

PAPUA NEW GUINEA FACT SHEET



Papua New Guinea contribution to the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands
Papua New Guinea has provided police officers and military personnel to RAMSI since July 2003. More recently, civilian advisors have been working with the Solomon Islands Government to build its capacity.



Nicholas Mirou and Henry Khaikum

NICHOLAS MIROU works as a Crown Prosecutor and Capacity Building Adviser in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The main focus of Nicholas' work is mentoring and transferring skills to Solomon Islands lawyers. "As a Pacific Islander and a Melanesian, I thought my service here would be valuable. Solomon Islands is very close to PNG in some cultural ways. I like to think we can give the best we can for Solomon Islanders and look forward one day to more Solomon Islanders taking the lead", said Mr Mirou.



Bustin Anzu, Janet Rame, Bill Werake and John Kolopen and celebrate PNG Independence Day

HENRY KHAISUM was appointed Capacity Building Coordinator of RAMSI's Law & Justice Program in October 2006. "Capacity building is about helping people to build skills, so that when our time is finished, Solomon Islanders can do the job effectively. I have seen changes already. People have begun taking initiative, doing things better - early indication that things are going really well", said Mr Khaikum.

BILL WERAKE of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary's 4th Contingent has seen the importance of a community crime awareness program as being one of the best ways to bring the community close to law and order agencies. During his stay at Avu Avu on the Weather Coast of Guadalcanal as a member of the Participating Police Force, he visited schools and communities promoting the awareness program. Anti-social behaviour and drug awareness were his priorities as he saw there was a need for children to understand the harm these types of crimes cause.



Captain Paul Pipingan

CAPTAIN PAUL PIPINGAN is the Senior National Officer (SNO) as well as the Liaison Officer for the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) in RAMSI's Military Contingent. Captain Pipingan is a Regular Force officer and has served in the PNGDF for 12 years. He served as a soldier for two years prior to attending officer training at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. As the SNO he is responsible for the discipline and welfare of his contingent members as well as representing the PNGDF in the RAMSI Military Contingent Headquarters.

CURRENT PNG CONTRIBUTION

Civilian advisors	6
Participating Police Force	10

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