

Wednesday 06th November, 2019
Vunapope Kokopo East New Britain Province
"To Promote Goodwill"

Statement of Commitment

We the members of PNG Security Forces comprised of PNG Defense Force, Royal PNG Constabulary and Correctional Services jointly with the Bougainville Veterans uphold our Melanesian cultural values and practices of brotherhood, sincerely declare that we truly resort to reconcile with each other for the atrocities caused during the 1989-97 Bougainville Crisis. We jointly acknowledge that the armed confrontation was a result of executing Government decisions hence, we resolve not to have any personal grudges against each other.

We pledge our total commitment with collective responsibilities to implement the Bougainville Peace Agreement and any other arrangements that will be created jointly by the Bougainville and PNG Government leaders. We affirm our dual commitment to protect the state and the freedom and rights of citizens of all age groups and gender.

We take this bold stand to uphold our values of Melanesian brotherhood and pledge on oath not to return to any armed-conflict regardless of the referendum outcome, for costing peace and prosperity of our people.

We Assure the Government of Papua New Guinea, the Autonomous Bougainville Government and the International Community that we pledge our commitment to uphold the significance of this ceremony, we will respect the outcome of the Bougainville referendum and that we endeavor to see peace prevails now and prosperity for the future.

We acknowledge all the Honorable Ministers and Members of both National Government and the Autonomous Bougainville Government, Technical Committees of both Governments, the East New Britain Provincial Government, National Parliamentarians and Administration officials, PNG Council of Churches Representatives and all those that have witnessed this Joint Statement of Commitment (JSC) ceremony.


The undersigned leaders represent both the PNG Security Forces and the Bougainville Veterans towards *trust building and solidarity in maintaining and sustaining peace in Bougainville.*

SIGNED

for 
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PNG Disciplinary Forces Representative


Mr. Ismael Toroama
Bougainville Veterans Representative


WITNESSES:


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Former Chief of PNGDF


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Former Commodore, PNGDF


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Chief of Force Preparation


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WITNESSES:


Mr. Chris Uma
Bougainville Vetran

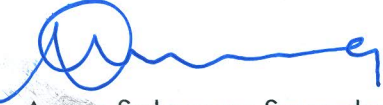

Mr. Donald Hamao Tato
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