



## Remarks at opening of Lata Police Houses

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Mi hapi tumaas fo kam lo Lata todei fo celebratim opening blo oketa new – an barava impressive - haus. Todei hem makem wanfala big step forward fo RSIPF, RAMSI, Nasnol gavman an provincial gavman, an policing lo Temotu.

No long taem go nomoa oketa memba blo RSIPF lo Honiara recievem oketa key blo first 84 fala new haus fo oketa officer and oketa family blo oketa. Tu mans hem bin pass an hem barava gud fo lukim oketa seventeen fala new haus lo hea lo Lata.

Oketa haus ia mi no doubt bae changim laef blo oketa officer an family blo oketa where bae stap lo hem. Oketa haus ia barava 'impressive' an lo staka wei oketa bae help fo tacklim wanfala lo oketa big challenge wea RSIPF hem facim.

Becos lo oketa new haus ia, bae hem no tek long befo iumi lukim RSIPF stat fo postim oketa officer from different province lo hea lo Lata. Datwan bae meanim tufala samting, Lata bae garem staka moa officer winim wanim iufala lukim distaem. Nara samting hem, fo garim oketa officer from nara province bae hem help fo deal wetim problem wea pipol ting oketa officer from sem province no laek fo deal strong lo oketa wantok blo oketa. Oketa new haus ia bae help tumas fo addressim disfala issue no jus lo Lata but lo full country.

Celebration todei hem givim iumi chans tu fo luk lo wanem nao bae kem lo next tutri yias.

PPF follom oketa toktok holem wetim RSIPF, lo oketa mans pass finis, duim wanfala review lo oketa 13 fala provincial polis post wea oketa RAMSI officers supportim. Wanem hem kam from disfala review hem - hem gud taem fo RSIPF step up an tekem lead lo oketa polis post ia, wea RAMSI nao saportim lo las 8 yias.

So lo next two yias bae mifala stat fo withdrawim oketa RAMSI officer from each lo oketa polis post ia, osem diswan lo Lata, fo oketa RSIPF nao tekem lead an tekem forward policing lo country blo iufala. Disfala process ia wae mifala kolem transition bae hem tekem taem.

RAMSI bae hem had fo stap lo Solomon or Temotu fo eva. If RAMSI hem stap long taem tumas bae hem save spolem tu chans fo RSIPF fo tekem lead lo an oda lo Temotu an lo country. Bat letem mi mekem disfala point clear: RAMSI bae no just pack up an go, todei, tomorrow, neks wik or neks mans nomoa, gogo blo RAMSI bae folom wanfala process wea bae mifala waka wetim RSIPF fo mek sua oketa officer blo oketa bae save tekem lead, bat also garem strong support from community fo duim waka blo oketa.

Mi laek fo askem community blo Temotu fo ples, givim strong sapot lo polis force blo iufala lo future because no matter iufala garem staka resource, confidence lo polis, leadership hem kam up strong, bae hem no helpim community if oketa community leader and chiefs no stan up strong behain police force blo oketa fo help stopim oketa criminal activity lo community level. Lo an oda hemi responsibility bl evriwan.