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Namah at the centre of alleged Bewani oil palm fraud

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"Namah heavily implicated in the saga and received substantial cash benefits totalling almost half a million in US\$ dollars."



Malaysian investor is now demanding 80 percent of shares in the Bewani Palm Oil Development Limited, a landowner company from Vanimo or be reimbursed for all the expenses incurred totalling US\$10 million.

Maxland (PNG) Limited whose sole shareholder Andrew Lim is the Managing Director of Pricewood Products Berhad of Sandakan, Sabah Malaysia was misled into spending more than US\$10 million dollars between 2007 up until 2009.

Maxland (PNG) Limited was approached by the member for Vanimo/Green Belden Namah in his capacity as Minister for Forest in the previous Somare government. Mr Namah expressed the desire for Lim's company to finance and develop the Bewani agro forestry palm oil project in the Sandaun Province. Mr Lim was interested and undertook to be involved in every aspect of the project including funding and management.

Mr Lim and his company Maxland (PNG) Limited were led to believe that they will manage and operate the Bewani palm oil project through the landowner company Bewani Palm Oil Development Limited (BPODL).

At the request of Minister Namah and his business partner Jimmy Tse, Lim and his company remitted a substantial amount of money to the tune of US\$10 million to various accounts in PNG, Fiji, American Samoa and Hong Kong.

While Maxland (PNG) Limited was seriously committing itself to funding and managing the Bewani Oil Palm Project, Jimmy Tse secretly committed another company, Bewani Palms Management Limited (BPLM) to manage the project. Lim was not made aware of this and yet Jimmy Tse and Minister Namah were receiving funds from his company some of which were transferred to BPODL to finance the management agreement.

According to documents, Bewani Palms Management Limited was incorporated on the 06th of March 2008. It described itself as a company rendering expertise and technical support in management and corporate governance. At the time of its incorporation, a Papua New Guinean known as Philip Eledume an accountant by profession was the company secretary and sole director.

The Joint Venture (JV) Agreement between BPODL and Maxland (PNG) Limited dated 08th of September 2008 provided for the transfer of 80% shares on BPODL to Maxland. Other parties in the JV Agreement were BPML as the proposer and three landowner companies namely Palms 21 Limited, Bulaulai Limited and Ossima Yalamaki Limited. Maxland is identified in the JV



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Agreement as the developer.

In the JV Agreement, the developer Maxland (PNG) Limited will acquire 80% interest, the three landowner companies 15% and Bewani Palms Management Limited as the proposer will hold five percent interest.

Despite being signatories to the JV Agreement, none of them actual have shares in Bewani Palm Oil Development Limited. Jimmy Tse appears to be the sole shareholder and Director of BPODL. Maxland through Andrew Lim was not made aware of the shareholding composition.

The share transfer instruments dated 10th September 2008 executed by Jimmy Tse through his lawyers Fairfax Legal were never lodged with Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) nor were they entered into the share register of the company as required under the Companies Act.

Mr Lim was actually misled into signing the JV of BPODL and another entity Octopus Resource Limited that landowners approval were secured, the landowners from the project area signed a petition on the 01st of October 2008 stating they were neither consulted nor did they give their approval for the acquisition of the subject land in the project area.

The project area of land is described as Allotment/Portion 1600 Section/Millinch Oenake (SW) and (SE), Bewani (NW) and (NE) Town/Fourmil Vanimo, Aitape in the West Sepik Province, an area 139,509 hectares of customary land. The land area was acquired under the Special Agriculture and Business Lease which the subject of the SBAL inquiry in progress.

On the 04th of November 2008, shares in BPODL were discreetly increased from 100 to one million shares and Jimmy Tse secretly allotted himself 999,990 shares which effectively reduced Maxland's interested to 0.1 percent in BPODL.

He falsely executed share transfer instruments for the transfer of 800,000 (80%) share in BPODL to Maxland on the 19th of March for the second time. The next day without Mr Lim's knowledge Jimmy Tse executed share transfer instruments for the purported transfer of the same 800,000 (80%) shares in BPDOL to another company identified as Million Miles Group Limited.

On March 26th 2009, Andrew Lim met Minister Namah and Jimmy Tse wherein the Minister urged Mr. Lim to enter into a joint venture with Peter Hii of Million Miles Group Limited to develop the project. Mr. Lim was surprised and disappointed and rejected the suggestion. At no time during the meeting did Minister Namah or Jimmy Tse inform Mr. Lim that share transfer instruments purporting to transfer 80% of shares in BPODL to Mr. Hii's company have been executed. The information was kept secret.

