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CONSTITUTION

*Defence Act 1974*

## **DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CALL-OUT TO THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA DEFENCE FORCE IN RESPONSE TO COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS)**

**I, GRAND CHIEF SIR BOB DADAE, GCL., G.C.M.G., K. St. J.,** Governor-General, by virtue of the powers conferred by Sections 204 and 228 of the Constitution and Section 20 of the *Defence Act 1974*, and all other powers me enabling, acting with, and in accordance with, the advice of the National Executive Council, hereby –

- (a) declare the Existence of a State of Emergency throughout Papua New Guinea in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic for a period of 14 days with effect on and from Monday, 23rd March, 2020 up to and including 5th April, 2020; and
- (b) call-out the Papua New Guinea Defence Force to assist the Police in the security operations and State of Emergency control measures in the following areas with retrospective effect from 31st December, 2019 to 31st December, 2020; and
  - (i) Papua New Guinea LNG Project sites and footprints in affected provinces;
  - (ii) General law and order maintenance in Hela Province, Southern Highlands Province, Morobe Province, Central Province and National Capital District;
  - (iii) main corridor of Highlands Highway;
  - (iv) main border area Provinces of Western, West Sepik and Autonomous Region of Bougainville; and
  - (v) undertake humanitarian related logistics and other administration support to aid civil authorities address COVID-19 related cases;
- (c) declare the following measures to be in place to isolate the virus from spreading;
 

The country is mapped into the following zones –

  1. Mid PNG Zone from Morobe and Madang Provinces to the entire Highlands Region;
  2. Central Papua Zone (National Capital District, Central, Gulf, Milne Bay and Oro;
  3. Niugini Islands Zone;
  4. Sepik Zone;
  5. Western Border Zone; and
  6. Bougainville Zone;

with effect and on from 23rd March, 2020.

Dated this Monday, 23rd day of March, 2020.

Sir BOB DADAE,  
Governor-General.