

HIGH COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA Accredited to Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)

SECURITY ALERT 01/25

The High Commission wishes to advise all members of the Fijian Diaspora Community in Port Moresby to remain vigilant following the alleged murder of a bus driver, which triggered significant unrest across parts of the city earlier this afternoon. Most public transport operators, including PMVs and taxi drivers as a result, suspended services in protest leading to widespread disruptions in mobility. The situation escalated with disgruntled groups gathering near Konedobu and the Hubert Murray Stadium, prompting fears of further unrest and retaliatory action. Local markets closed, and some schools and corporate bodies released their students and staff early.

Noting this, we are strongly advised to stay away from impacted areas like Hanuabada, Konedobu, and the area around Sir Hubert Murray Stadium due to the escalating tensions. Driver protests are predicted to continue tomorrow, which could further disrupt public transportation services which had been severely disrupted today. Extended roadblocks or unplanned disturbances are still very likely so until the situation stabilizes, it is advised that we all remain indoors whenever possible, limit movements and refrain from non-essential travel.

Additionally, because of the State of Origin rugby league final tomorrow which historically has been associated with higher levels of tension and public disorder, there is a greater chance of unrest in a number of Port Moresby communities. Caution is strongly advised as your readiness and safety are our top priorities.

The High Commission will continue to monitor the situation and issue updates as necessary. We are strongly encouraged to share this alert with others in the community.

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