It's seems Mr. Andrew Lim and his company Maxland (PNG) Limited has been taken for a long ride all along for the purpose of getting money out of him and under the pretence that it was for the Bewani Oil Palm project.

According to the list of all expenses incurred between 2007 to 2009, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Forest Belden Namah received cash to the tune of US\$449,153.85 posted through banks in PNG, Fiji and Singapore.

Mr Lim and his company wants 80% of the shares in BPODL or to be reimbursed for all the expenses they have incurred and only on the basis of the latter will they walk away from the project. It is understood Mr Lim and his company has initiated a litigation process to recoup their lost money.

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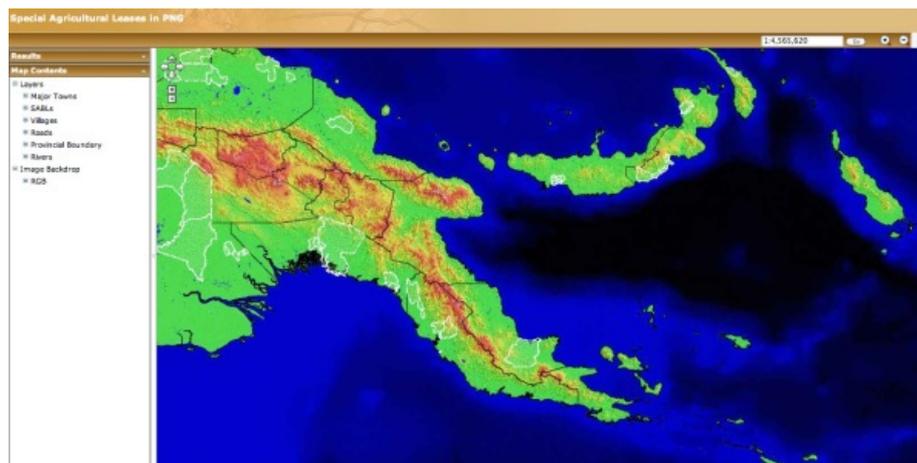
New interactive website tracks villages suffering SABL land grab

 March 5, 2012

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Via ACT NOW!

A new [interactive website](#) shows exactly which areas of PNG have been stolen under the guise of Special Agriculture and Business Leases and which villages have lost their right to their land for at least the next THREE generations. You can check out whether your wantoks are affected here - www.pngsdf.com/sabl

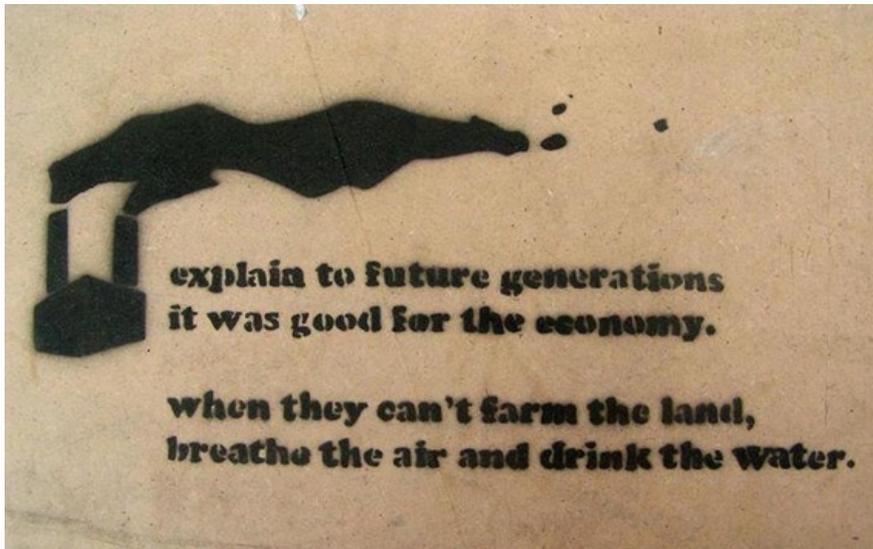


Foreigners false promises dressed up as economic development are destroying us

March 4, 2012

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Gary Juffa via [ACT NOW!](#)



The warning bells signaling the end of life as we have known it, can be heard.

International organizations [are] created by the wealthy nations to enhance their coffers even further whilst posing as concerned benefactors for resource rich developing nation.

Elected leaders happily dance to [their] tunes as the vultures that hover over our Pacific nation calculate how best to enter, rape and pillage an economy, an ancient land, to suck its natural resources dry and displace maim and kill its people. Whatever it takes, "agree upon our terms or prepare for war, economic or military."

