," Ms Peniai said.

"We must fully utilize the resources we have available," she said.

"This is a major project that will help boost the economy of Bougainville and the resource needed is within our reach.

"With seven established markets lined up for its product, Virgin Coconut Oil Products Limited is keen to kick start its operation and start producing at village level," Ms Peniai said.



Our voice, Our image, Our place
Editor’s Desk

Hello readers,

This is the sixth edition of Bougainville’s very own tabloid newspaper the Bougainville Bulletin. To date, we have now published five editions so far and successfully distributed more than 100 000 copies throughout the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) and PNG. We have been busy in the past few months. In June we covered the ABG General Elections and the ensuing events that followed such as the inauguration and swearing- in of the new government or the Third House of Representatives. These stories are featured in this issue. A Profile of Ministers in the new Government has been compiled so Bougainvilleans can know their leaders. The re-elected President Dr Momis wasted no time once in office and made changes to departmental secretaries and warned the Public Service would be trimmed to make it lean and efficient. This newspaper continues to develop and improve in reflecting the key issues affecting the Autonomous Region of Bougainville. The Bougainville Bulletin is gaining grounds and expanding. It has established a following and there is a demand for Information. To reflect this growth the editions has been increased from the previous 16-pages to 20-pages. We are ambitious and looking to increase production from 20,000 to 50,000 copies soon. Readers can also access the Bulletin via the blogger account which is bougainvillebulletin.blogspot.com A reminder that this year 2015 has been deemed ‘Window of Referendum’ so it is the third House which will play a crucial role to lead Bougainville into determining its future. This third House was sworn in on June 15. It has 100 days to outline its strategies for the next five years. Apart from election-related stories, the Bougainville Bulletin continues to carry its regular features such as the Bougainville Peace Agreement, Autonomy, Referendum and Weapons Disposal Plan to meet the information needs of the community. The premise of the day is to raise awareness on the progress that the ABG is making in line with the Bougainville Peace Agreement as it progresses towards achieving referendum in the near future. The Bougainville Bulletin has a responsibility to ensure information reaches the people so they can make informed decisions for themselves that is why we will continue to include stories in Tok Pisin. We hope you find this edition informative. As usual, we welcome ideas or comments or suggestions on how we can improve this newspaper. Finally, a big thank you to our regular contributors. Til then, Happy Reading.

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Ol Askim blong yu

Ol askim is a platform provided by the Bougainville Bulletin for readers to ask questions on issues directly affecting development in Bougainville.

Silim Buin Taun Rot

Wanem taim tru bai silim bilong Buin Taun i kamap? Emi 3 yias nau sins memba bilong yumi long South Bougainvil long National Gavman i bin promisim yumi

Kai Orukupo Villes Buin

Economic Self Reliance long Bogenvil

Bogenvil i lukluk strong long opim bek Panguna Mine lone kisim Economic na Fiscal self reliance. Tasol ol papa graun ino laik bai mine i op bek. Askim

blong me em olsem, gavman i tingting long ol narapla rot wea yumi ken kisim halivim long yia 2015 igo inap 2020 long referendum?

Thomas, Siwai.

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Turisim bisnis i ken kamap bikpla long Bogenvil



Wanpla gutpla turis lokesin insait long Bogenvil

Turis bisnis opereta long Bogenvil Zhon Bosco Miriora i tok Bogenvil wantaim olgeta hap blong Papua Niugini igat bikpela potensol long samting long developim sait long turism.

Mr Miriona papa blong Bogenvil Experience Tours i tok ol klinpla ples, pasin tumbuna na ol pisin long ol bikbus inap pulim planti turis I kam long Otonomes rijen blong Bogenvil.

Mr Miriona I bin stap long South Pacific Tourism Exchange wea emi bin kamap long Melbourne,

Australia ino long taim igo pinis, Planti turism laen blong olgeta hap blong Pacific ibin stap long displa bung em Australia Tourism na South Pacific Tourism Organisation ibin ronim.

Mr Miriona itok gutpla ples emi nap helpim ol pipal i kisim moni nau na long bihaen taem.

Bisnis blong Mr Miriona i save stretim rot blong ol turis i go long ol ship na balus long go wokabaut long Bogenvil.

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Pentanu elected Speaker

Long serving public servant and former chief ombudsman Simon Pentanu was elected speaker of the third ABG House of Representatives

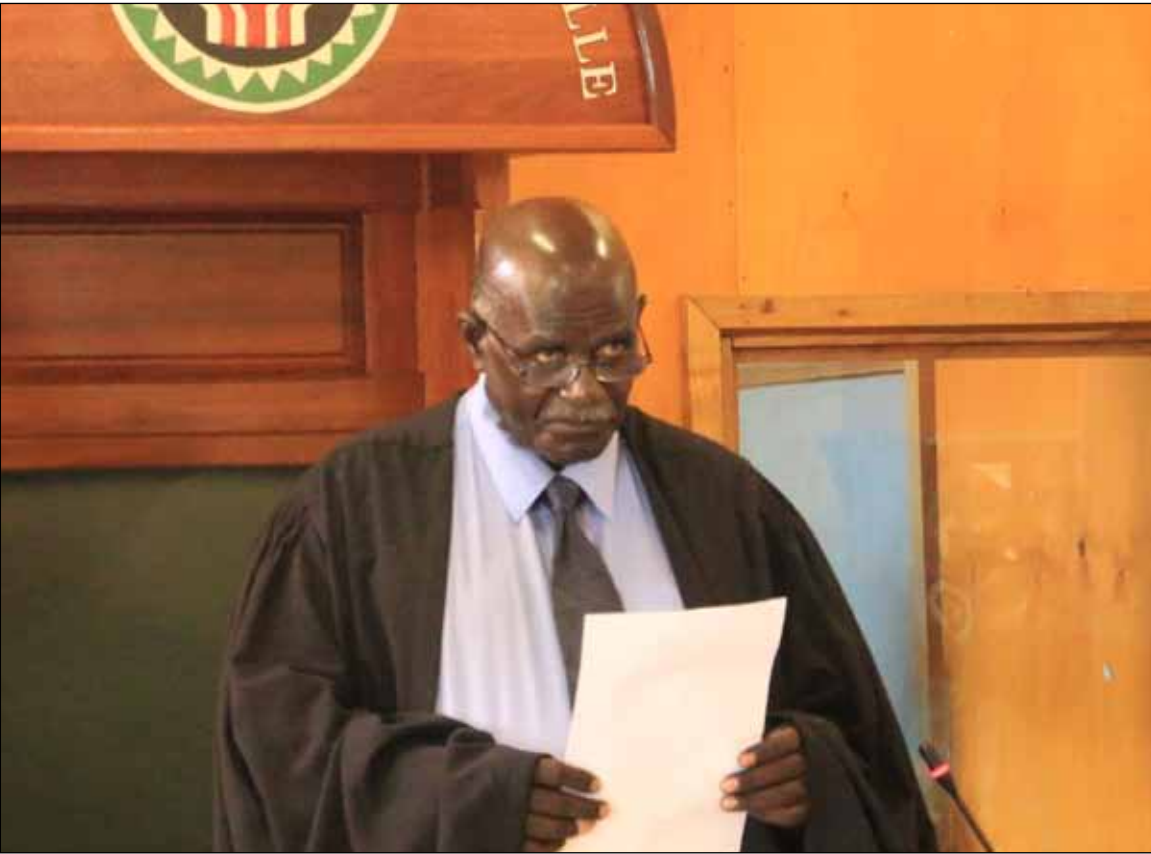
The House voted on only two nominations that were tabled. South Bougainville’s Andrew Miriki (former speaker) and Central Bougainville’s Simon Pentanu. The North did not nominate a candidate for the speaker’s post. Pentanu won by 23 to 17 votes taking the speaker post.

Mr Miriki was the first to congratulate Mr Pentanu and later did the handover ceremony to allow the new speaker to take office perform his duties.

Mr Pentanu thanked the ABG members for giving him the mandate to take up the speakers post. He also thanked the outgoing speaker for having the courage and confidence in organizing the handover ceremony.

“Mr. Miriki has done a tremendous job in his term and the results speak for themselves,” Pentanu said.

