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PATROL REPORT

H.Q.

Series: WABAG
 Sub-series: WABAG
 District: ENGA
 Report No: 2A of 74/75
 Conducted by: P.N. PAPA
 Designation: A/PATROL OFFICER
 Duration: 1/7/74-7/8/74
 No. of Days: 38
 Census Division: UPPER LAI & LAI H/WATERS

Population: 16,323
 Council Area: WABAG COUNCIL
 House of Assembly Electorate: WABAG OPEN
 Map Reference: FOURMIL WABAG
 Last Patrol: NO. 16 of 73/74
 Object of Patrol: CENSUS, POLITICAL EDUCATION AND AREA STUDY.

The District Commissioner,
District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To	()
Patrol Instructions,	()
The Report and my comments,	()
Area study,	()
Updating of area study	()
Situation Reports Nos 1--	()
Patrol map,	()

DATE: / /19

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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District Headquarters assessment of
Patrol & Report *Gasket*

~~Above average~~
 Average
~~Below average~~

R. Sheel HR
District Commissioner

DATE: 7/12/74

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GOVERNMENT OF



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

District Office,
P.O. Box 109,
MABAS, ENEA DISTRICT

The Secretary,
Department of Chief Minister and
Development Administration,
P.O. Box 2396,
KORORUA, P.N.G.

Date: 17th December, 1974
Dist. Office: 67-4-1
Area Officer: R.J. Redmond / 21
Residence: D.D.C.
In Charge:
Date:

MABAS PART 1, 2A of 1974/75

MR. P.M. NAPAH APO TO UPPER LAI AND LAI HEADWATERS CENSUS DIVISIONS

Attached herewith please find Area Studies compiled by Mr. P.M. NAPAH APO of the above Census Divisions.

Both Census Divisions are high altitude areas and present a fairly harsh living environment. General standards of living is not high. However, in this regard the expansion of the potato industry is offering some hope for the future as potato cultivation is now bringing in very good cash returns to growers.

The law and order situation in the Lai Headwaters has not been good during recent years. However, the establishment of a Base Camp Rural Police Station at TAMBITANOS should improve matters somewhat.

Mr. NAPAH's report needs to have its presentation improved but basically shows a reasonable picture of conditions in the areas patrolled.

R.S. Bell

R.S. BELL
District Commissioner

AREA STUDY

INTRODUCTION.

- A. 1 This patrol conducted into the Lai H/Waters and upper Lai census Division carried out an Area Study. As per instructed.

The Lai H/Waters and the Upper Lai census Division are situated due west of Wabag Sub-District Headquarters. It stretches up the Lai valley following the Lai River for approximately 30-40 miles. The width of the valley varies from steep slopes which follows right through to Sirunki.

Vegetation varies throughout the area to Kuaal grass covered side of hills to steep slopes covered by high altitude rainforest around Lagulaw.

The Lai river is a swift flowing main river fed by numerous small streams rising in the valley sides.

The Lai river H/Waters and the Upper Lai Census Division are connected by the secondary all weather Highlands Highway which stretched through to Laigaa and Kandep.

Local Government was introduced in the area as part of the Wabag Local Government Council.

The main break with law and order is the occasional fights and killings over land disputes.

- B. 2 POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

The last census revision into the area was conducted in 1970 by Graham Tuck.

The population register is included on patrol jacket.

- C. 3 SOCIAL GROUPINGS.

There are 16 Districts Social groups in the Lai H/Waters and 45 groups in the Upper Lai Division.

The extended family simmering between clans and Sub-Clans in the area which occasionally erupt with fighting. Most of them are mainly open lands and pig and will not be settled fro sometime.

Land Demarcation Committee doesn't seem to exist in the area as there seem to be more land disputes now and then.

Language in the area is another social group. Enga is the only language spoken throughout the whole District.

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- D. 4 LEADERSHIP

Throughout the area patrolled no real leader was seen whose influences could be said to extend beyond one veillage. In all cases influences is acquired through the position the individual holds or once held.