The elected leaders of the soon to be victims, the people nations such as Papua New Guinea, whose leaders, eagerly and ecstatically pointing out where our riches are, having abandoned their people along with their hopes, dreams and aspirations in their hope for crumbs and perhaps access to the prestigious realm of the "rich ruling classes".

The riches beneath our earth, becoming curses rather than the blessings they could be, spelling destruction of Our Melanesian Way of life. Now the bells toll louder.

Our only true form of security, land, about to be snatched from under us in elaborate schemes and scams designed by the tools of the oppressors. The international organizations cleverly designed by the most powerful economies who fund and ensure their very existence, wolves parading in their sheepskin, clear the path for the scavengers that teem and writhe and surge driven by insatiable greed.

Globalization has modernized piracy and resurrected the age of the Lord and the serf.

Enter Corporatedom...prepare Papua New Guinea to serve your new masters, sell your future and abandon your dreams. This is but reality. Our oceans, valleys, rivers and plains packaged and prepared for sale. The receipts received by liars who claim authority through ignorant ballot and have now but to deliver

Why do foreign owned companies pay no tax while PNG workers do and our health services crumble?

March 4, 2012

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In yet another corrupt deal Peter O'Neill and Belden Namah have approved a 10-year tax exemption for the Malaysian company running the Bewani Oil Palm project in West Sepik province....

“ The Papua New Guinea Government has approved a 10-year tax exemption for the developer of the Bewani Oil Palm project in West Sepik province. This was announced by the Parliament-elect Prime Minister, Peter O'Neil, during the official oil palm planting ceremony at the Imbio project site. Deputy Prime Minister Prime Minister, Belden Namah, is a major player in the Bewani Oil Palm Project. The tax holiday approved by Cabinet, will exempt the developer from paying certain taxes to the State Earlier, a company representative highlighted that they had so far invested K120 million (US\$58 million), to kick-start this project. This capital investment, covered costs incurred in

clearing the forest – one of the major ground works. It included planting costs, for the establishment of oil palm nurseries at the Bewani and Imbio sites, amongst other preparatory work for the project. The representative says, more work will be done for the set up of the third and fourth nurseries, with seedlings coming in from the New Britain Oil Palm plantation. He further assured the Government, that the company has plans to establish schools and houses for the local communities, besides other economic benefits. Meanwhile, Parliament elect Prime Minister, Peter O'Neil, has heaped praise on his deputy, Belden Namah, for spearheading the Bewani Oil Palm project, which took several years to gain fruition. He says the project will give a fair economic participation for the people of West Sepik, particularly the locals from Namah's Vanimo Green River electorate. O'Neill challenged those gathered, to fully support Namah's leadership during the coming elections, if they want Government services to continue flowing into their District. He is also grateful the Bewani Oil Palm project, will create a lot of income earning opportunities and jobs for the locals, among other spin-off benefits. O'Neill further called on the people of West Sepik to back this project, because it will provide assistance which the Government alone cannot give. He stated such partnership between the people, the developers and the National Government is vital, to promote development to take place throughout the country.

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The truth about who is really guilty... and how THEY want You to see the world

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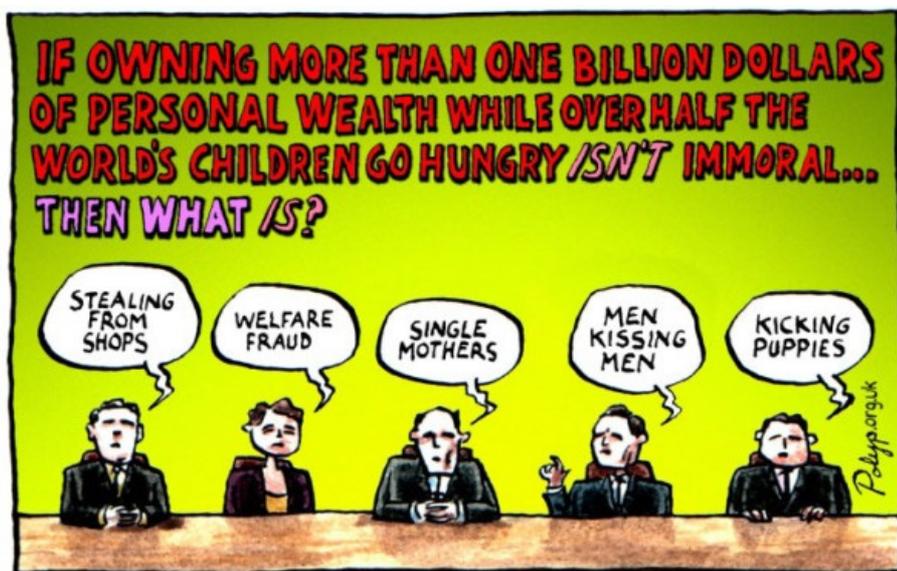
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With thanks to Martyn Namorong and PNG Mine Watch

