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Presidential Awards Recognise MOIA Officers on Public Service Day 2025 - Tanna Island

Lamenu Stadium, Tanna - During the celebration of Public Service Day 2025, the Office of the President presented Presidential Awards to several officers from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MOIA), in recognition of their dedicated service and outstanding contribution to the Government and people of Vanuatu.

The following MOIA officers received awards:

- Secretary General - TAFEA Province
- Director - Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP)
- Birth Registrar - Civil Registry & Identity Management (CRIM)
- Office Assistant - Department of Local Authorities (DLA)
- Border Control Officer - Vanuatu Immigration & Passport Services (VIS), TAFEA Province



The recognition highlights the commitment, hard work, and professionalism of public servants who continue to serve with pride and dedication across the country.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs extended heartfelt congratulations to all award recipients and encouraged every public servant to continue working with passion, integrity, and excellence in serving the nation.





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Hon. Andrew Solomon Napuat Honoured with National Awards on Public Service Day 2025

Tanna, Vanuatu - On the Official Public Service Day 2025 Celebration held in Lamenu Stadium, the President of the Republic of Vanuatu, His Excellency Nikenike Vurobaravu, presented the Batch of Honour and the Batch of Distinction to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Andrew Solomon Napuat.



These prestigious national awards were conferred in recognition of Hon. Napuat's exceptional leadership and outstanding contribution to the advancement of public service in Vanuatu. His vision, dedication, and tireless commitment have greatly strengthened government service delivery and supported national development through the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs congratulates Hon. Andrew Solomon Napuat on this well-deserved honour and expresses deep appreciation for his continued service, integrity, and devotion to the people and nation of Vanuatu.





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Government Services Closer to the People - National ID Card Printing Machine Handed Over to South East Area Council - Tanna

The Department of Civil Registration and Identity Management (CRIM), proudly handed over a National ID Card printing machine to the South East Area Council in Tanna - marking a significant step in bringing government services closer to rural communities. With this new setup, residents of South East Tanna and nearby villages can now print their National ID Cards locally, eliminating the need to travel to Port Vila or Lenakel.



CRIM also acknowledged the Department of Finance for providing Starlink satellite internet connectivity, which will support efficient and timely ID printing. This initiative reinforces, CRIM's commitment to its motto, "Leave No One Behind - Everyone Must Register," ensuring that all citizens can easily access government services in their own communities.





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Minister of Internal Affairs Hands Over Newly Printed Passports to Citizens in Tanna

At Lamenu Stadium, Tanna, the Department of Vanuatu Immigration and Passport Services (VIS) successfully handed over newly printed passports to applicants who had presence of the Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon. Andrew Napuat, who personally presented the passports to recipients.

This activity reflects the governments ongoing commitment to bringing key services directly to the people, making it easier for citizens in rural communities to access important documents such as passports.





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New Boat Handed Over to Support Climate Resilience Efforts in Aneityum



The Aneityum Area Administrator, Ms. Davina Vira, together with the Secretary General of TAFEA Province, Mr. Joe lautim, officially received a new boat purchased under the Vanuatu Community-based Climate Resilience Project (VCCRP). The handover ceremony was officiated by the Director General of the Ministry of Climate Change, Mr. David Gibson, alongside Acting Director of Climate Change, Mr. Nelson Kalo, and the VCCRP team.

Funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and implemented by the Vanuatu Government through the Ministry of Climate Change with Save the Children as the Accredited Entity, the VCCRP project aims to strengthen community resilience to climate change.

It focuses on empowering rural and coastal communities through local adaptation initiatives in agriculture and fisheries, ensuring sustainable livelihoods and improved disaster preparedness.





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Ministry of Internal Affairs Shines at Public Service Day 2025

Tanna, Vanuatu – October 2025: The Ministry of Internal Affairs proudly celebrated its achievements at the 2025 Public Service Day in Tanna, winning three major awards: 1st Prize – Best Booth Display, 3rd Prize – Organizational Award, and a Special Award – Flood Parade. These accolades highlight the Ministry's dedication, creativity, and teamwork across all its departments, showcasing the outstanding service provided to the people of Vanuatu.



The Ministry extends sincere thanks to all its staff whose commitment and hard work made these achievements possible. These awards reflect the collective effort, professionalism, and pride of every officer, reinforcing the Ministry's mission to serve the public with transparency, dedication, and excellence.





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Recognising Excellence in Public Service – MOIA 2025

The Ministry of Internal Affairs (MOIA) proudly congratulates three of its outstanding officers who were honoured today for their exceptional performance:

- Administrator – Department of Local Authorities
- Administration Manager – Department of Local Authorities
- Asset Officer – Corporate Services Unit



The Ministry acknowledges and appreciates their hard work, dedication, and commitment in their respective roles. These awards reflect their consistent efforts, professionalism, and contribution to the Ministry's vision of effective and transparent public service.

Congratulations to all recipients – your excellence inspires us all.





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Opening of Community Houses in Central Tanna

The Ministry of Internal Affairs officially opened two new community houses in Laul and Latun, Central Tanna, with a ceremony attended by the Hon. Minister, Director General, senior Ministry officials, and the Area Council Chairman.



These community houses will serve as main halls where residents can gather, collaborate, and strengthen community spirit. The Hon. Minister emphasized the importance of communities taking full ownership of development projects to ensure long-term use and benefits.



The project demonstrates the government's decentralization policy, bringing services and decision-making closer to the people. Funding came from the Ministry, Area Council, community contributions, and support from MIPU, showcasing strong partnership between government and communities for sustainable development in Central Tanna.





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Solomon Islands Delegation Conducts Feasibility Study in Vanuatu

This week, a joint technical delegation from the Solomon Islands Government, including officials from the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Justice and Legal System, Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS), and the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission, commenced a feasibility study visit to Vanuatu. The visit is hosted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Vanuatu in collaboration with the Department of Civil Registration and Identity Management, the Vanuatu Electoral Commission, and the Vanuatu Electoral Office. The exchange is jointly supported by the UNDP Vanuatu Electoral Environment Project (VEEP) and the Strengthening the Electoral Cycle in Solomon Islands Project (SECSIP).



The study aims to provide the Solomon Islands delegation with practical insights into Vanuatu's experience in implementing its legal identity systems, civil registry, and national ID card program, as well as related legal frameworks and governance practices. In welcoming the delegation, the Executive Officer of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Mr. Bebe, highlighted the importance of the National ID Card, describing it as more than just an identification tool — but a gateway to improving access to government services, ensuring accurate voter registration, and strengthening the integrity of Vanuatu's democratic processes.





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Vanuatu and Australia Advance Toward Signing the Nakamal Agreement

Vanuatu and Australia have taken a significant step toward finalizing the Nakamal Agreement, a landmark partnership aimed at enhancing cooperation in infrastructure, economic development, and climate resilience.

The Deputy Prime Ministers of both countries signed the initiation agreement, with full signatures from the Prime Ministers expected around September when the pact is officially finalized. Ministers responsible for key sectors also endorsed the agreement, which outlines broad areas of collaboration to further strengthen bilateral ties between the two nations.



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