Mr. Pentanu promised to serve with integrity and impartiality in serving the people of Bougainville.



RIGHT: ABG Speaker Mr. Simon Pentanu during the swearing in ceremony at Kubu

Member thanks people



Member Densy shake hands with his supporters

The newly elected member for Eivo Torau Clarence Densy thanked his people for choosing him as their leader for the next five years.

The *Bougainville Bulletin* caught up with Mr Denzy during a ceremony the people had organized for him at Atamo village, Panguna.

As a symbol of appreciation the chiefs of Atamo and the surrounding communities initiated him as a leader.

“ From this day on, as a mandated leader you have been challenged to serve the people with honesty, pride and diligence,” Paramount Chief Mr. Birikos Piritam said.

Mr Densy said he was humbled and would serve his people as their servant.

He also outline his 100 day plan to the community and tasked the village chiefs and the chairmen of Council of Elders(CoEs) to start working together to allow effective service delivery into all village assemblies in Eivo Torau.

Domang-Mingta mooted

The Autonomous Bougainville Government has yet to make a decision whether the proposed Bel Kol or Domangmingta between the people of Bougainville and the Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) takes place at the end of September.

The tentative date marked for this historical event is September 30 but the Bougainville Executive Council has not met to yet to give its for the event to take place in Arawa.

Panguna Landowners requested the Domangmingta in 2012 during the first meeting between the ABG, landowners and BCL as a prerequisite to any negotiations on the future of Panguna Mine.

According to the custom of the Nasioi people of Kieta in the Central Region of Bougainville, the DomangMingta is different in context to other parts of PNG. It does not connote compensation but is a concept of traditional appeasement undertaken as a gesture of goodwill and commitment towards a process of seeking a lasting settlement.

Director of the Panguna Negotiations Justin Borgia had explained that Domang Mingta was not about reopening the min but was a symbol of readiness by both parties to reconcile past differences and a basis for ongoing dialogue between the key parties, which includes ABG, BCL Landowners, and the PNG Government.

After two years of discussions and more than five months of awareness, the ABG in 2014 secured the absolute support of Central Bougainville Ex-combatants for the staging of this event.

From recent meetings with the Panguna Negotiations committee, a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) paving the way for the staging of the ceremony

was signed between landowner representatives and ex-combatants from Central Bougainville in November 2014 in Arawa. Another recent achievement for the committee was the signing of another MoU by the Mee’kamui faction in support of the Belkol.

“These MOUs are significant achievements in the ABG’s efforts to obtain majority consensus to stage this ceremony,” Mr Borgia said.

The ABG is serious in making sure an all inclusive, consensual, collaborative and consultative approach to engaging with Bougainvilleans to express their views on major developmental issues is undertaken.

“The staging of the ceremony will be a major milestone in the peace process and preparing the ABG and landowners to discuss the future of Panguna Mine,” Borgia said.

However, factions are now coming out in the open against the idea of the Bel Kol or Domang Mingta.

A group who called themselves the Central No go zone hardliners wrote to the Office of Panguna Negotiations and ordered negotiations relating to the Bel Kol to stop.

The group claimed to represent the public, women, youth, community leaders, concerned citizens and former combatants.

A copy of the letter was sent to President Chief Dr John Momis and circulated on blog sites on the internet.

The letter raised three points and claimed they had been sidelined in the dealings with Bougainville

Copper Limited.

They stressed the impediments to mining under the controversial Bougainville Mining Act.

The first point questioned the purpose of the belkol. It stated that according to Nasioi custom the belkol was an initial stage of appealing the enemies, which is followed by the offender paying compensation to the injured party.

In this case, the letter questioned, “Who were the enemies?” The letter gave reference to the book State Crime, which the group explained who owned the war on Bougainville and who the real enemies were. It also stated that the war was between Bougainville and Australia who own BCL.

The group asked when would the people see the belkol between Bougainville and Australia.

The second point in the letter questioned BCL’s motives behind the Belkol. The group claimed that BCL’s sole intent was to reopening the Panguna Mine.

They stated: “We want CRA and BCL to honestly come out clear on their interest on Bougainville. Their interest has nothing to do with reparations of war crimes Australia with CRA and BCL are responsible for. The most honorable thing for them to do now is to attend to war reparations and belkol should be part of this program, not reopening the Panguna Mine.

“We haven’t met our brothers from PNG yet, who Australia with CRA and BCL paid to come kill us on our own soil for their greed, the letter said.



Soldiers’ remains sent home

The remains of three soldiers who went missing in the jungles of Bougainville more than 19 years ago were finally returned to Papua New Guinea in June this year.

The men were Corporal Marcho Maino of Oro, Private Raymond Waia and Private Jimmy Julah of East Sepik province. They were part of a peace delegation sent to North Bougainville in 1996. They were taken hostage in 22 October and reported as missing in action.

In a moving ceremony at the Air Transport Wing, ABG President Chief Dr. John Momis handed over their remains to the PNG Government who then handed them back to the PNG Defence Force for proper burial.

President Momis said that he hoped by facilitating

the handing over of the three men’s remains, it would be a positive step towards strengthening the relationship between the two governments and a leap forward for peace process on Bougainville.

PNG Deputy Prime Minister Leo Dion when receiving the remains of the soldiers said that these men made the ultimate sacrifice and died in service of their country for peace. He said that the bringing home of their remains would bring peace to his family and comrades.

He thanked the ABG, Ex-Combatants and all those involved in facilitating the return of the soldiers’ remains so that they could be finally laid to rest.

The three were accorded a military funeral at their home battalion at Taurama Barracks.

“We order that talk on belkol be stopped until we reconcile with our PNG brothers and sisters. Anything to do with Australia, CRA and BCL follows on from there.”

The third point bluntly echoed dissatisfaction with the new mining law.

“We are not happy with the new mining law drafted by the neo liberal group Adam Smith International, responsible for privatization of economies in favor of corporate ownership that has deeply hurt people and impoverished third world nations, the group said.

“The law was passed without “free prior

informed consent” of the people of Bougainville in violation of the UN declarations of indigenous rights.”

“We are disappointed as guardians of Bougainville freedom, once again mental force has been used against the ABG President to pass the law drafted by this group in England, with Mr. Anthony Reagan an Australian agent on Bougainville.”

The group in their letter ordered that the Belkol should be halted and everything that had been planned be put off immediately.

Eleven houses in need of new roofs in Guava



A massive 80 meter landslide at Pakia gap, torrential floods and fallen trees had caused major destruction at Guava village. Eleven houses had their roofs blown off and replacement roofs are needed urgently.

The Bougainville Bulletin was at Guava village and witnessed the disaster. From the road leading down to the village one would think it was autumn as the trees and plants were stripped of their leaves. That scenario indicated the intensity of the winds that caused havoc in the Panguna area.

Down at the village was a different story. As we made our way into the village, the sight of destruction, chaos and disorder greeted us. The people had woken early to replace roofing irons which have ssen many wear and tear.

“We’ve repeatedly punched holes into these old roofing irons and they are full of holes, one villager Naria Oaa said. These sheets of roofing irons cannot sustain the force of the wind.”

When asked if they received food rations from Bougainville Emergency and Disaster Office, he said: “We got some packets of rice, at the moment we have food and clothes. What we need are good roofing irons and nails to replace these old ones.

“We are rebuilding our homes with the old materials as we have nowhere else to stay,” Naria added.

Eleven houses were destroyed and need 200 sheets of corrugated roofing iron as soon as possible. Some of the houses had their roofs fixed but as they had many holes in them and are no longer strong to withstand similar strong winds in the future, the villagers still need new roofs for their houses.

The Bougainville Regional Disaster Coordinator, FRANKLYN LACEY was notified on the extent of the damage in Guava village. Preparations are underway for further relief assistance.

Mine may not reopen: Momis



The Preseident Chief Dr John Momis has said that the Panguna Mine may never open again although it can alleviate Bougainville’s financial woes.

Speaking at the Inauguration ceremony, in June, Dr Momis said that the Bougainville Mining law gave landowners the power to decide on the future of the Mine, President Momis added that options were that if the Landowners want the Mine and the operator Bougainville Copper Limited (BCL) to return, then it was up to them to decide.