The truth about who is really guilty of the destruction of Papua New Guinea:



But how THEY would rather you see the world:



'KICKING PUPPIES'

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Basil finally speaks - but no word on international fugitive Djoko Tjandra

 January 21, 2012

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National Planning Minister Sam Basil has finally gone on the record with his version of events surrounding the Indonesian military intercept of the government's Falcon jet flight - but he has made no mention of allegations the Indonesian's were prompted to act because international fugitive Djoko Tjandra was on-board the aircraft and is the man behind the controversial Central Province rice monopoly bid.....

This is Sam basil's statement issued via his website:

Minister for National Planning and Monitoring Sam Basil today urged the nation to remain united over the Indonesian military jet incident involving the Falcon jet.

"No nation, however large or small, however rich or poor, however large or small its army, should be allowed to intimidate, coerce, manipulate and dominate another," Basil said.

"That is one of the pillars that hold up the United Nations and the basis upon which Deputy Prime Minister Belden Namah raised the issue on the November 29, 2011 incident."

Basil was referring to the much-publicised issue on an intercept by two Indonesian military jets on the Air Niugini-managed Falcon jet.

Namah and his business partners together with Minister for Police ohn Boito and Basil were on-board as well flying over Sulawesi in the Indonesian air space when the incident happened.

"I am urging Papua New Guineans not to be swayed by malicious and untrue suggestions that the Falcon jet was carrying US\$250 million," Basil said.

"That is a red herring - a mere diversion from the real issue.

"The Falcon jet was chartered by the Bewani oil palm project and was ferrying business partners in the project which included Deputy Prime Minister Belden Namah, Minister Boito and myself.

"I was there because the trip offered insights into oil palm project management which is useful in the light of the Tekadu oil palm project in my Bulolo electorate as well as the Markham Valley oil palm project in Morobe generally - not to mention that as National Planning and Monitoring Minister I would sooner or later have to deal with oil palm-related issues.

"As a commercial chartered aircraft, all of us were subject to the rigorous checks required under customs, immigration and civil aviation laws of the various countries where we landed.

"That includes declaration if any one of us was carrying more than the equivalent of K10,000 in cash which we all complied with.

"With the kind of portfolio held by Boito and my own strong stance in fighting corruption shown in the Investigative Task Force Sweep, why would we be a party to money laundering or any kind of illegal activity for that matter?"

"If there was the slightest sniff or suggestion of money laundering or illegality of any kind, I personally would have distanced myself from the trip."

The Bulolo MP added: "Spearheaded by Mr Namah, we formed the new O'Neill-Namah Government that wants to see issues like lying over shares one holds, resisting and delaying legitimate Ombudsman Commission processes through the court system, unexplained missing Taiwan dollar-for-Diplomacy funds, breaking multitude of PNG, Solomon Islands and international aviation laws highlighted in the Defence Force Inquiry into the Julian Moti Affair and extensive waste of funds in the Commission of Inquiry into the Department of Finance with no one charged or prosecuted to date."

Basil said that the Deputy Prime Minister, a national leader of Papua New Guinea has expressed concern based on what was observed and the reports of the pilot and co-pilot on the incident involving the two Indonesian military jets.

A diplomatic note has given to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia who have in turn responded suggesting discrepancies in dates approved when the Falcon jet would be using Indonesian air space and as justification for the actions of their military jets

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill, as executive head of Government has accepted the response subject to clarification on the dates and assured the Republic of Indonesia on the importance of amicable bilateral relations between our two countries.

Basil said that he personally finds the Indonesian Embassy response shallow and wanting.

Referring to the *Occurrence Report - O471-11 Apparent Intercept by Military Jet Aircraft over Indonesian Airspace* by Captain Christopher Smith, Basil said that the Falcon jet despite being on course and on altitude was given a traffic alert on their traffic collision avoidance system

and a resolution advisory which caused Captain Vincent Kipma to disengage the autopilot. He had to make a steep climb "to avoid a collision".

Following the "bizarre confrontation", Captain Smith radioed Ujung control asking if they had the Falcon jet's overflight permit which was issued on November 27, 2011 and valid for seven days.

