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PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS IN CRISIS – URGENT ACTION IS REQUIRED NOW.

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea – October 24, 2024 – The Community Coalition Against Corruption (CCAC) is gravely concerned by the escalating wave of lawlessness and frequency of violent crimes across Papua New Guinea.

The recent killings in East New Britain, Enga, Port Moresby and the growing levels of criminal activity present a serious danger that ordinary citizens face in their daily lives.

The deterioration of governance in our public offices and the resulting breakdown of law and order, coupled with soaring unemployment rates and the crippling cost of living, has created a toxic environment that is breeding crime and violence nationwide. This crisis cannot be ignored; it demands immediate and decisive action from all elected leaders, public official and community groups.

The CCAC urges the Prime Minister, Police hierarchy and public officials to put in place a comprehensive strategy to combat crime and not just the current piecemeal approach of reacting and responding to incidents.

The focus must be on prevention and deterrence, the police must play the leading role in restoring safety and security to our communities.

A comprehensive and strategic operational plan is urgently needed to address the root causes of crime, which include economic recovery, employment creation, addressing poverty, inequality, and more equitable access to opportunities. Along with the above this plan should involve a range of measures, such as increased police visibility, improved community policing, and targeted interventions to address specific crime hotspots.

The CCAC stands in unwavering solidarity with the victims of crime and their families. We call upon the Government and law enforcement agencies to unite in a concerted effort to restore peace and security to our nation. It is time to take back our streets and rebuild the trust that has been eroded by rising crime.

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What is the Community Coalition Against Corruption?

Initially co-founded by TIPNG and the Media Council of PNG in 2002 with the support of churches, chambers of commerce, the Ombudsman Commission and the office of the Public Solicitor, the Coalition is a collective community network committed to standing together against the evil of corruption.