E. 5 LAND TENURE AND USE

Land rights are patrilineal ownership of land being as a member of a clan or a sub-clan with no individuals actually being able to claim anyone special area of land as his.

Every year some and more people are moving to blocks at Kiedang in Mount Hagen.

F. 6 LITERACY

Most of literate persons of the area have migrated to towns for employment.

The following is a schedule of schools operating in the Lal H/Waters and Upper Lal Cen us Divisions.

SCHOOL	Operated by	classes	Boys	Girls	Total
SIRICCI - LUTHERAN	LUTHERAN	STD			
		I	38	5	43
		II	40	46	86
		III	28	8	36
		V	38	2	40
Totals			144	61	205
ALPANDA - LUTHERAN	LUTHERAN	STD	Boys	Girls	Total
		I	34	5	39
		II	19	2	21
		III	7	0	7
Totals			60	7	67
SNGAIP - COUNCIL	COUNCIL	STD	Boys	Girls	Total
		II	35	4	39
		IIIA	25	9	34
		IIIB	27	6	33
		IV	20	5	25
		VA	25	12	37
		VB	30	7	37
VI	33	6	39		
Totals			195	49	244
SOPAS - S.D.A.	S.D.A.	STD	Boys	Girls	Total
		I	21	3	24
		II	7	8	15
Totals			28	11	39
SARI - CATHOLIC MISSION	CATHOLIC MISSION	STD	Boys	Girls	Total
		I	25	15	40
		IIA	16	13	29
		IIIB	17	14	31
		III	27	10	37
		IV	22	9	31
V	24	14	38		

VIA	29	6	25
VIB	21	6	27
Totals	171	87	8258

TOTAL ATTENDANCE LAI H/WATERS AND UPPER LAI CENSUS DIVISIONS.

CLASS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
I	118	28	146
II	135	87	222
III	114	33	147
IV	42	14	56
V	117	35	152
VI	73	81	91
TOTAL	599	215	814

In addition to these are some estimated 18 boys attending Pussa High Schools, and Hagen High completing their school certificate, 2 boys boys attending Hagen Tech in the final years. A 5 students undergoing University studies. 2 in Lee and 3 in Norasby.

The new Radio Station for the District was to be established in Nabag late this year or early next year. Only 14 Radio Receivers are owned by the Local people of the area patrolled.

G. 7 STANDARD OF LIVING

Housing is typical Nabag style with thatched roof of Kunal grass and the walls made of planks and pandanus leaves.

European style clothes are worn by a large number of people but these clothes are normally dirty and half torn in a state of repair.

The staple food is sweet potatoes which occasionally is supplemented with pig meat tinned and kumus or greens.

H. 8 MISSIONS

Lutherans are mostly around Sirunk and Tacobitanis areas. Seventh Day Adventist ran a hospital and a primary schools around Sopes.

The hospitals at Sopes employs quite a number of people including 27 trainees nurses, of which 6 are males and the rest are females.

The students come mainly around New Ireland, B.C.I.F. as well as the local themselves.

Catholic Missions operates around Sari.

There seems no conflict of churches faith in the area and the area and the general feeling is quite good.

I. 9 NON - INDIGENES.

No non - indigenes run any plantations or factories in the Area. Suvveyed. However, the S.D.A. Mission at Sopas provides for locally produced Vegetables and Assist the people in Various people in Various Small Ventures.

J. 10 COMMUNICATIONS

There's the all weather highlands highway which runs through to Lalaga and Kandep. The Highway is upgraded from time to time as potholes appear on the surface.

K. 11 TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

Quite a number of person's in the area have had some training in the Technical fields. If these, there are some 27 Drivers, 10 Carpenters, 1 Clerk, 7 ex-police and 7 ex-station and 6 ex-warders in the area under studied.

L. 12 STAGE OF POLITICAL EDUCATION

No ill feelings were in the area and no complaints were laid on the councillors.