The report states: "After several minutes, they responded with an affirmative. A phone call was then placed to Universal Weather from the flight phone explaining the engagement and to check the validity of the Overflight Permit.

"They acknowledged that it was valid and said they would follow up with Indonesia on their end."

Basil concluded: "I agree there is a discrepancy.

"Someone is not telling the truth - and the truth as a way of sipping out despite best efforts to cover up - even by nations."

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Arrogance of the dominant 1% must be kept in check

 November 28, 2011

 1 comment

Criticism: something which is encouraged by the dominant class as long as you are not criticizing the dominant class - The Overt Dictionary

By Martyn Namorong

The best way I can define the dominant class is to use what the Occupy Movement refers to as the 1% - the owners of Capital and their agents.

The rest of us belong to the 99%.

The dominant classes, being the psychopaths that they are, are very good at twisting words and stories to shift the blame back to the 99%. They will only want to take credit when things go right but will not bear responsibility for their flaws.

I have had to debate these psychopaths on Facebook and have become familiar with their tactics.

One of the lessons I've learnt is that the dominant class - the 1%, don't mind if the 99% criticize and hold each other accountable yet they frown when attention is focused on them.

Proceeds of Corruption in Australia

Let's take a look at recent blogs from [PNG Exposed BLOG](#) regarding money that was transferred to a Commonwealth Bank account in Lismore, New South Wales, Australian. Basically, the articles called on the Australian Authorities to help PNG recover these funds.

Predictably the psychopaths decided to shift the argument towards blaming PNG Authorities for failing to prevent the money from leaving the country. They decided to ignore the glaringly obvious fact that these same 'Authorities' were facilitating these deals and the least the Australians could do was to decline such transfers.

Someone went on to defend Australian Banks by saying they do due diligence checks. This person was clearly distracting attention from the fact the IPBC is currently trying to recover money from the Commonwealth Bank in Lismore. Obviously Bankers at Lismore didn't do proper due diligence checks. Yet this fact was blatantly ignored.

Transparency International's failure to speak out

The folks at [PNG Exposed Blog](#) also accused Transparency International of being biased and racist towards Papua New Guinea because the Organization failed to highlight Australia's involvement in laundering proceeds of corruption in Papua New Guinea.

Not surprisingly the psychopaths decided to divert attention from Transparency International back to the Government's failures. The point that they wished to gloss over is that if Transparency International is to be fair and balanced about criticizing corrupt practices it must criticize the recipients of the proceeds of corruption.

Sadly, Transparency International's PNG Chapter is supported by the Australian Government via AusAID. One does not bite the hand that feeds you. And that is something the psychopaths don't want the sheeple to know.

Suppression of Freedom of Expression

The Post Courier Newspaper has been taken to court for defamation, by Malaysian logging giant Rimbunan Hijau aka RH for reporting on RH's antics in Pomio, East New Britain Province.

The Pomio fiasco was a major Public Relations disaster for RH and it (RH) scored several own goals while pathetically trying to defend itself.

The attacks on the Post Courier including referrals to the Media Council are attacks on freedom of speech and Media freedom.

Had the Post Courier not reported on the Pomio fiasco newspaper readers in PNG would have

received biased reports from RH-owned National Newspaper.

And remember how Nasfund once used to be all about good governance and fighting corruption until someone leaked its dirty secrets on PNG Blogs. The administrators of PNG Blogs had to pull down the information after Nasfund threatened to sue them and offered K50 000 to anyone providing information leading to apprehending the source of the leak.

Ken Mondiai from the Eco-Forestry Forum writes to the 1% stating;

“Don't be like the politicians trying to suppress media and freedom of speech in this country when their bad decisions and weaknesses are exposed and in reaction for their guilt they go to the media issuing all kinds of threats about controlling and regulating NGOs and the media.”

And that's the thing about the 1%, politicians may come and go but the 1% belong to undemocratic capitalist cartels that continue to wield enormous influence behind the curtains even when politicians like Sir Micheal Somare are out of Office.

Nautilus Experimental Deep Sea Mining

A recent scientific report on Deep Sea Mining highlighted that there is insufficient knowledge about this activity to allow it to proceed.

The debate on the issue is best summarized by the exchange on Facebook between Tiffany Twivey and Richard Kassman:

The screenshot shows a Facebook thread from Tuesday, 22 November 2011 at 19:29. Richard Emmanuel Arthur Kassman posts a comment asking Tiffany to get information from Nautilus and be proactive. Tiffany replies, agreeing with Judith's harshness and stating that Nautilus has all the necessary permissions and is full steam ahead. She asks if Mr. Togolo could tell his bosses, who are bankrolled by the Chinese, to stop mining until it's proven safe. Richard then shifts the focus to his responsibility to his shareholders.