He said the Autonomous Bougainville Government would only facilitate the progress.

“If it is allowed to reopen, reconstruction would take up to seven years however, for a new mine it would take up to fifteen years for exploration and extraction of mineral ore from the ground.” President Momis said.

Pentanu aims to strengthen the House



“The Parliament is my Constituency

and my responsibility is to serve you- the members in

decision making and the Parliament is the highest body for the people and is an institution to uphold democracy, laws and tradition of the people.

“Just as you feel politically responsible in serving your constituency, as Speaker my role and responsibility is to equip and serve you to perform your principle roles as legislators and decision makers in your role as service providers. In other words, our primary interest is the same and that is to

serve our people.

Simon Pentanu Speaker, Autonomous Bougainville Government 2015-2020

The newly elected Speaker Simon Pentanu’s immediate task after he assumed office was to induct the new members of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG).

In his first address on one of the local radio stations New Dawn FM, Mr. Pentanu said that he

was ready to perform his duties in strengthening the Parliamentary Services to support the ABG.

The induction of members was to ensure that they understood their roles and responsibilities.

Mr Pentanu thanked the outgoing Speaker Andrew Miriki and the members for making the decision to elect him as the new speaker. He added that he did not represent any constituency but represents the members who represent the people.

US supports women groups in AROB



Representatives of AROB Womens Peace and Security Technical Working Group

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville’s Women, Peace and Security Technical Working Group met last month to assess progress in achieving the objectives of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAP-WPS).

The working group is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the \$1.5 million, (an estimated K4m) two-year Women Peace Building Initiative (WPBI) implemented in partnership with Counterpart International. “The United States

innovative, women-led local organizations, impressive results have been achieved in the areas of family sexual violence prevention and awareness; mental health and trauma counselling; and awareness and advocacy of human rights, women’s empowerment, and greater women’s participation as leaders in government, business, and the social sector.

Important activities supported by the WPBI project have included training and mentoring support for community health workers in mental health referral and treatment, radio programming on women’s rights and gender issues affecting Bougainville, violence awareness and prevention trainings for men, women, youth and community leaders, and women’s business development trainings.

Through the WPBI project, USAID and Counterpart International.

rights.” USAID Regional Pacific Director, Richard Edwards has said.

“We are pleased to work with them, the ARB government, civil society organizations, and other development partners to improve the prospects for sustainable peace, security, and development in Bougainville,” he added. Through grants to six

strongly supports empowering women to become effective peacemakers, community leaders, and champions of civil and human

ABG Public Service lagging: Semoso



It is usually said that the key to developing an ethical environment is to deal with both the structural and normative approaches that set

ethical parameters.

Building trust with citizens requires association between the actions of the public servants and governing societal beliefs and values. In other words, the *walk the talk, talk the walk* analogy amplifies that government policies that are unconnected with action lacks significance and value.

In Bougainville, Public Servants will gladly attest that it is a real privilege to work for the ABG. This government is the ideal employer that overlooks their inefficiencies, does nothing to fix its problems and despite the desperate cries of the people for better service delivery, still pays them good wages every time.

With this, they have developed a high level of complacency that brought about the term,

“work in progress.”

When asked on updates on work that could have been solved promptly, you’d get the answer, “were working on it.”

The Economic Service Minister and Member for Titalato, Fidelis Semoso, noted this recently when he said he was s already tired and fed up with public servants saying ‘work is in progress’.

The Minister claimed this mentality has led to inefficiency in the public service machinery and portrayed a lack of commitment and dysfunction.

“Most public servants are paid for doing nothing or minimal work and the ABG continues to pay them for their inefficiencies and ineffectiveness in carrying out government directives to simply deliver basic services to the people.

“On top of this, public servants are paid all sorts of allowances. For

what? Minimal work to no work.”

Minister Semoso has called on government workers to work with the government in meeting the peoples’ needs of service delivery.

“I am tired of this complacency. I urge all public servants to be active in producing and delivering services to the bulk of the rural population of Bougainville,” he said.

“These concern the public servants but can also be applied to ABG elected member and ministers. These elected leaders should through legislative changes, start to overhaul the public service for effective service delivery The Bougainville public service machinery is a copy paste from the PNG system, which has not been reviewed since it was inherited from Australia almost 40 years ago, the Minister said.

Serve and Protect: police graduates told

“Bougainville Police Service plays an important role in our quest for referendum so let this be a reminder to you to serve and protect as you are mandated to protect the rule of law and your people.” President Chief Dr. John Momis had said.



Dr Momis made the remarks whilst addressing the 40 pioneer students that graduated from the Pre Recruitment Education Program PREP) at the Bougainville Police Service Training Centre at Hutjena in July.

“Let me reiterate the message from my inaugural speech at the first Parliament sitting last week, that we should uphold the rule of law, to aim at achieving a much stronger and effective police service, we need more police and better trained police, effective courts and public prosecutor to make Bougainville safe,” the President stressed.

He challenged the graduates to be aware of the Bougainville Peace Agreement and work towards achieving ABG’s quest for Referendum.

He congratulated the students for committing their time and effort in their studies and urged them to maintain the same discipline and training

attained at Hutjena as it would enable them to face the challenges ahead.

A few of the graduates would be selected to further their training at the Bomana Training College.

Dr. Momis called on the students to perform their best while at the Bomana Police Training College as the people of Bougainville were looking up to them to train to be competent law enforcers and return to serve the people.

“You have had significant training acquiring skills and knowledge in English, Mathematics, Computing, Human Rights, Law in General and Team Building, and this paves way for you to attend the RPNGC Training centre at Bomana, so go out there and learn as much as you can with self discipline and determination as we await your return to serve Bougainville,” he stressed.

The President also thanked the Australian Government and the

Australia Pacific Technical College (APTC) for supporting and conducting the training program which now enables the students to be eligible to attend the Bomana Police Training Centre.

He, however, called on the trainers to look at including the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) in their curriculum.

Meanwhile, school captain, Mr. Emmanuel Harepa, thanked all the stakeholders for their contributions in making the program a success.

“As pioneers of this program, it has been a tough journey but to the graduants you have made history to change the cause of law and order in Bogainville,” said Mr. Harepa.

He thanked the Australian Government through PALJP for the program and the APTC for facilitating the training and the support from the BPS, Law and Justice Sector and ABG.

Members challenged

“Go to the people, live among them, learn from them, work with them, start with what they know, build on what they have, teach by showing, learn by doing.”

- President Momis.

I expect this third House to make a

difference this time.”

President Chief Dr John Momis made this challenge while presenting his Ministerial statement at the first Parliament Sitting for the Third House of Representatives in July.

“Today marks another milestone in the history of the Autonomous Bougainville Region as we open the first of the many sessions of the third house. We all share the same honour and privilege of having being chosen by our people to lead and provide them a better life and a better future,” he stressed.

President Momis emphasised that the people see the Members of Parliament as the workers with responsibility with realisation of their dreams and aspiration that they all shared and that the people want the members of the third house to amplify their voices as a shout to be free from the grip of poverty and marginalise life.

“Today, I stand before you to pose this challenge to each and every one of you, let us not fail our people, let us not abandon our people,” he challenged.

Dr Momis further urged the members of the third house to work within the six important points he

mentioned in his inaugural address.

The six major points included:

- 1) Unification
- 2) Improving the welfare of all Bougainvilleans by promoting appropriate Economic Development
- 3) Securing Bougainville’s future by full implementation of the three pillars of the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) – achieving full autonomy, preparing for referendum and achieving complete weapon disposal.
- 4) Promoting Good Governance, the Rule of Law and ending Corruption
- 5) Public Awareness and
- 6) Improve basic services.

“This new government is not about Momis, it is not about the North, Central or South and it is not about the past- this new government is all and everything about us and we can all be transformed if we all work together as a collateral body,” President Momis stressed.

He called on all the appointed and elected leaders, regardless of what political parties they represented, what regions they came from and what groups they were in whether it was former combatants, meekamui, etc., to work together with him to serve the people of Bougainville.

“We need to be proactive and am calling on all MPs to work with me and all factions to unite with us so we work together towards the referendum and securing Bougainville’s future,” Dr Momis said.

