

**MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2014  
CABINET CONFERENCE ROOM, PARLIAMENT  
(3 HOURS)**

**A PRELIMINARY MEETING**

**Present**

From Mekamui

1. President Philip Miriori
2. Mr. Renzie Duncan (Mekamui lawyer)
3. Joe Taruna (Secretary, Mekamui)
4. Chief Gregory Kopaa (Original PLA chairman & Principal L/owner)
5. Chief John Duni
6. Mrs Linnet Ona (Chair woman BIWF)
7. Mrs Scholly Meuka (Chair woman, WIMA)
8. Stan Ona (FO's son, an icon)
9. Lohial Nuau Loloho L/owner
10. Chris Baria Press Secretary, Minister Miringtoro

From the National Government

1. Prime Minister Peter O' Neil
2. Private Secretary, Trevor

**Welcome by the PM**

1. We were already seated when the PM entered
2. In his welcome following were his comments
  - It was good to meet you in Panguna and for your warm welcome last time I was there.
  - Again thank you for your welcome to the the team of ministers there last month.
  - I hope to work with you and my Government is genuinely interested I bringing services there.

**The response from the President Philip Miriori.**

1. Thank you for your visit to Panguna.
  - You were the first to visit us after the crisis
2. Work being done in Panguna
  - Formation of North Solomons Cooperative Society for coffee
  - Francis Ona Foundation
  - Operation Clean Up
3. We need your help
  - Repeal of BCA
  - Ownership rights of land to be given back.
4. Reconciliation needed now between Meekamui and PNG
  - Your soldiers died together with our people

**All team members were given 2-3 minutes each.**

1. Gregory Kopaa's coming was a reciprocal of PM's visit to Panguna on behalf of the people who fell during the war
2. Our coming direct to you was that the ABG was not listening to us.
3. ABG has no consultation with Meekamui.

4. We want to negotiate with any investor as landowners not second class citizens.

#### PM's Remarks

1. Sorry other ministers are not here.
2. I only heard your coming just yesterday.
3. We will work on the issues in the next meeting
4. I had a feeling of satisfaction after I came back from Panguna.
5. It is not my priority whether the mine is open or not. I want to work and see services provided.
6. I have no problem with giving back your land.
7. Develop proper plans to work with Investors.
8. See how the Government gave back Ok Tedi back to the landowners.
9. My Government has moral obligations to the people of PNG
10. We have given the Western Province 20% ownership of Ok Tedi on Free Carry economic arrangements.
11. December I will come to open the Aropa Airport.
- \*12. John Momis is going ahead of me with important issues PNG can't allow that..
- \*13. PNG is fragile with a lot of political developments
  - Autonomy and Independence that we don't set a precedent.
  - We must discuss issues together.
14. This is the first time a genuine government has been in place in PNG.
- \*15. ABG has not been organized to manage the funds-K200 million is yet to show development for.
- \*16. Ok Tedi is your model to help you with mining in the future.
  - 2015-17 Western Province will become the rich Province in PNG
- \*17. Your priority now is to unite the people and keep BCL out.
- \*18. I SUGGEST A HIGH LEVEL ABG/MEEKAMUI/PNG NEGOTIATING TEAM.
- \*19. I will give 35% to Bougainville in any mining on Bougainville in the future.
  20. I suggest Meekamui Team visit to Ok Tedi in January.
  21. WHATEVER NEED YOU HAVE SEE MY PRIVATE SECRETARY TREVOR.

**BOTTOM LINE; GIVE OUR LAND BACK**