Notice above how Mr. Kassman shifts the problem from the 1% to the 99%. He states:

“Tiffany, my point is that Alup and her people must set about putting a plan of action together. Get information and engage with Nautilus as part of this plan. Be proactive and not stuck in too much talk.”

But of course what Mr. Kassman does not say is that it's actually pointless in trying to engage with Miners. Just look at the Ramu Nickel case and what happened on Bougainville. To explain why it is pointless, I'll use Mr. Kassman's own words:

“Sharpies I work for a foreign petroleum coy exploring for gas primarily in the Western Province. I am part of management and have some influence. I am an employee, I am a citizen and I consider myself a Nation builder. Yes **I have a responsibility to my shareholders**. I also am fully aware of the obligations that the corporation has signed up for as a convention and its values talk about the environment, treatment of indigenous people etc. As a senior officer I am compelled to raise these issues and up to the Board Chairman if required. At the end of the day **if I feel my personal principles and values are compromised I will have no hesitation in tendering my resignation.**” [Emphasis mine]

The 1% and their agents have to make a profit from their investments. That's what Mr. Kassman refers to as “a responsibility to my shareholders.” Shareholders make money from shares they own in companies. This is a legitimate business practice.

But what happens if you were opposed to Experimental Deep Sea Mining and decided to do what Mr. Kassman suggested:

“Get information and engage with Nautilus as part of this plan. Be proactive and not stuck in too much talk.”

Would the miner listen to you if it had spent tens of millions and would make a loss by pulling out? Would its shareholders be happy? The manager of the mining company would be reluctant to stop the project because as Mr. Kassman puts it, he would say “**I have a responsibility to my shareholders**”.

To be fair to Mr. Kassman, he did say he would resign if he felt his values were being compromised. But if a good manager like Mr. Kassman resigns, the company can always employ a demon to create havoc.

One other interesting point that pops up in the exchange above is this statement by Mr. Kassman:

“Judith your assertion that Mel is betraying Pngians is harsh and does little to help Alup do something constructive.”

Here Mr. Kassman makes reference to Mr. Mel Togolo who works for the Experimental Deep Sea Miner, Nautilus. When defending Nautilus, Mr. Kassman was open about being employed by Talisman Energy he did not publicly disclose that he and Mr. Togolo were both Board Members of Transparency International (PNG) Inc.

For resource exploiters the word “constructive” which was used by Mr. Kassman takes up a more literal form in terms of construction of the project as opposed to constructive dialogues. What this implies is that anyone totally or partially opposed to the 1% is deemed unconstructive.

And that is why Ms Twivvey who is the lawyer representing Madang Landowners fighting against proposed Deep Sea Tailings Placement, replied;

“Richard - sorry but I agree with Judith - she was not being harsh. It is pointless for individuals to engage with Mining companies. They are here - they have all the permissions - they are full steam ahead - what do we do say “oh please Mr. togolo could you tell your bosses, who are bankrolled by the chinese as they are, to not do any mining until we have proof it is safe ? Which will take a very long time and a lot of research - which will only prove that it is not safe ?”No we need to stop it before it is too late.” (sic)

PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS SPIN

One thing the 1% are good at is to make themselves look good. As I was looking up links for this article I came across what I saw as a good example of PR SPIN on [Mine Watch Blog](#): My responses are in *italics*.

“Tindi Apa (@oripng) November 25, 2011 at 12:12 pm

Congratulations Mine Watch... The miners have certainly developed jaundiced eyes after reading your ‘jaundiced’ reports.

Reply

§ Wesley November 25, 2011 at 4:31 pm

Tinda,
You are pulling your own leg!
Sad to say it is typical of the unwashed to trivialize the issues here.

[Notice above how Wesley deliberately misspells Tindi's name and refers to him as 'unwashed'. That's because the 1% know that the 99% who are mostly sheeple are most likely to react to such personal attacks and in the process discredit themselves. By discrediting themselves, the 99% make themselves look evil while the 1% start claiming to be victims of the 99%. Thank goodness Tindi didn't fall for this trick by the psychopaths]

Actually, the Mining Industry is not at all concerned with what gets posted on this blog. The Mining Industry, far more so that the citizens of PNG and its government, have a vested interest in a properly regulated industry.