The Members of the Parliament through the Speaker and the House have agreed to work with the President to deliver to the people of Bougainville.



My Bougainville Story

Group formed for artists

The Bougainville Art Federation (BAF) has developed its own cultural and artistic groups at the Village Assemblies in the communities



These Village Assemblies are customary structures within the Autonomous Bougainville Government.

They would be an avenue to identify, recognize and strengthen the rights of artists to promote and maintain the importance of local skill based arts and crafts in the region.

The Bougainville Arts Federation's (BAF) plan is to train artists to improve their skills at

the community level so they then could be able to form their own Arts Associations to utilize their skills to benefit themselves.

The current practise among musicians is product- oriented but the BAF's intention is to give priority to Artists and their development. This is in line with the Bougainville Constitution, which states that we must, preserve, promote and protect our unique cultural identity. This

culture was developed and evolved over generations.

Local history was mostly oral and most of the ideas and skills were passed down verbally and perfected by observation and practice.

The Federation believes that, to protect, preserve and promote a product for example the Mona Canoe, one must protect and promote the artist. Protect the creator and you protect the creation for generations to come. The Constitution

and the policy of the Arts Federation in Bougainville were formulated in line with this vision.

Since the establishment of Bougainville Arts Federation, it has attracted the establishment of various organized groups from 43 Council Of Elders (COEs) and 353 Village Assemblies throughout the region.

The Bureau of Media and Communications Community Liaison Coordination team

introduced this program since 2014 and has accumulated the skill-based artists in every COEs.

The Bureau is looking forward to the development of an Arts and Culture Policy.

The ABG is the right body to make the policy to oversee and facilitate meaningful development within the Arts and Culture sector.



Stori Piksa

2015 ABG Inauguration in pictures



Deputy Prime Minister Sir Leo Deon inspecting the CIS Officers and police parade.



Dr. John Momis delivering his speech.



Hutjena Secondary School marching students.



The Nissan Island community delivering pigs for the ceremony.

Know your government.

Below is the list of all the Ministers for the Third House of Representatives and their Associate Ministers.



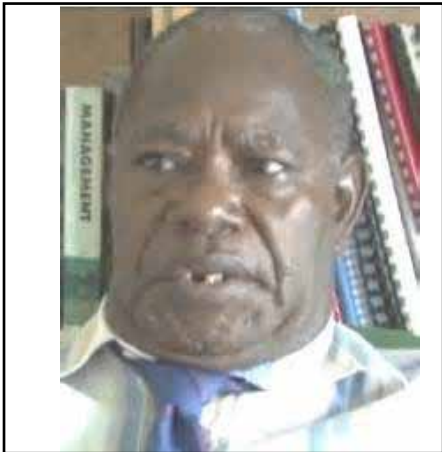
Dr. John Momis (Buin)
President, Minister for Planning and inter government relations.
Term in Office: 15 June 2010 - 2015, 2015-June 2020



Hon. Patrick Nisira (Halia)
Vice President and Minister for the department of Referendum, Veteran Affairs and Peace.
Term in Office: 15 June 2005 - 2010, 2010 - 2015, 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Albert Punghau. (Motuna Huyono)
Minister for Treasury and Finance. Department of Treasury and Finance..
Term in Office: 2015 - 2020



Hon. Raymond Masono (Atolls)
Minister for Public Service. Department of Public service.
Term in Office: 15 June 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Willie Masiu (Konnou)
Minister for Justice. Department of Police Correctional Service and Justice.
Term in Office: 15 June 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Dennis Lokonai (Bolave)
Minister for Health. Department of Health.
Term in Office: 15 June 2015 - June 2020



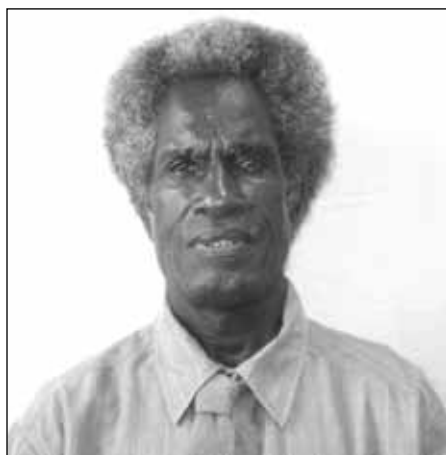
Hon. Luke Karaston (Suir)
Mr. Luke Karaston. Minister for Technical Services. Department of Technical Services.
Term in Office: 15 June 2005 - 2010, 2010 - 2015, 2015 - June 2020



Hon. John Tabinaman (Mahari)
Minister for Lands, Physical Planning, Environment and Conservation. Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Environment and Conservation.
Term in Office: 15 June 2005 - 15 June 2010, 2015 - 2020



Hon. Josephine Getsi.
Minister for community development. Department of Community Development.
Term in Office: 2015 - 2020



Hon. Nicholas Darku (North Nasioi)
Minister for Primary Industries. Department of Primary Industries.
Term in Office: June 2010 - 2015, 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Jacob Tooke (Baubake)
Minister for Community Government. Department of Community Government.
Term in Office: June 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Thomas Pata'aku (Ramu)
Minster for Education. Department of Education.
Term in Office: June 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Robin Wilson (Terra)
Minister for Mineral and Energy Resources. Department of Mineral and Energy Resources.
Term in Office: June 2010 - 2015, 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Fidelis Semoso (Tsitalato)
Minister for Economic Development. Department of Economic Development.
Term in Office: 2015 - June 2020



Simon Pentanu (Central)
Speaker.
Term in Office: 15 June 2015 - June 2020



Hon. Francesca R. Semoso
Women Representative - North Bougainville
Deputy Speaker.
Term in Office: 15 June 2005 - 15 June 2010, 2015 - 2020

Members appointed as associate ministers

Associated Minister for Mining
Hon. Noah Doko.

Associated Minister for Social and Economic Development
Hon Steven Suako

Associated Minister for Referendum
Hon. Simon Dasiona.

Associated Minister for Finance Hon. Charry Napto.

Associated Minister for Community Development
Hon. Robert Hamal Sawa

Associated Minister for Inter- Governmental Relations
Hon. Robert Chicka Tulsa.

Third house to fast track draw down of powers

Extracted from the Presidents inaugural speech

The Third Autonomous Bougainville Government would increase the speed of transfer. Priority areas would include: Land, Environment, Mining, Health and Safety, Fisheries, incorporation of associations, Police and the ABG’s foreign affairs powers – proposing names on the PNG visa warning list, work permit applications for Bougainville and so on.

With Autonomy, significant new powers were fully transferred through development of many new laws passed, including Physical Planning, Public Finance Management, Mining, and a Bougainville Public Service.

How did the ABG perform in relation to these matters between 2010 and 2015?

- Great unity
- A tremendous sense of purpose
- Intense energy, and
- Unwavering commitment to the course we intend to follow. On behalf of all the newly elected members of the elected members, I commit all of us to work on behalf of all Bougainvilleans to ensure that our common

dreams and aspirations are achieved.

In his inauguration speech, the President Chief Dr. John Momis outlined a number of priorities for the third House and also acknowledged the Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) as the real basis for the right to self determination.

“The BPA is a political and constitutional contract between the National Government and Bougainville and must be honoured in full. We cannot ignore the requirement of the Agreement for without it, we have no legitimate basis for what we do.” Dr Momis said.

“The BPA is not a gift without any strings attached. Instead it will deliver real benefits only if we work hard to make use of the opportunities provided to us. We cannot just sit back and wait for the national government and donors to deliver us to

an assessment of both the successes and failures in carrying out its tasks in the last five years and indicate the priorities for the current house.

The first task was unification. Progress in the past five years included:

- Many reconciliations, the 2011 ceasefire ending the five year Konnou conflict.

- Increased engagement with Me’ekamui groups, Progress towards ending the Morgan junction roadblock. Although Bougainville is more unified than in 2010, much more still needs to be done. Unification continues to be essential as we prepare for the referendum.

The second task was improving the welfare of Bougainvilleans by promoting appropriate



National Government Special Intervention Funds (SIF) has also contributed to infrastructure, contracts and jobs.

