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AND WEST PAPUAN STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE



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## CHAIRMAN BRIG. GEN. RICHARD JOWENI VISITED MSG MEMBERS WITH A MESSAGE

Chairman of WPNCL and also Commander of the TPN (National Liberation Army) recently left his jungle Head Quarters to travel to MSG member countries to personally convey to them the following message,



**WEST PAPUN PEOPLE SUPPORT  
WPNCL FOR MSG  
MEMBERSHIP**



### *Skobedobe (Rational)*

In normal situations in a free and democratic society open debate and stakeholders meetings to make informed decisions to accomplish credible and transparent outcomes is a norm. In West Papua it is very difficult to have such open meetings. However, when required activists of the Movement took high risk to have meetings undercover from region to region to ascertain the wishes of the people. That was precisely what happened earlier in the year when West Papua National Coalition for Liberation applied for MSG membership. The application was initially supported by the 29 member organizations then a Committee circulated a sample letter of support to the other organizations for their endorsement. The result was overwhelming; leaders from 75 organization majority of them none political signed separate copies of the letter and send them to the MSG Secretariat in Vanuatu.

The remaining group whose view is vital for any national decisions is the Military Wing of the independence movement, the OPM. To get the views of, the regional commanders is not easy. Not only because of the difficult terrain and fast distances but because of ongoing campaign by the Indonesian Secret Service to discredit their existence and disrupt their effectiveness. Decisions and initiatives from the overseas based Political Wing must be carefully explained to convince them that this is not propaganda. Finally one by one they visited the Head Quarters to meet with the Commander who is also the Chairman of WPNCL to express their support which are recorded in the enclosed DVD. With the endorsement of the Military Wing, the support by the stakeholders for WPNCL becoming a member of MSG is complete.

[The DVD is produced by the Military Wing and still needs editing for International work. Any queries please contact the Secretary General, Rex Rumakiek on +61-414149001 or [rumakiek@gmail.com](mailto:rumakiek@gmail.com)].

### *Purpose of visit*

#### **VANUATU**

**Firstly**, the Chairman Richard Joweni (Brig. Gen, TPN) wishes to personally thank Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Moana Carcasses Kalosil, Vanuatu government and the people of Vanuatu on behalf of the people of West Papua for their unwavering support to our cause. The address by Hon. Carcasses at this year's UN General Assembly had been spread around West Papua as good news after 50 years of violent repression and UN

silence. The relationship between Vanuatu and the West Papuan Independence movement started well before independence and continued on after independence. There were noticeable achievements since he was elected as Chairman of WPNCL in 2008. Immediately after the Papuan Leader's Summit in April 2008 Vanuatu put West Papua on the agenda of MSG Ministerial meeting held in Vanuatu. The matter however could not proceed further due to personal intervention by a senior member of MSG. **Secondly**, the Chairman wishes to acknowledge that under the former government of Hon. Eduard, N. Natapei a Bill of Parliament was passed in 2010 to cement the support for West Papua. **Thirdly**, the Chairman also acknowledged the leadership of Hon. Carcasses and Hon. Natapei whose government persistently push for WPNCL to become member of MSG; the same support Vanuatu had provided to FLNKS in deviant of opposition by the French government. It took almost 5 years before FLNKS was admitted as member.



*Chairman Richard Joweni (Brig. Gen. TPN) and delegation met with Rt. Hon, Moana Carcasses Kalosil. Hon. Ralph Regenvanu MP, a member of Parliamentarians for West Papua was also in attendance.*

While in the country Brig. Gen. Richard Joweni and delegation had also participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> of December flag raising ceremony together with the people of Vanuatu. The flag was raised after Sunday service at PMC where the Chairman thanked Vanuatu people for their prayers and political support. He also thanked the Pacific Conference of Churches for welcoming back the West Papuan Church to join the Ecumenical body. During this year's WCC Conference in Seoul, South Korea the West Papua Church was declared member again of PCC and also the WCC. West Papua was a founding member of these two Ecumenical bodies. The same as the South Pacific Commission West Papua's active participation in these Institutions was prohibited by Indonesia since the occupation of the Territory in 1963.



*The Chairman, addressing the Congregation.*



*After the flag raising ceremony*



Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Eduard N. Natapei told the gathering the difficulties Vanuatu faced in the region in its efforts to advance the West Papuan cause. The Minister however, reiterated the commitment of the current government to do more. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church stressed the importance of continued support by the people through their prayers and support for the government's efforts. Minister of Lands, Hon. Ralph Regenvanu MP and President of National Council of Chiefs were also in attendance. A number of representatives from Samoa, Tahiti, Aotearoa and Southsea Islanders of Queensland who were here for PCC activities have also participated. Pastor Allan Navuki, Chairman of Vanuatu Free West Papua Association (VFWA) conducted the ceremony.



On arrival, Fete Association welcomed the delegation at the Airport and later hosted a dinner where the Chiefs performed a traditional ceremony to cement unity between both peoples, Ni-Vanuatu and West Papuans. The TPN Commander (with red cap) as guest of honour was invited to cut the cake for the ritual. Fete Association had been active in public actions to show solidarity with West Papua.