[I'll use Tindi's response to that: “I actually believe what Wesley rightfully pointed out: “the Mining Industry is not at all concerned with what gets posted on this blog”. Probably explains why Wesley spends too much time here while I'm on Twitter with my 'jingoistic CROWD'. Wesley should be awarded for ITS regular contributions to RAMU MIND WASH _ perhaps a blog post to commemorate ITS 1000th comment on RAMU MIND WASH”]

But look what they have to work with, TAKE A GOOD LOOK!
A bunch of corrupt ministers and PNG cowboys who are, with a couple of exceptions, are clearly JUST INCAPABLE of understanding and implementing any transparent policy with regard to regulatory practice.

Yes, in the past there has been a tragic legacy of incompetent administration of Mining Act matters by the government of PNG itself.

You obviously simply side step this compelling and abundantly obvious fact.
All the RAMU MIND WASH has done in the last 18 months is to distract people in PNG from the real issues, namely, that the organs of state are largely responsible for the problems in PNG.

I don't suppose you would appreciate this, how could you when you clearly treat this like a rugby match where you support your favorite team.

[Same old, same old... shift the Blame to the Government. But when Byron Chan the

Mining Minister decides give mineral ownership to the 99%, Guess what? the 1% Cry Wolf and say it will split the country. Well I suppose what they mean is that the resources will be taken from their hands and given to the 99% so the 1% gets split out. You see folks what the 1% believe is that the Government isn't right unless it listens to them. Unfortunately Prime Minister O'Neil bought into their bluff and over-ruled the Mining Minister. If you look at Panguna and Ok Tedi you realize that the State listened to the 1% but when the miners messed up we the 99% paid the price and the State got blamed for the troubles. The 1% just conveniently vanished - BHP in Ok Tedi and Rio Tinto in Panguna]

But its not a Rugby match and RAMU MIND WASH has done the community a great disservice by promoting a perception that it is the Mining Industry at fault. That's why PNG just flounders in every respect, politically, socially at all.

RAMU MIND WASH has done nothing to support a proper approach to regulatory process.

Most if not all of what has been said and done by RAMU MIND WASH has floundered in a sea of ineptitude, emotion and silly partisan barracking with no focus and apparently no knowledge of the real issues, but worse, a complete incapacity to work productively toward a properly regulated process for the management of mining matters.

How can you expect the industry to respond to this sort of a rubbish other than to raise their eyes with incredulity and near total frustration.

[Oh so now they wanna sound like the victims... typical. The 1% will lobby regulators and Ministers to get what they want, yet when they screw-up, they pass the blame to the Government. It's hypocritical because the Government's actions had been influenced largely by the 1%]

Conclusion

In the minds of the psychopathic 1%: raping your resources, plundering the state coffers, exploiting workers and destroying the environment and the livelihoods of indigenous communities are legitimate forms of doing business. They do not want to be held accountable for these acts of violence. They don't want to be criticized for their wrongs.

Yet when the 99% react to their injustices, the 1% immediately bring in thugs in Police Uniform to suppress the resistance against their violent acts. They treat people who seek justice as if they are criminals.

There is one major weakness that the 1% have and that is they only care about MONEY. So the sheeple of Papua New Guinea can resist with their wallets and their labour. They lose money when you don't do business with them and that's what hurts the most. For a large corporation, a strike by workers costs millions per day.

The shareholders wouldn't be too pleased with the company if this was to happen and mangers who say "I have a responsibility to my shareholders" will realize that they have a responsibility to the 99% as well.

Now folks I don't want to exonerate corrupt Politicians and Public Servants nor do I wish to absolve the State from its fiduciary duties. But when one is presented with the basket case that this nation has become, one would expect that so called Development Partners, Civil Society Organizations and Good Corporate Citizens would step up to meet the challenges faced. Instead they fail to do so and by their failures enable the Dominant Class - psychopathic 1% to run amuck.





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Rimbunan Hijau tricked landowners over SABL

 November 9, 2011

 1 comment

Landowners from Pomio in East New Britain have told a Commission of Inquiry that logging company Rimbunan Hijau never explained the agreements they signed giving the logger the right to clear-fell their forests. Free informed prior consent is necessary for any agreement with customary landowners and without it RH logging operations are completely illegal.

Landowners did not understand agreement: Jerewai

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He also said all male landowners who gave evidence last

week admitted that they did not fully understand the agreement before signing it and

most regretted their decision. The inquiry will continue until this Friday and Gilford Limited

representatives who were also present yesterday will be called to give evidence.

