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Hon. Minister Andrew Solomon Napuat Briefs on Measures of Security in the Country.

Port Vila, Vanuatu – 20 September 2024: Hon. Minister Andrew Napuat of the Ministry of Internal Affairs held a comprehensive briefing on Measures of Security in the Country. The briefing, attended by Vanuatu Police Force together with Vanuatu Mobile Force, focused on addressing key measures to control issues that affects the citizens of the country.

Hon. Minister Andrew highlighted the following main issues that needs measure:

- **High number of Accidents:** recently there's a lot of accident happening due to consumption of alcohol and has caused serious dead's and injuries.
- **Public Disorder:** disturbance in public areas including Feiawa park and Vatumaru Bay.
- **Unemployed youth:** these youths involve in activities such as misbehaving in the communities, disrespect leader's and act out of control which causes frustration to the community and country as a whole

During the briefing, Hon. Minister Andrew emphasized the importance of setting strict measures to help address the issues mention above, stating, *"Regaining authority over our nation and maintaining police presence are essential for ensuring safety and peaceful living environment"*

The Minister also stated that there will be some changes to policies and legislations, which aim to help the government through VPF and VMF maintain peace and security in the country.

The three issues point out by the Minister has been a concern to a lot of citizens. With more consumption of alcohol and careless driving, this has taken many lives of people during the past few months. There's complain raise from the public therefore, the government has to take initiative steps to discuss and address these issues.

Another is public disruption has disturbed residents, particularly during family outings in public parks. These include actions like intoxication, loud music playing in public spaces, and disrespectful screaming that are brought on by unemployed youths.

Hon. Minister Andrew is collaborating with VPF and VMF to enforce initiative actions to address these issues. MOIA will continue to urge changes in order to strengthen security in the country.



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About the Ministry of Internal Affairs

The Ministry of Internal Affairs is tasked with the implementation of major and essential policies related to the internal administration of the nation. It plays a crucial role in service delivery across the entire country, from Torba in the far North to Tafea Province in the far South. With six departments under its authority, the Ministry focuses on policies related to decentralization, border control management and national services. Central to its mission is the vision of fostering resilient governance for a vibrant, safe and secure Vanuatu. The Ministry is dedicated to establishing a robust governance system to manage, strengthen, and protect human and natural resources, ensuring the effective delivery of social, economic and cultural values.