The attitude towards Local Officers and employes is not quite as good as their attitude towards expatriate officers.

The political awareness of the area is practically confusing and doubtful.

L. STAGE OF POLITICAL EDUCATION (can't)

The majority of the people are ignorant and definitely need concentrated political education to improve their ignorance.

O. (15) ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

I have not been in the Council area long enough (about 2 weeks only) to form any opinion or strong impressions of the people's attitudes towards the Council.

However, during the patrol I observed seems to be quite satisfactorily and favourable.

There were no reports of any anti-Council feeling over the past financial year. There is no field of resentment or ill will towards the Council as the most of the people appear to show that the Council system is a favourable institution.

P. (16) ATTITUDES TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The attitudes towards Central Government seems quite good. They do regard it as good, worthwhile helpful and necessary.

Note. That the writer is talking about stated and believed attitudes only. However, unfavourable Law and Order situation practically in the area is another question.

N. 13

THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

Most of the vegetables and other foodstuff grown occasionally they sell them to make a bit of money. Cabbages, potatoes, carrots are sometimes sold to local Market or alongside the road for any bypassers.

Some pyrethrum is grown in the area but not to an expert have they made any attempt to improve it.

Something could be said of coffee which is scarce. Maybe the soil is not suitable or the people are too lazy to plant this remains unknown.

Public Works 24 labours of the area at \$1.00 per week.

Most of the youngsters of the area have left the area and moved to towns looking for jobs and a proportion have been working on boats at Kindang.

A number of 100 trade-stores are operated in the area of which nearly half of them were out of stock. This is due to Santok System which is common everywhere. These trade-stores sell mainly foodstuffs, tinned fish, tinned meat and other necessities.

N. 14.

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POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

There is no Sufficient arable land in the Area. The area is under Cultivation intensively and parts Unused are pretty ragged. Consequently the land disputes are fairly Common.

Market gardens (English Potato Production) with regard to Marketing Availability can be increased to an almost unlimited degree due to the fact that Nabag Station is improving and need more staff which means more staff will buy potatoes, Cabbages and Vegetables in the near future.

However, it is Anticipated that there will be a rash of Land disputes when plantings come to maturity.

The Area is dominated by grass and Could possibly have potential as cattle grazing lands, however there is a shortage of land.

As far as this patrol could A tretain, the people of the Area patrolled realize that increased Cash Copping entails land Work, however, this does not enter females or women. Women are Maintaing Coffee and market gardening whilst the men are mostly engaged in Land Disputes etc.

For your information,



P. KAPAH
Assistant Patrol Officer.

POPULATION - LAI HEADQUARTERS CENSUS DIVISION.

Date of Census.	Race-House.	Principle and Sub-Groups.	Totals (Excluding Absentees.)										GRAND TOTAL.	
			Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & over.	Under 16 yrs.	16 yrs. & over.	Under 18 yrs.	18 yrs. & over.	Under 20 yrs.	20 yrs. & over.	Under 25 yrs.	25 yrs. & over.		
July, 24	VAIPANDA	TSAKALIN- -Karabala-ambualet (Mangura) " (Marle) " - Iow (Karatap) " (Tumulu) - Tidi - Ivara (Apatene) " (Apatene) " (Pegam) " (Plegaf) " (Tiaoro)	23	16	30	36	1	1	8	1	110			
			64	61	62	63	-	4	0	2	241			
			43	65	66	65	-	-	5	2	254			
			19	24	20	29	-	-	7	-	105			
			40	76	80	87	2	-	20	4	367			
			13	15	10	20	-	-	3	1	62			
			36	29	54	50	-	1	8	1	181			
			51	48	65	63	3	1	17	5	301			
			LALIN-											
			Kinbu											
			7	5	5	4	-	-	-	-	21			
			21	21	30	34	1	1	6	1	123			
			16	20	27	27	2	-	-	-	92			
			48	75	84	90	-	-	0	-	325			
			47	24	70	45	-	-	-	-	186			
9	5	10	8	-	-	-	-	32						
MALIPINI-														
Alyegan (Tongona)														
36	43	40	46	-	5	-	-	172						
TOTALS.														
938	653	696	664	9	5	89	15	2,562						

POPULATION.