With little internal revenue, we face obstacles attracting credible investors due to our post conflict

vigorously by the ABG in this house.

The referendum timetable places pressure on us to achieve fiscal self reliance rapidly. Our only realistic option for rapid fiscal self reliance and improved levels of services is large scale mining.

Reopening the Panguna Mine would provide the best chance of early revenue as it could open in 6 or 7 years. But even with the Bougainville Mining Act, it is certainly possible that Panguna will not re-open if, landowners oppose it, or if BCL don’t return and alternative developers can’t be found.

Although we have problems finding appropriate foreign investors we can also expand our economy by building on things our people are already familiar with, such as:

- Moving from Copra to Virgin Oil
- Serious efforts

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on downstream cocoa processing

- Increased seaweed production

- More small scale gold production, and assisting producers to invest in appropriate machinery for more safe and efficient production
- Producing house bricks from Jaba River tailings

The third major task is securing Bougainville’s future by full implementation of the Peace Agreement.

Under this task we review how the ABG performed in achieving full autonomy, preparing for the referendum and achieving complete weapons disposal between 2010 and 2015.

With Autonomy, significant progress was made in transfer of powers and development of many new laws including physical planning, Public Finance Management and a separate Bougainville Public Service. In relation to this, the ABG must also get PNG agreement on funds in the main

recurrent grants for salaries and operational costs for transferred powers.

On preparation for referendum, the Second House made progress by proposing the establishment of a Joint working group which reported to the JSB. The key issues remain to be negotiated, including the referendum date and the questions to be asked in the referendum.

Weapons and governance will be considered when deciding the date for referendum and the ABG will consult widely on this issue

Despite progress on reconciliations in Bougainville, achieving a complete weapons disposal has seen almost no progress since 2005. Without a complete weapons disposal our

law and order situation will get worse. We risk the major problems of implementation the referendum result.

The four main issues are:

- First, disagreement between the governments on weapons disposal could push the date back towards mid 2020.

- Second, weapons availability could result in referendum observers determining the referendum is not “Free and Fair” as required by the peace agreement.

- Third, the National Parliament - the finals decision on the outcome of the referendums and could use weapons issues to decide against independence.

- Fourth, the international community support may be required to encourage implementation of the referendum outcome. We must make sure weapons disposal do not undermine the international community support.

Weapons disposal is a major priority for the Third ABG. I propose on holding a summit with combatant leaders including Me’ekamui group and other sectors of the community to consider ways ahead.

The fourth task for ABG is promoting good governance and the rule of law and ending corruption.

In terms of good governance, the process of the ABG were strengthened and worked well in the last 5 years.

In terms of corruption, I fear we have made little progress. I will resume efforts to establish an office of the PNG Ombudsman Commission to work us establish the highest standards of conduct for leaders and public servants.

Bougainville’s rule of law situation is generally better than any other parts

of PNG. We need progress on weapons, our police service needs to be more respected and integrated into rural communities for leaders and public servants. The COE will also be empowered to work closely with the government.

The fifth ABG task is public awareness.

The Second ABG put much effort into consultation and awareness on the development of the Bougainville Mining Act. With awareness on the Bougainville Peace Agreement, there was much training of staff but little awareness was actually conducted.

Awareness will be a major priority as referendum approaches. So we will explore options for cost effective and widely accessed awareness methods.

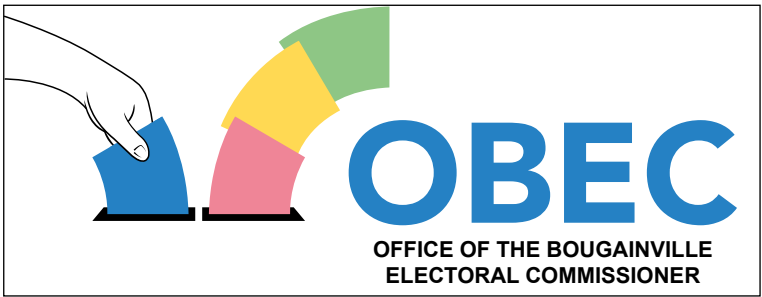
The sixth major task is to improve basic services. The ABG must resolve problems faced by our people. Our other efforts mean nothing if the basic condition of people’s lives does not improve.

We must pursue real developments in health, education, and basic infrastructure too. Economic opportunities and good education contribute to our economic development. That then generates tax revenue needed for fiscal self reliance.

We will explore partnerships with high quality hospitals in other countries. We must aim for our own university, high quality technical colleges, and a computer literate population.

During the next five years, I will be seeking a massive expansion in technical and vocational education and training beginning with development of at least one quality technical school.

UNDP assists ABG identify ways to improve future elections



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assisted and facilitated an exercise to identify lessons that could be learnt from the recent Bougainville elections.

The UNDP helped the Bougainville Electoral Commission (OBEC) in the lesson-learnt exercise in June.

The aims of the exercise were to understand the main lessons that could be used to assist OBEC, the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission, the Autonomous Bougainville Government, the Papua New Guinea national government, development partners, and other stakeholders to plan, assist and implement future electoral events in the country.

The lessons-learnt work consisted of seven workshops with key stakeholders and was held at preliminary, regional and general levels. The OBEC Returning Officers and national and international observers attended the event,

The OBEC Returning Officers, national and international Observers, identified strengths, areas for improvement and local innovations during the recently ended elections. The regional and general events brought together

a wider cross-section of stakeholders and focused on sharing experiences on topics covering the entire electoral process. The outcome from these workshops would have been summarized in a report that would be shared with the Government of PNG and the ABG. UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Roy Trivedy emphasised that: “These types of lesson learning events are important because they can help all of us to continuously improve.

“The UN is well placed to facilitate this analysis that will further strengthen democratic practice and governance of Bougainville. The success of this exercise relies on the strong collaboration and engagement of all national stakeholders and international partners.” added Mr. Trivedy.

OBEC Acting Commissioner George Manu said: “We welcome UNDP’s support to this exercise. The feedback of all election stakeholders will strengthen our ability to improve coming electoral processes.”

The third set of general elections in Bougainville since the signing of the 2001 Bougainville Peace Agreement (BPA) were concluded on 8 June with the return of the writs.

Lukluk long Komuniti Progrem

Wantaim dipatmen blong komuniti developmen

Acting Secretary blo Dipatmen blong Komuniti Divolopmen, Mrs Mana Kakarouts i toktok wantaim Adriana Schmidt blong ABG Bureau bilong Media na Communication long ol wok i kamap aninit long dipatmen blong komuniti divolopmen.

Sampla taim igo pinis, ol representatives blong ABG ibin go long Kimbe long wanpla bung blong PNG Games kansol miting wea i lukluk long divolopmen blong spot na kainkain pilai insait long Bogenvil

na ol narapla provins long PNG. Long displa bung, ol i toktok long rere 2016 namba 7 PNG Games wea bai kamap long Kimbe.

Mrs Kakarouts i tok, “ igat planti wok blong yumi ol spot man meri long displa yia. Bai yumi no nap wet las minit long rereim yumi yet. Yumi mas stat nau.

“Displa ino minim olsem yumi rere long pilai tasol, em bai yumi rereim ol teknikol eria,

Displa em straksa wea i luksave long ol nid blong ol pipol long komuniti na tu em I ken inapim olgeta man meri na long wankain taim, yumi ken kamapim wantaim liklik moni tasol,” Misis Kakarouts I bin tok.

“Displa niupla straksa i bai luksave long wok blong COE tu na bai mipla igat ol wokman istap long COE levol na wokim komuniti divolopmen wok.”

Olsem Mrs Kakarouts

Narapla wok wea i kamap insait long opis blong Komuniti Divolopmen em long rere long toksave long ol niupla minista long ol wok i kamap na ol priority blong dipatmen. Na tu welkamim niupla minista olsem niupla het blong dipatmen.

Igat tu wanpla spesol trenin aninit long projek blong ol meri wea Wol Benk i fundim. Displa trenin Ol i kolim Inclusive

ol COE. Displa projek em blong luksave long ol kain gutpla projek wea ol meri i ken wokim insait long komuniti aninit long displa IDIB funding. Narapla samting em i kamap em plenin woksop blong ol yut i kamap aninit long Bogenvil Pis Bilding Progrem wantaim Dokta Nahiuo Ahai. Displa program em Dipatmen blong Foren Afes (DFAT) na treid i fundim.