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Blinded by short-term cash

 November 4, 2011

 1 comment

Attempts by Pro SABLs to stop the Commission of Inquiry into the legality of the SABLs by the use of violence and intimidation must be condemned at all costs. There are people out there who sadly fail to comprehend the benefits of the Col. It seems they are blinded by the short term benefits of quick cash by the logging companies who will take ownership of their land for 99 years.

Experiences of customary land placed under 99 years in the Northern Province of PNG has shown that each of these parcels, (up to tens of thousands of Hectares) will never ever be returned to the original owners. Most of these titles have been sold off to new leasors who will want to hold the titles for a further 99 years. The Haora/Kakandetta people have completely lost all of their customary land in this manner.

I would love to see what life would be like in 10 years time for the children of the stupid people in this <http://www.postcourier.com.pg/20111103/news03.htm> Who would defend Malaysian logging company paying meagre scrappings of less than 5 us cents for a spesices of hard wood that fetches the logger up to US\$800. while at the same time giving away my childs most valuable inheritance...LAND?

The Col is closing in on the pepertrators of the Conspiracy and they are begining to respond in the way they know best... they will hire thugs to attack Lawyers. They will get the Police to intimidate witness with the full knowledge of the Government!

WHAT a SHAME! RIMBUNAN HIJAU! You are worse than Gadaffi or Saddam, you should be trailed at the Hague for the Human rights abuses in our country, for corrupting our leaders and senior public servants and turning our police force into your private army to guard your illegal logging activities as you did in Sarawak, and West Papua!

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Inquiry needed into how Rimbunan Hijau has brought us so low

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By **Kanau Sion**

An effort is needed to pressure the Prime Minister, his Police Minister and commissioner to have an inquiry into the role of police personnel in the whole Rimbunan Hijau / Pomio logging / SABL saga [see *Rimbunan Hijau bringing us so low - below*].

Questions like who gave them the orders and were these appropriate in law? Why? And was the role of police personal legal in every sense of their involvement? And if not, what relevant laws

were breached?

Those who breach the laws betray our country and our children's future and should be held accountable for their actions.

There is also a need to fully investigate the alleged breaches of various laws and abuse of human rights of our citizens by Rimbunan Hijau since their involvement in PNG. Investigations should be conducted by reputable and eminent people and although it will be a costly exercise the government and every sane citizen of PNG owe it to the people and the future of our children.

Let's get as many support as possible and relay the message through Post Courier and radio stations, perhaps run a documentary on this also and get the attention of authority. Media is powerful in drawing attention so let's do it!

We the Pacific Islanders may be small and appear as powerless in the eyes of corrupt and abusive global conglomerates hell bent on destroying our natural environment and indigenous way of life for profit but are strong in our resolve.

This is not only a fight for us the PNG people but also one for all the Pacific Island states also. It is a regional issue. Destruction of forest through logging etc. is just one aspect of our concerns. There are others which include destruction of our corals, marine life (including over fishing) and cultural heritage which are our identity.

Rimbunan Hijau bringing us so low

By The Critic

What is most disgusting about the Pomio episode is that Papua New Guineans are allowing the Tiongs, perched on their high chairs to throw scraps at us and watch with great amusement as we maul each other to shreds.

Police beatings, attempted assassinations, sexual abuse, discrimination, threats of lawsuits – all part of Rimbunan Hijau's modus operandi – are perpetuated by Papua New Guineans against their own brothers and sisters. Even the scribes like Malum Nalu who received a few extra change are willing to offer their bodies to be crucified for the Tiongs. How low can we get?

In the Western and Gulf provinces, landowners tell of how members of the Police Southern Region taskforce (all Papua New Guineans, of course) would put the barrels of M16s near RH opponents and fire off a few shots just so they "got the message". In hushed whispers, their neighbors say: "He got what we deserved. He talked too much."

Any smart landowner who is brave enough to make a statement in the media is isolated and harassed. Even his family is harassed in their own village. Anyone who stands up to RH is marked like a lamb for slaughter and those who once stood with him are there no longer. We turn our backs on our own and under the cloak of impotence we say: "RH has brought us "development" so let us be thankful."

From out of Pomio, company pawns in this chess game mouth off Malaysian style propaganda and in the same breath call on the Papua New Guinea Media council to "take action" against ethical breaches by the Post Courier. Others stand proudly with placards declaring their undying love for Rimbunan Hijau as the company uses government instrumentalities to destroy their lives.

How can we allow ourselves to be poked and prodded into an arena where a bunch of Malaysians throw bones on the ground and watch us fight over it?

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