



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SWEARING-IN OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2017 WAIGANI, PORT MORESBY**

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The swearing in of the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Governor General of Papua New Guinea took place at the Parliament House yesterday 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.

The ceremony event began with the arrival of the new designate Governor General at the Parliament house at 1:52pm before a guard of honour by the PNG Defence Force ceremonial guards, and a combined Royal PNG Constabulary and Correctional Service band.

Governor General duly appointed Bob Dadae took his oath of Allegiance, and made the required constitutional declarations (Declaration of Allegiance, Declaration of Loyalty, and Declaration of Office) in the presence of the Parliament Members of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and Her Majesty the Queen of England before Chief Justice Sir Salome Injia in Parliament.

The Speaker of the Parliament Theodore Zurenuoc took his seat from Acting speaker John Simon and congratulated the new Governor General, "Your Excellency, on behalf of the Members of the Parliament and the People of Papua New Guinea whom they represent, I offer you our congratulations and wishes you every success in the high Office you now occupy."

PNG Defence Force Commander Brig-Gen Gilbert was the parade host. Governor General Dadae and wife Hannah including Acting Speaker John Simon, Chief Justice Sir Salome Injia and Lady Peam, Opposition Leader Don Polye and wife Sharon, and Prime Minister Peter O'Neill and wife Lynda were received and sent off by the guard-of-honor with a general salute. Also present were Head of Departments, Diplomats, General Public and other VIPs.

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