Date of Census.	Rest-House.	Principle and Sub-Groups.	Totals (Excluding Absentees.)				Absentees (Res. outside elect.)				GRAND TOTAL.
			Under 18 yrs.		18 yrs & over.		Under 18 yrs.		18 yrs & over.		
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Jul, '74	WESL	WESL - Management (1800-1)	72	59	118	111	2	10	45	19	278
			29	48	46	40	5	5	22	2	135
			43	46	71	35	7	9	24	17	170
Jul, '74	WESL	WESL - Support (1800-2) (1800-3) (1800-4) (1800-5) (1800-6)	7	0	78	73	3	0	42	8	110
			34	57	78	59	0	6	21	3	262
			75	70	101	97	2	6	15	13	326
			2	10	43	9	0	1	14	8	55
			27	24	45	40	0	4	6	4	175
Jul, '74	WESL	WESL - Support (1800-7) (1800-8) (1800-9) (1800-10) (1800-11) (1800-12)	85	57	60	48	3	5	7	3	141
			76	42	44	39	0	0	5	2	116
			22	45	52	29	0	0	3	1	93
			30	30	34	35	11	7	25	10	164
Jul, '74	WESL	WESL - Support (1800-13) (1800-14) (1800-15) (1800-16) (1800-17) (1800-18)	140	161	175	163	3	11	43	15	363
			79	138	177	164	2	1	72	4	416
Jul, '74	WESL	WESL - Support (1800-19) (1800-20) (1800-21) (1800-22) (1800-23) (1800-24)	83	64	74	66	12	0	108	3	418
			77	141	75	36	0	0	28	1	381
			46	52	43	77	0	0	24	1	234
			108	85	118	103	0	0	56	2	504
Jul, '74	WESL	WESL - Support (1800-25) (1800-26) (1800-27) (1800-28) (1800-29) (1800-30)	462	1,200	1,413	1,25	70	12	313	115	5,076

POPULATION, GREEN LAKE RESORT, 1911-1912. Part 2.

Date of Census.	Residence	Ethnicity and Sub-Groups	POPULATION								GRAND TOTAL.
			Totals (Excluding Absentees.)				Absentees (Inn outside alcohol.)				
			Under 18 yrs.	18 yrs & over	Under 18 yrs.	18 yrs & over	Under 18 yrs.	18 yrs & over	Under 18 yrs.	18 yrs & over	
Jul, '74	Green	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
		- Keweenaw	35	41	47	45	2	1	19	2	134
		" "	33	37	170	118	11	13	18	13	477
		" "	445	101	126	122	13	5	33	11	578
		- Large	68	52	53	50	10	3	15	?	192
		- Large	35	46	51	43	16	0	17	10	223
		(Jamaican)	24	21	20	25	15	5	30	8	240
		(Curt.)	112	73	132	171	7	13	43	9	608
Jul, '74	Green	PALESTINE									
		- Trogossawa	43	31	44	45	11	6	20	15	220
		" "	126	95	160	190	5	4	47	6	506
		" "	46	84	71	60	1	1	5	-	236
		(Tangalo)									
		(Sualo)	41	33	41	34	13	11	24	19	220
		(Kordogon)	74	75	73	92	21	11	45	26	415
		" "	19	26	21	24	3	4	14	10	127
		(Ladjo)	13	36	26	41	8	7	14	10	159
		(Medden)	13	19	22	23	3	3	10	2	170
		(Maraga)	15	16	24	22	14	15	25	10	152
		(Verquopon)	50	31	62	49	15	12	32	25	304
Aug, '74	Green	WESTERN VISITORS									
		- CIA	41	33	41	34	13	11	24	19	220
		" "	74	75	73	92	21	11	45	26	415
		" "	19	26	21	24	3	4	14	10	127
		" "	13	36	26	41	8	7	14	10	159
		" "	13	19	22	23	3	3	10	2	170
		" "	15	16	24	22	14	15	25	10	152
		" "	50	31	62	49	15	12	32	25	304
		AG + TRALS...	502	302	1,104	1,275	191	145	425	193	5,359

POPULATION - UPPER LAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Part 5...