**Chairman, Richard Joweni and delegation paid respect to Mr. Barak T. Sope Maautamate, former Prime Minister and Adviser of WPNCL and his family on the Island of Ifira on the loss of their beloved daughter ANGELA. On behalf of WPNCL and the people of West Papua the Chairman expressed shared Condolence. Mr. Sope is a staunch supporter of West Papua, Kanaky and other Colonized peoples of the Pacific and beyond. There are very few leaders in the Pacific with comparable statute to Mr. Sope's anti Colonial stand. Thank God for such a leader. May God continued to bless him and his family. West Papuan people are indebted to Mr. Sope.**

## **FJI**

**Firstly**, Chairman Richard Joweni (Brig. Gen. TPN) wishes to thank Commodore Voreqe Banimarama Prime Minister of Fiji and former Chairman of MSG for his initiative to put West Papua on the MSG agenda. It must be acknowledged that during his term as Chairman many progress had been achieved. The wisdom of inclusive Melanesia is clearly shown in his initiatives including the issue of West Papua. Under his leadership MSG has grown from strength to strength. It is now becoming a sub-regional institution that is already showing leadership in Pacific regional politics. **Secondly**, Mr. Richard Joweni wishes to confer with Ratu Inoke Kubuabola Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation about the high expectation and preparations by West Papuan people to welcome the MSG Ministerial visit to West Papua. Hon. Ratu Inoke Kubuabola was to head the MSG delegation to visit Indonesia and West Papua. The Chairman was

in Fiji for 2 days but due to communication problems he was not able to meet the Minister in person; the Minister was overseas. **Thirdly**, WPNCL is looking to Fiji as big brother for guidance to become a more productive member once we are accepted into this Subregional Institution. As we have stated in our application we like to shoulder the same responsibilities for the security and wellbeing of the people of Melanesia and the Pacific.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

Mr. Richard Joweni (Brig. Gen. TPN) wishes to personally thank Hon. Prime Minister Gordon Dalsy Lilo for his support for West Papua in the historic Summit in Noumea, Kanaky. No one can take away the memory of that moment when in that International forum he expressed his feelings about an issue that according to him is an unfinished decolonization issue that must be resolved. Indeed, 50 years of subjugation is too long and has taken too many innocent lives. Another great leader of these beautiful islands, the Late Prime Minister Solomon Mamaloni once told visiting OPM Chairman the Late Brig. Gen. Seth Rumkorem and delegation in 1996, "your struggle is our struggle, if our generation does not do anything about it forever future generations will condemn us." Prime Minister Gordon Dalsy Lilo remembered that visit well because at the time he was the Economic Planning Officer in Solomon Mamaloni's government.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Chairman Richard Joweni (Brg. Gen. TPN) acknowledged the fact that this year for the first time the government of Rt. Hon. Peter O'Neill admitted openly the concern of leaders and the people of this country about the harrowing conditions next door. The Chairman and the leaders of WPNCL and TPN Military Council wish PNG government could do more in assisting us finding a just solution sooner than later. Because the reality is socio economic influence expand further afield beyond border markers on the map. Many Asiatic values are already taking roots; one has only to visit Jayapura or Merauke not far from the border and will understand what these mean for the future generations in PNG. The security concern is more worrisome by the day. There has been hundreds of serious cases across the border since PNG's independence of which TPN knew very well and had assisted PNG in some cases. As we have promised in our application that we wish to do more because emotionally we feel attached to this country and its people.

## KANAKY/FLNKS

WPNCL still enjoy strong relations that OPM had established with the Kanak leaders of this country long before the establishment of FLNKS. Current leaders fully understand WPNCL because they themselves had been through the same process. They had many political Parties and there had been serious conflicts between them but in the end they realized that the national cause is too important and ideological differences should not be a hinderance. When we submitted our application for membership the current Chairman Mr. Victor Tutugoro was very pleased that we made the move. He likened our case as "a long lost Son returning home to his rightful family." We will continue to build on this relationship until the time when we will see the need for an agreement of mutual interest.

*"The history of subjugation sets in motion a process of its own negation, "a history of resistance."  
[Ngugi Wa Thiongo/1978]*

Christmas greeting  
to you all

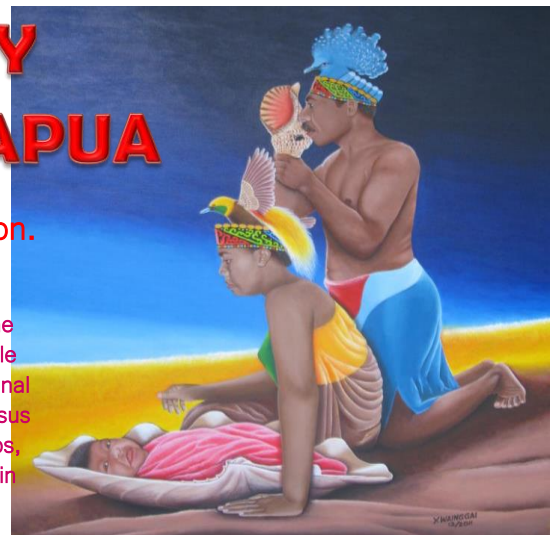
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS OF WEST PAPUA

The people await your leadership for liberation.

The story of Jesus of West Papua (50 years ago)

His Father was tortured and killed by the Indonesian soldiers 3 days before he was born. His Mother was in hiding and there was no Crib so she placed little Jesus in a Clamshell. His Uncle, a TPN Sergeant blew the Triton shell to signal his birth. Freedom fighters and animals came from everywhere to see little Jesus in his Clamshell. They all rejoice, Birds of paradise sing happily in the treetops, Kangaroos and Cassowaries dance around and the dolphins splashing joyfully in the lagoon. They all sing halleluiah, the Chief of liberation is born. (by Rex)

*This is a calling for all West Papuan leaders*



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