Long arere blong July, i bin igat tingting long holim miting blong Bogenvil Womens Federesin long Arawa. Long displa miting bai ol meri i makim ol niupla eksektiv blong go pas long displa federesin.

Sapos yu laikim moa toktok long wok blong Komuniti Divolopmen, yu ken lukim ol long opis bilong istap antap long Igel Hatwea.

“i gutpla long gat ol wokman blong gavman long ples wea ol pipol istap long em so yumi ken wok klostu wantem ol long olgeta dei na klia gut long ol samting i kamap long komuniti.”

- Mana Kakarouts

sait blong fainens na tu ol narapla eria wea yumi nid long rere long em.

“ Mipla wok long kamapim niupla straksa blong Dipatmen blong Komuniti Divolopmen.

i tok, i gutpla long gat ol wokman blong gavman long ples wea ol pipol istap long em so yumi ken wok klostu wantem ol long olgeta dei na klia gut long ol samting i kamap long komuniti.

Development to Post Conflict Bougainville Project (IDIB). Aninit long displa, bai gat trenin program blong ol distrik komuniti divolopmen opisa wantaim ol het man blong



Wasman bilong graun progrem

Wantaim Dipatmen bilong Lands Physical Planning Environment na Conservation.



Ol wokman blong Dekenai i stretim ol han rot long Buka taun.

Long displa edisen, bai yumi stori long kastomary lens opisa Mr Henry Tsitali husait bai toktok liklik long kastomary len use insait long Bogenvil.

Tete ol man i wokim kainkain samting long bagarapim graun long peles. Antap long em, ol i bagarapim bus na wara na ol kainkain samting istap n agro long graun. Ol displa kainkain pasin i kamapim hevi namel long ol man meri o papa graun insait long komuniti. Antap long displa, yumi mas save olsem giraun em ples wea man i kamap long em.

Taim populesin blo man meri i kamap bikpla, garun tu i wok long sot. Olsem na ol papa graun i no save laik givim graun long gavman olsem lis long kamapim divolopmen na kirapim infrastraksa.

“Long Bogenvil igat

planti kwesten long graun istat long taim blong kraisis inap nau. Wantaim displa, igat planti askim tu wea ol man ino klia long em. “ Mr Tsitali i tok.

“ Sampla askim blong yumi em olsem:

Yupla isave iusim giraun olsem wanem?

Wanem ol natural resosis istap long graun?

Displa tupla askim antap em i base long subsistens use blong giraun, sait blong kalsa, sosol, ekonomik na enviromen.

“Identity blong giraun em olsem ples wea man i kamap long em stret. Em i gat ol tumbuna stori, stori blong ol clan na histori blong em yet,” Mr Tsitali i tok.

“Subsistens em graun blong planim kaikai, abus, ol bus marasin, wara na ol wail frut na kumu samting. Antap long em, giraun em hap yumi kisim halivim

long em’ Mr Tsitali I tok “Long sait blong Kalsa, yumi gat ol mak blong graun olsem ol diwai, ston o wara na mounten. Yumi usim long pasin kastam na lotu, long planim o kukim dai man, na olsem ol ples tambu na planti moa wei wea yumi yusim giraun long pasin kalsa.”

“Long sosol eria blong giraun, bai yumi ken tok igat ples blong bisnis, skul, sios, rot, hausik, gavman stesin, haus karabus, matmat, maket na kainkain moa samting wea ol man i iusim. Dispal em wanpla eria wea ol pablik or palnti manmeri i save involve long me.

“Long ekonomik ius blong giraun em yumi iusim giraun long ol kain samting olsem, planim kakau na kopra na ol narapla kes krop. Na tu ol ekonomik ektiviti olsem agrikalsa, mining, fishing,

turisim na long kirapim ol taun na ol narapla samting olsem.

“Long sait blong enrivomen, yumi iusim giraun, wara blong dring na waswas, ples blong painim fis na wel abus, ol lagun, reef na nambis, ol bikpla solwara na bik bus wantem ol kainkain animel istap insait long em, ol maunten na ol planti moa samting istap wea yumi kloim envairomen,’ Mr Tsitali i tok.

Ol pipol blong Bogenvil igat palnti gutpla samting istap long graun blong ol. Yumi mas lukautim gut ol displa samting na lukautim gut graun tu olsem graun bai lukautim yumi na ol pikinini blong yumi long bihain taim.

“Noken larim ol man meri i kam arasait na baim o bagarapim giraun blong yu. Yu noken salim giraun! Giraun em i mama blo yu!,

Mr. Tsitali I tok “ Giraun yumi olgeta i kamap long em na kaikai long em olsem na yumi mas lukautim.”

Tsitali itok moa olsem Giraun em ino wanpla samting blong salim na kisim moni. Giraun ino olsem kakao o kopra wea yumi salim na kisimmoni, em samtin wea yumi kisim halivim long em.

Taim yu salim giraun, yu kirapim hevi namel long femili blong yu, clan blong yu na komuniti blong yu. Planti birua isave kamap bikos long displa. Yu na clan blong yum as manesim graun gut giraun blong yu wantem olgeta natural resosis istap long em olsem ol pikinini bihain bai ken kisim wankain halivim olsem yumi kisim long giraun tete.



Referendem Update

Stori long ol wok kamap aninit long Referendem Dipatmen wantaim Mr Chris Siriosi

“Pastaim long mi toktok, mi laik givim luksave blong me long Vice Presiden Patrick Nisira long apoinmen blong em olsem niupla hetman blong Referendem Dipatman. Mipla i rere long wok bung wantaim yu long ol wok blong referendem long Bogenvil,” Chris Siriosi.



Planti blong yumi long Bougenvil ino klia tumas long arensmen blong loa i toktok long wokabaut blong Bogenvil igo long Referendum. Olsem na palnti taim yumi no klia gut long displa toktok blong Referendum.

Long dispel edisen, foma CEO blong dipatmen blong referendum Mr. Chris Siriosi i toktok long sampla detail blong displa loa blong Referendum.

Mr siriosi i tok; Ol importen isiu em displa tok orait blong Referendum i kamap aninit long Bogenvil Pis Agrimen wea ABG na Nesenoll Gavman i bin kamapim. Na tu, em ol Pipol blong Bogenvil (Bogenvilians) tasol bai vot long kamapim politikel futsa blong Bogenvil. Ol man o meri husat i gat tok orait blong loa olsem ol tub long Bogenvil i gat rait long vot long displa.

Mr siriosi i tok olsem referendum em wanpla impoten pila blong Bogenvil Pis Agrimen i givim sans long Bogenvil long kisim indipendens tru long stretpala pasin na aninit long loa wea ABG na Nesenel Gavman i luksave long em.

Displa referendum bai kamap namel long yia 2015 na 2020. Olsem na displa namba tri ABG gavman i gat bikpla wok long karim aut long stretim ol arensmen na details wea bogenvil bai nidim long karim aut referendum.

“Sampla long ol impoten samting wea gavman i mas lukluk long em i stap long displa charter wea Govenner General i mas givim long kamapim displa indipenden

“man meri blong bogenvil imas save long displa link namel long wepons disposol na gut gavanens long displa wokobaut insait long referendem”

- Chris Siriosi

agensi wea bai karim aut displa referendum, Siriosi i tok.

Mr Siriosi i tok tu olsem ABG na Nesenel Gavman i wok rere long ol details blong displa charter na ol i mas galasim pastem bipo long ol i ken tok orait long en.

“Narapla impoten disisin wea gavman i mas mekim em long makim deit blong karim aut referendum. Presiden Momis ibin makim yia

2019 long karim aut referendum tasol i nogat wanpla agrimen wantem Nesinel Gavman long displa deit yet.

