

RESOLUTION OF THE GUADALCANAL PROVINCE LEADERS MEETING

The leaders of Guadalcanal Province convened for a very important meeting on Thursday, 19 July 2007 at Gorou, North Guadalcanal, to discuss certain pertinent issues. Leaders attending the meeting comprise Members of Parliament, Members of the Guadalcanal Provincial Assembly, chiefs, church leaders, community leaders, women leaders, and youth leaders.

The leaders during the meeting

ACKNOWLEDGED the existence and legality of laws and regulations enacted by the National Parliament and the Provincial Assembly which have bearing on the livelihood of all Solomon Islanders, including Guadalcanal people;

RECOGNISED the concerns expressed by the people of Guadalcanal Province pertaining to the appointment of Mr. Julian Moti as the Attorney General of Solomon Islands, the appointment of Mr. Jahir Khan as the Solomon Islands Commissioner of Police, the re-arming of the Solomon Islands Police Force and the delays in addressing the *Bona Fide* Demands of the people of Guadalcanal;

NOTED that the ruling Grand Coalition for Change Government (GCCG) has already actioned the issues hence the concerns by the people of Guadalcanal is water under the bridge;

CONCERNED that Mr. Moti as the principal Legal Adviser of the Solomon Islands Government appear not to be a fit and proper person to render advices on the *Bona Fide* Demands of the people of Guadalcanal, advice on issues such as investments on Guadalcanal and national issues like re-arming of the Solomon Islands Police Force;

RECOGNISED that the appointment of Mr. Jahir Khan as the Commissioner of Police has been done. We are concerned that the Commissioner of Police as the authority to decide on re-arming of Solomon Islands Police and the use of such arms may be subject to influence by political leadership given the nature in which he was appointed;

APPRECIATE the present stance by the Guadalcanal Members of Parliament in opposing re-arming of the Solomon Island Police Force and the decision by the present ruling government to delay implementation of re-armament as requested by the Joint Resolution of 16 February 2007. However, we are concerned that government has failed to fully respond to the resolutions;

RECOGNISE the on-going efforts taken by the present national government in addressing the *Bona Fide* Demands of the people of Guadalcanal. However, the leaders are concerned that there are delays in effectively and adequately addressing the *Bona Fide* Demands.

NOW, therefore, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED**:

1. to **REJECT** the appointment of Mr. Julian Moti, QC, as the Attorney General of Solomon Islands as he is deemed not to be fit and proper person for the position of Attorney General,
2. to challenge the appointment of Mr. Julian Moti, QC, as the Attorney General in an appropriate court of law and support the legal challenge by Mr. Edmund Andresen,
3. to **REJECT** the appointment of Mr. Jahir Khan as Commissioner of Police of Solomon Islands because the appointment seems to be politically influenced,

4. to totally and strongly **OPPOSE** and **REJECT** any re-arming of the Solomon Islands Police Force, including the use of armed Police Officers from Papua New Guinea and Fiji,
5. **REQUEST** the ruling Grand Coalition for Change Government to quickly and effectively address all the Bona Fide Demands of the people of Guadalcanal,
6. to **DEMAND** that the Solomon Islands Government, through the Office of the Prime Minister, respond to this communiqué within two (2) weeks from the date of this communiqué (19 July 2007).

We the undersigned hereby resolved.