Name of Census	House	Principal and Sub-Groups	Totals (Excluding Absentees)								GRAND TOTAL
			Under 10 yrs.		10 yrs & over		Under 10 yrs.		10 yrs & over		
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Aug, 1974	TOHC	VENEDEN - Plo (Kalmangun) " (Kerubara) " (Kogoro) " (Kuchin)	53	106	185	192	15	8	45	29	577
			28	31	33	32	1	10	15	9	160
			21	20	41	38	10	2	23	17	172
			53	73	110	113	5	7	44	13	418
Aug, 1974	WABAG	VENEDEN - Panger (Kisogari) " Plo (Kumun) " (Taago) " Yabelon	96	83	107	115	15	27	69	44	586
			54	55	50	64	6	3	27	17	276
			28	31	35	49	9	14	32	21	219
			17	17	19	48	1	8	9	8	97
			43	36	64	62	6	9	41	20	200
		AMAIN - Subip	111	87	89	86	26	21	23	26	471
		SUB-TOTAL..	544	539	733	759	54	109	339	204	3,331
		+ " - Part 1	962	1,065	1,133	1,256	76	82	383	175	5,076
		+ " - Part 2	982	962	1,194	1,276	191	140	425	183	6,359
		TOTALS.. UPPER LAI C/D..	2,489	2,566	3,060	3,303	363	331	1,147	508	13,766

DDA 67-19-24

HEADQUARTERS

PATROL REPORT

Station: **WABAG SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE** Population: _____
 Subdistrict: **WABAG** Council Area: **WABAG LOCAL GOVERNMENT C.**
 District: **EMSA** House of Assembly Electorate: **WABAG**
 Report No: **6 of 1974/75** Map Reference: **NIL**
 Conducted by: **R.C. NEMME** Last Patrol: **16-10-74 to 3-11-74**
 Designation: **A.D.O.** Objects of Patrol: **ADMINISTRATION CENSUS**
 Duration: **3/11/74 to 9/11/74**
 No. of Days: **SEVEN**
 Census Division: **WABAG CENSUS DIVISION**

The District Commissioner,
 District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
 KOMEBOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report: *Yacket*

Above Average

Average

Below Average

Date: *17/11/74*

R. Strell
 District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT No.

Station	SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE, WABAG	Officer Compiling	R.C. MUMME
District	ENGA	Subdistrict	WABAG
Census Division	WABAG	L.G. Council	WABAG

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, important trends in the economic and social structure, civil unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

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Subject: TRIBAL FIGHT - WE/IMI

1. At approximately mid-day on Sunday 3rd November, 1974 the councillor for WE in the Wabag C/D (David Ago) was murdered through axe wounds to the back of the neck.
2. Inspector Jack Gumea was advised of the incident and a police truck was sent out to ascertain the seriousness of the report.
3. At 2:45 p.m. the police truck returned to Wabag and the Police Inspector and Assistant District Commissioner were advised that fighting had broken out between the YIBINI - LINAPIN (LINAPIN) and the PURALINI - TINALAPINI sub-clans.
4. 3:30 p.m., Assistant District Commissioner and Assistant Patrol Officer Mapah drove to IMI with three armed police while the Police Inspector with two police trucks went to WE.
5. Several arrests were made, and the situation eventually quietened down by 1800hrs.
6. After the day of fighting, two men had been killed (councillor David Ago of WE and TATA TAROS of IMI) and one ex-councillor KANPI of IMI seriously wounded and taken to hospital at Wabag. A report that one man from Imi had been wounded in the forehead by a shotgun blast was reported during the afternoon. However the man had gone into hiding and could not be located. One of the two shotguns in the area have since been confiscated and enquiries are still being conducted regarding the incident. Over thirty houses belonging to the LINAPIN sub-clan were destroyed by fire through retaliation measures from the TINALAPINI sub-clan. LINAPIN gardens were also destroyed, yor trees ring-barked or chopped down and small trade stores broken into.
7. During the evening, the Assistant District Commissioner, two D.D.A. officers (Mr. A.P.O. MAPAH and Mr. A.P.O. FEGEM) and seven members of the R.P.N.G.C. set up a camp at WE, while a further two D.D.A. officers (MR. A.P.O. ABA and MR. A.P.O. SIORI) who had been recalled from patrol established a base at IMI with six members of the R.P.N.G.C.