Long naba tu ABG gavman, ol wok ibin kamap pinis long kirapim wanpla Komiti long go pas long wok rere long referendum. Antap long displa Bogenvil Eksektiv Gavman (BEC) i bin kamapim opis blong referendum long karim aut wok blong gavman olsem toktok wantem ol manmeri blong Bogenvil long wok rere long referendum. Na tu kodinatim na mekim kamap ol polisi blong gavman, wok bung wantem Nesinel Gavman an ol divolopmen patnas long wok rere blong referendem.

Olsem Siriosi i tok, “displa opis bai, Kodinatim awenes na komunikesin wantaim pipol blong bogenvil na PNG ol

long ol wok kamap long displa samting. Narapla samting em long makim we blong enrolim ol man meri blong Bogenvil husat i stap long ol narapla hap ausait long Bogenvil.

“Narapla bikpla wok kamap em long kamapim toktok long ol kwesten wea bai kamap long taim blong referendem. Long displa, gavman i mas kirapim wanpla independen agency wea bai karim aut displa wok,” Siriosi itok.

Olsem Mr Sirisoi bin tok, tupla bikpla samting wea referendem bai lukluk long em long isiu blong wepons disposol na gut gavanens. Long wepons disposol, igat bikpla wok istap yet long wokim long rausm gan. Planti pait man ino bin rausim na bagarapim gan. Antap long em, ol Me’ekamui grup ino bin involve long displa wok bin kamap long rausim gan.

Ol man meri blong bogenvil imas save long displa link namel long wepons disposol na gut gavanens long

displa wokobaut insait long referendem. Displa isiu blong gan i kamapim hevi long komuniti na tu long loa aninit long Bogenvil Pis Agrimen. Yumi mas rausim displa isiu long rere long wokabaut blong Bogenvil igo long referendem.

Long gut gavanens, seksen 338 mama loa blong PNG em givim kondisen sapos Bogenvil i ronim gut gavman long intanesinel stended blong gut gavanens. na i meksua em i orait long

Bogenvil na PNG tu. Displa loa i tok aut long we blong ronim gavman wantem honest pasin, akauntabiliti na long stretpal pasin wantaim luksave long rait blong olgetaman meri na long mama loa blong kantri.

“Maski gat displa ol detail blo gut gavanens, Siriosi i tok, “i no gat klia kondisen wea gavman blo yumi bai bihainim yet. Displa em kondisen blong givim evidens long wok kamap long gut gavanens long Bogenvil.”

Olsem na opis blong referendem long Bogenvil i rereim wanpla plen wea bai ABG i ken bihainim long karim aut wok blong gut gavanens. Long statim wok long displa isiu, opis blong referendem bai holim wanpla forum long Buka. Displa forum bai involvim olgeta manmeri, olgeta siaman blong COE, ol hetman blong ol ABG dipatmen, ol memba blong ABG gavman, ol meri, ol divolopmen patnas na ol narapla oganaisesin igat intres long referendem long Bogenvil.

As tingting blong displa forum em long meksua olgeta stekholdas i wanbel na klia gut long nid blong kamapim wanpla pisful referendem na kisim tingting na wok bung wantaim olgeta stekholdas blong Bogenvil Pis Agrimen long displa wokabaut long referendem.

Sapos yu laik kisim moa save long ol wok blong dipatmen blong referendum, yu ken go lukim ol long opis blong referendem long Buka. Ol i stap long Facebook tu.

MP stresses importance of information

The Member for Makis constituency in Buin District has said information and effective communication was crucial for any society to make informed decisions on developments.



Mr John Vianney Kepas outlined his development priorities and stressed the importance of unity, cooperation and program ownership while pursuing development objectives. “Every person in Makis is a stakeholder in our continuous efforts to deliver basic services and improve our standard of living. Mr Kepas said.

“I urge all of you to unite and join me in these five years to deliver much needed service to our people.

“The importance of unity coincides with implementing the provisions of the Bougainville Peace Agreement,” he said.

“The ABG is the legitimate government of the day and good governance means that there is only one government, one vision and one people pursuing the same goals.

“We will vote for referendum united. Therefore, we have to work towards achieving this at the community level.”

The Member has urged his people and other Bougainvilleans

to hand all guns for weapons disposal before referendum takes place.

“The ABG also has a program and policy to roll out peace and reconciliation events throughout the region. I have made it my priority to find funding for peace and reconciliation in my constituency,” he said.

The member has earmarked funding for a five year development plan for Makis constituency.

“During my five-year term, I will work to achieve the following projects, Makis Community Government Office, Promote Tourism, Culture, Arts and crafts, invest in education and work on improving the feeder and trunk roads,” Mr Kepas said.

“Under new ABG laws, funding arrangements will be streamlined meaning the member of House of Representatives and Council of elders share the same budget.

“I urge you to work with me to deliver tangible benefits to the people who need it most,” Mr Kepas said.

Meekamui Leader declares support for Referendum



Associate Minister forReferendum, Veterans’ Affairs and Peace and Member for South Nasioi, Simon Dasiona (Left) with Panguna Leaders.

The Me’ekamui Defence Force has thrown its support behind the Autonomous Bougainville Government’s (ABG) preparations towards Referendum.

The Me’ekamui Defence Force has territorial control over the Panguna Mine. Its Commander Moses Pipiro said in a statement that they wanted to see a free and fair referendum conducted on Bougainville’s future political status.

Mr Pipiro made a presentation before a small audience at the Department of Referendum, Veterans’ Affairs and Peace. He had led a five- member Meekamui working group that was tasked to produce a Meekamui schedule for awareness, reconciliation and weapons disposal as well as their views on reopening of Panguna Mine.

Mr Pipiro agreed that it was important that Bougainville must be free from fear of guns and that Bougainville needed a massive economic boost to fund the government achieve the people’s aspirations for an independent Bougainville.

“Me’ekamui stands in support of the ABG to enable Bougainville fulfill its commitments to the Peace Agreement,” Mr Pipiro said.

On the whole Central Bougainville is taking steps to ensure their constituencies would be ready for referendum. Associate Minister of Referendum, Veterans’ Affairs and Peace and Member for South Nasioi, Simon Dasiona had talks with senior Ex- Combatant leaders to get losing presidential candidates to reconcile with

President John Momis. Mr Dasiona was of the view that Bougainville Ex Combatant leaders must unite with the political leadership to achieve peace in the referendum process.

Meanwhile, the Vice President and Minister for Referendum, Veterans’ Affairs and Peace Patrick Nisira left for Port Moresby after tasking his Ministry to engage in talks with people on the ground for preparation for the conduct of the referendum.

Mr Nisira’s mission in Port Moresby was to establish contacts and raise awareness at the National and International levels on the Referendum issue.

This would help the ABG to gain a better understanding of the conduct of the Bougainville Referendum and the ratification of the relationship with the PNG National Government to ensure that peace prevails in post referendum.

“Bougainville Peace Agreement is a Joint Creation of the PNG Government and the people of Bougainville therefore we must work hand in hand to implement the Bougainville Peace Agreement,” Mr Nisira said.

“My mandate as the Minister is to ensure that Bougainville meets its part of the bargain under the Bougainville Peace Agreement and to help me do that I must know how my counterparts are preparing and also that I must have a fair idea of the trend of world politics today. I am confident my ministry and department will deliver on the Bougainville commitments to the Bougainville Peace Agreement,” Mr Nisira added.

Paradise Foods sets up cocoa fermentaries in Tinputz

Experimental driers set up to produce premium cocoa for chocolate production.

Source: David Peate (Managing Director) and Joe Golu (Chief Engineer) Paradise foods (Queen Emma Chocolate Company)



Are you getting any support from the Governments of PNG/ ABG?

No, but we did not ask as this is an experimental project which we hope will benefit all cocoa producers and chocolate manufacturers. We would like to see the government bodies support the rural growers in particular infrastructure for getting cocoa beans to market.

What's your message to cocoa farmers and the people of Bougainville?

It will be hard work and commitment to re-establish the cocoa industry, Bougainville can produce high quality cocoa but the current farmers will have to work very hard to replace cocoa trees and fermentries with little return, building a future for their children and the next generation.

You cannot expect the Government to do everything for you but I would hope that their work towards improvement in the rural area would result in improvements to infrastructure. As you work towards improving the income for your families, the economy in the area will grow, forcing the Government to also improve the services to your region.

