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The SABLs Fight is Far From Over

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via Post Courier p. 17

Landowners are committed to fight against the Pomio SABLs despite a court ruling yesterday. Pomio landowners are disappointed at yesterday's Supreme Court ruling that upheld the appeal by Memalo Holdings, the landowner company holding the two disputed SABLs in West Pomio, but have resolved to continue their fight.

The full bench of the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Memalo Holdings in their appeal against the Judicial Review by landowners opposing the SABLs, due to the delay in making the Court application.

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Pomio: Logging, lawlessness & a crisis of legitimacy

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Andrew Lattas gives an account below of logging, lawlessness and a crisis of legitimacy in one (out of a hundred other) areas of Papua New Guinea, where local land grab, has left a group of aggrieved locals intimidated and brutalized by members of the Royal PNG Constabulary.

State Agencies that are supposed to be Regulators of foreign investment activities, are actively facilitating human rights abuse in defense of foreign interests.

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More violence in East New Britain SABL

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TEN Pomio landowners were arrested by police few days ago for blocking a stream that flows through their customary land.

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SABL: Over to you at the big Haus Tambaran

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Claire

There are diverse issues that concern individual Papua New Guineans in different ways, but the one issue that will always be of great cultural and emotional significance to all of us is our land. Taking away someone's land or their right to it, is as good as amputating all four of their limbs.

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November 17th 2011

Commissioner warns Pomio executives against threatening witnesses

Posted by [rait man](#)

By Grace Tiden

Members of West Pomio landowner company Memalo Holdings Limited including other locals have been warned not to issue any threats or statements that can be seen as an assault to the Commission of Inquiry into the granting of Special Agriculture Business Leases (SABLs).

Col Commissioner issued the warning last week following allegations of threats being made against women landowners in the West Pomio area.

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November 15th 2011

Pomio women want land back

Posted by [rait man](#)

Women from villages in West Pomio affected by the SABL project have called on East New Britain Governor Leo Dion to help them get their land back, reports The National.

The women presented a petition to Dion on Saturday, seeking his help to take their land back. Women's representative Bailo Enakia said their land was their mother, providing for their needs.

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November 12th 2011

SABL agreements discriminate against landowners

Posted by [rait man](#)

By Grace Tiden

PRELIMINARY observations have revealed landowner company and developer agreements were largely in favour of Gilford Limited, a subsidiary of logging giant Rimbunan Hijau, with landowners of West Pomio getting less in benefits. Rimbunan Hijau owns The National newspaper

It was also observed that there was no legal representation of the landowners during the signing of the sub lease agreements.

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November 9th 2011

Pomio landowners want their land back

Posted by [rait man](#)

By Grace Tiden

"We want our land back" was the response of two female landowner representatives when asked to comment during the extended Commission of Inquiry into the acquisition of Special Agriculture Business Leases (SABL) in Kokopo yesterday.

Scolar Konpunrea and Sekunda Gwemor from Portion 196c (Pomata Investments Limited) in the Memalo Integrated Project area in West Pomio represented other women landowners and more are expected to give evidence today.

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