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Sgd: _____

Date: _____

MONDAY 4/11/74

1. 0530 hours Mr. A.P.O. Pegem transferred to the IMI camp to assist with patrolling there until Mr. P.O. Halls' arrival from ANEATALE Base Camp.
0600 hours Patrol parties sent out from WE and IMI to areas where armed parties from each group had gathered.
2. During the morning a group of approximately 30 armed warriors, allegedly from BIRIP cut yar trees destroyed gardens and stole pigs belonging to the LIWAPIN sub-clan at KOMANDA above the WE rest-house.
3. Patrolling continued into the late afternoon and police were kept on standby, under the supervision of Mr. P.O. Halls until 1900 hrs. near the WE turnoff, after a threatening group of men, supposedly from the RAKAMANDA area were seen in the area.
4. The body of TAJA TAROS was buried at IMI during the afternoon.
5. There was no fighting reported during the day, and all was quiet during the evening.

TUESDAY 5/11/74

1. 0600 hours A.P.O. Maphah took a patrol of 10 police from WE and patrolled the ridges on the Rakamanda side to come out beyond WE. A.P.O. Ana commenced patrolling the ridges between WE and IMI with a detachment of five police.
0800 hours A.D.C. and A.P.O. PEGEM patrolled beyond WE to meet up with A.P.O. Maphah. Several armed men were arrested and sent to Wabag. Little activity observed during the morning.
2. A large group of armed warriors were reported on the ridge behind KOMANDA in the WE area, but later dispersed.
3. Committee men from WE and Committee men and councillor from IMI told to send word out that a census would be conducted for all lines from WE and IMI the following day at 1000 hours.
4. 1730 hours police patrol beyond WE reported large group of armed men gathering behind KOMANDA.
5. 1745 hours Assistant District Commissioner to IMI to get replacement police from Wapenamanda.
6. 1800-2100 hours Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. A.P.O. PEGEM, Mr. A.P.O. MAPAH and detachment of 10 police patrolled area behind KOMANDA and collected weapons.
7. Evening - No activity reported.

WEDNESDAY 6/11/74

1. Census conducted at WE with the majority of people in attendance. However no attendances were recorded at IMI.

MONDAY 4/11/74

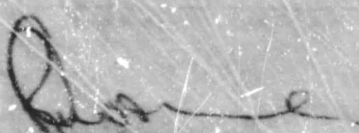
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Form No. 100/1000-1/71

Subject: TRIBAL FIGHT - WE/IMI

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5. Several arrests were made, and the situation eventually quietened down by 1800hrs.
6. After the day of fighting, two men had been killed (councillor David Ago of WE and IAIA IAHOS of IMI) and one ex-councillor KUMPI of IMI seriously wounded and taken to hospital at Wabag. A report that one man from Imi had been wounded in the forehead by a shotgun blast was reported during the afternoon. However the man had gone into hiding and could not be located. One of the two shotguns in the area have since been confiscated and enquiries are still being conducted regarding the incident. Over thirty houses belonging to the LIWAPIN sub-clan were destroyed by fire through retaliation measures from the TIBALAFINI sub-clan. LIWAPIN gardens were also destroyed, yam trees ring-barked or chopped down and small trade stores broken into.
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