It has been very encouraging working with the people of Tinpuz and Bougainville, seeing the commitment to improve their future, not expecting free handouts, I would also like to thank everyone for their assistance and making me feel welcome in Bougainville.

Why is the Cocoa Fermentry for Paradise Foods (Queen Emma Chocolate Company) being set up in Tinputz?

This is an Experimental Drier and with the work that we have been doing with the Teonena Association, the hardworking, friendly people of Tinputz, we thought that this would be an ideal place to test the DF Drier.

It is basically a Solar Drier with a Biogas Boiler which supports the drying from the sun by suppling heat at night and when it is raining. We are hoping that this will keep the drying process more uniform therefore producing better cocoa beans.

As the Biogas Boiler can be located some distance from the drying cocoa beans it stops any chance of the cocoa being effected by smoke. If the cocoa is affected by smoke it cannot

be used for chocolate unless it is deodorized which in our opinion results in poorer tasting chocolate.

The Biogas Boiler burns vegetable material such as grass, sticks, coconut husks, cocoa pods, etc and the rate of combustion is controlled by a thermostat (not electrically operated). The pump and lights for the drier are run by solar energy. The ash that comes from the Boiler makes a very good environmentally friendly fertilizer.

We believe the collection of material from under the cocoa trees and around the block to feed the Boiler also help with the management of the plantation particularly in relationship to cocoa pod borer.

Who is funding the project?

This project has been funded by Paradise Foods Limited /Queen Emma Chocolate Company and we have been very grateful for the support of the people of Tinputz, who have assisted with the building of the DF Drier, transportation of equipment and the building

of the fermentry. The people concerned have refused payments for costs related to these services.

This is a positive attitude to future development of Tinpuz and Bougainville which is very pleasing and a credit to the people of Tinputz, in particular John Bunsib, Florence Saia and the Teonena Association.

Who is it for?

Any Association who is willing to invest in their future as Cocoa Producers. If the DF Drier is successful we would seek funding from donors to assist with the purchase of the Biogas Boilers and other major components but it would be joint venture projects with the local growers associations supplying the timber for Fermentry and DF Drier plus the labour at their cost.

How will the fermentry/ Drier be used?

It will be operated under the Teonena Association and open for people to visit at the invitation of the people operating the DF Drier. We are hoping that it will produce better quality, premium cocoa which will

and result in the grower getting better price for the premium cocoa.

Why Bougainville?

Bougainville in particular Tinputz was the largest cocoa producing area in Papua New Guinea but unfortunately with the uprising and the impact of the Cocoa Borer, the cocoa trees were left unattended. However, the people of Bougainville have the desire and commitment to re-establish cocoa production for the future of their families. The people that I have been speaking with are willing to put in the work hard, in particular the women so that they can make improvements within their villages and the infrastructure, to encourage their children to stay home and not attracted by the bright city lights.

Is there a market for the cocoa being produced?

Yes, there is a market for single source premium cocoa. We are hoping that DFT Drier will produce better quality, premium cocoa and resulting in the grower getting better price for the premium cocoa.

Bougainville Peace Agreement

Amendment of constitutional arrangements for autonomy and referendum.



In edition four we published an abstract on Part C - agreed principles on referendum. This is the continuation of this article in Part D of the Bougainville Constitution.

325. the constitutional arrangements implementing this agreement may be amended only in accordance with both requirements (a) and (b) below:

(a) after approval by the National Parliament in accordance with amendment provisions contained in the National Constitution, and

(b) (1) in the case of referendum provisions, after a vote in which a two thirds absolute majority of members of the Bougainville legislature vote in support; or (2) in the case of autonomy provisions, after

a vote in which a simple majority of members of the Bougainville legislature to vote in support.

326. voting in Bougainville legislature must be concluded before the second vote on the same bill to amend is held in the National Parliament.

327. the National Government and the Bougainville Government will inform each other of any proposed amendments; consult over them through their agreed consultation procedures or the agreed five yearly reviews before they are formally moved (or, in the case of private members' bills put to the vote for the first time); and resolve differences through the agreed dispute resolution procedures.

328. the constitutional provisions concerning the above entrenchment arrangements will themselves be subject to the above procedures and requirements.

Lukautim Enviromen

Toktok klia long graun na hevi long Bogenvil.



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Yumi save usim enviromen blong yumi long ol kain samting olsem rop na diwai blong wokim haus long bus, kakai na wara, wel abus olsem kapul na pik na olgeta narapla kaikai wea istap insait long enviromen blong yumi.

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Kisim inap tasol long yu. Lusim ol liklik kindam, pis, kuka na ol narapla samting.

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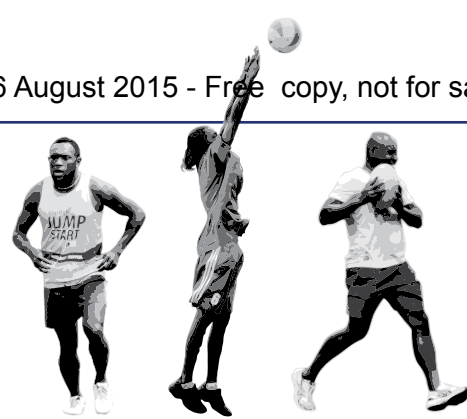
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Lukautim gut graun, bus, wara,, solwara na olgeta samting i stap insait long em.



Athletes urged to aim for international exposure



Henry in action during the recent Pacific Games final bout

Pacific Games gold medalist Henry Nockyer Umings said he wanted to see more Bougainvilleans play sports in the international arena.

Henry won gold in the recently ended Pacific Games in Port Moresby against Tahiti's Roger Waoute. The 22-year-old

bantamweight-punching machine impressed Papua New Guinea with his different tactics and punching power. Henry started boxing

in 2009. His dream was to represent PNG in boxing internationally. He worked hard and though it was not easy, he finally landed on the international radar.

"My first international fight was the 2011 Aarafura Games in Australia where I won bronze," Henry recalled.

Then he was selected to represent PNG again at the Youth Commonwealth Games in United Kingdom where he lost at the quarter finals. "I lost to Samson Sykes of England in the quarter finals. Samson went on to win Gold," Henry said.

He, however, did not lose hope. The loss only motivated and spurred him on to chase his dream.

"I was determined," Henry said. "I had a big dream and a bright future in boxing, what I needed

was support to take me to where I wanted to be."

In 2012, he bagged silver in the Oceania Olympic Qualifier in Canberra. This win propelled him to represent PNG in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. This fight, however, was cut short when he sustained a nasty cut in the eye and the doctor had to call off the bout.

When the Bougainville Bulletin asked if he had any message for the youths back at home in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Henry said he was proud to have fought alongside another fellow Bougainvillean athlete, Thaddeus Katoa, during the Pacific Games.

"I want to say we are naturally talented not just in boxing but in any sport. You have to be committed, disciplined and never give up," Henry said.

Games Baton united Bougainville

The Autonomous Region of Bougainville was also a recipient of the Oil Search Pacific Games Relay Baton. The Baton and the delegation arrived at Buka airport to a rousing welcome. The Relay visited more than 20 locations before it departed the region.

The Regional Member Joel Lera received the

baton from Oil Search ambassador Francis Kabano. Mr Lera said the arrival of the baton was a symbol of unity and the celebrations and united Bougainvilleans.

After the first stop at the ABG House of Representatives, the relay headed around Buka Island past sun kissed beaches through cocoa

and coconut plantations and passed every oval at primary schools.

Kids stood along the roads of locations where the baton went to take part in the celebrations.

The Baton took a ride on the traditional mona canoe across the Buka passage to Sohano Island. The next day, it traveled to mainland

Bougainville, through Asitavi High School in the Wakunai district, up the Crown Prince Ranges into the Panguna Mine through the schools in Ioro Constituency, Nagovis and Siwai into Buin. The Baton spent a night in Buin before trudging into the war torn Kangu beach.

The Baton and the Games Mascot Tura the

Kokomo arrived to a rousing welcome in Arawa.

Men, women and children reached out to touch the baton everywhere it passed. The Oil Search Relay was one that united everyone. It set the pace for the unity that was displayed during the two weeks of the duration of the Pacific Games in Port Moresby.