

ONE MORE AGGRESSIVE SHOOTING AT PORGERA

Lately in the evening of August 24, 2010, the Barricks Porgera Joint Venture mine security force killed one more indigenous person while he was trespassing the mine.

In the morning of August 26, 2010 the body was found thrown beneath an hill adjacent to the mine. At around 10 am the relatives of the deceased including the Chief Landowner Nixon Mangape and some leaders of the community gathered at the mine entrance and expressed their grievances and demanded that the killing was unlawful and that the Barrick PJV apprehend the suspect by the laws of this country and look into assisting funeral service, burial and meet the pertaining damages caused to the relatives of the deceased.

However the same security re-enforcements aggressively shot at the Chief Land Owner and the Chairman of the Porgera Development Authority Mr. Nixon Mangape where a Rubber bullet got him down. The public retaliated with throwing stones to the Security force and a fight broke out and got at tense.

The Barrick Security force then drove into the Porgera Development Authority Office and tried to destroy some of the photos and gun cell evidence that was taken from the scene. However, we defended strongly. In suspect, the security officers pointed cig rifles at Mr. Miukin the PDA manager and threatened his life in demanded for the Camera. The Manager again strongly refuted with the help of the public who shouted aggressively at the security officers. Eventually the Security van left.

The Matter was reported to the Local police station

(A) OCCURRENCE OF NIXON MANGAPE'S RUBER BULLET WOUND AT THE MINE ENTRANCE (ALIPIS GATE) RESULTING FROM AN UNLAWFULL DISCHARGE OF FIRE ARMS BY THE MINE ARMED SECURITY FORCE.

1. *Victims Statement*

I am Nixon Mangape of Yarik Village, Porgera, Enga Province do say on oath as follows:

- That at around 11:00 am on the 26th August 2010 on the day of the incident at the Yoko 1 gate, I was fallen victim.

That on the 24th August 2010 my cousin was killed and left near the 28 level of the mine by the Mines Security Officers.

The relatives of the Victim called me while they were taking the dead body to the Yoko 1 Gate of the mine were the Mines Community Affairs Office was.

I went to the Yoko 1 gate to discover that the body was put in front of the entrance blocking the traffics that had caused a fight when the mines armed security force arrived and shot at them.

As the Chief of the indigenous community, I stopped the fight and I advised the crowd that we must find the course and allow the Community Affair department of the mine to take responsibility in taking the body to the hospital and thus dispersed the crowd.

We left the body with the Community Affairs Officers and as we returned out of the gate to address the public, the fully armed security force suddenly fired at us. With no respect they continued discharging bullet while I missed the bullets but unfortunately a rubber bullet got on my back.

I drove towards the armed officers and told them that they were deliberately shooting me and need explanation.

One of the officers swear bad words at me and they all pulled, pushed and punched me while I blocked them.

The Mobile Squad police unit 11 arrived to calm the situation and we started talks.

I told James Perato the Senior Community Affairs Officer that the actions of the security was wrong so they must arrest the 6 security officers involved in discharging ammunitions.

I left for the Police station and reported the incident to the CID Joe Italawi

Every particulars in this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and I shall be justified for any false pretence

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Nixon Mangape

2. Witness Statement # 1

I am Manase Kule laiyo of Kulapi Village, Porgera, Enga Province do say on oath as follows:

- That on the August 26, 2010 on the day of the incident and at around 11 am at the time of the incident I was there to witness the scene at the Yoko 1 gate.

That I was at the Yoko Community Affairs Office on an appointment while there was a crowd outside trying to get some payments from the Community Affairs Office.

Then the relatives of the deceased brought the dead body over and left it in front of the entrance of the Yoko 1 gate.

Suddenly the Armored security force arrived in a blue van and started at us and we started stoning the Security Van

Nixon arrived and stopped the fight and advised that the body be put to the side and let the CA take care of it

Thus we left the body with the Community Affairs Officers and started departing slowly while Nixon was explaining things to the public and also trying to approach the Security officers.

the armed security discharged bullets on to Nixon and the Public were Nixon got a Rubber bullet on his back

We got into Mr. Mangape's van and drove towards the Security Officers and Mr. Mangape told them that they deliberately shot him and one of those security officers swear at him.

Later the Mobile squad police unit 11 arrived and the situation calm down and the PJV Community Affairs Officers paused for a talk while Mr. Mangape demanded that the body be taken responsibility by the Community Affairs Department of the mine and call an immediate investigation and arrest the officers in charge of discharging life ammunition.

I left together with Nixon in his van to the police station and reported the incident.

Every particulars in this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and I shall be justified for any false pretence

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Manase Kule Laiyo

3. Witness Statement # 2

I am Elijah Kupin of Yarik Village, Porgera, Enga Province do say on oath as follows:

- That on the August 26, 2010 on the day of the incident and at around 11 am at the time of the incident I was there to witness the scene at the Yoko 1 gate.

I was at the Yoko 1 gate to observe my relatives trying to get some payments from the Community Affairs Office.

Then the relatives of the deceased brought the dead body over and left it in front of the entrance of the Yoko 1 gate.

Suddenly the armed security force arrived and started firing at us and we started stoning the Security Van

Nixon arrived and stopped the fight and advised that the body be put to the side and let the CA take care of it

Thus we left the body and started departing

However the armed security discharged bullets on to Nixon and the Public were Nixon got a Rubber bullet on his back

Than Nixon demanded the CA that the body be taken responsibility and call an immediate investigation and arrest the officers in charge of discharging life ammunition.

I left together with John Miukin (PDA Manager) in his van to his Office at the Porgera Station While the Porgera Landowners Association Chairman Mark tony Ekepa took Photos.

All of a sudden the same security officers with their same van blocked our van while we were trying to drive into the gates of the PDA.

Six Security officers came out of their van and one of them cocked his gun and demanded the person in the front of our van saying. 'Mr. Kimala where is the camera.

Mr. Kimala said 'what camera

The next Security officer cock his gun and said we are after you

John Muikin responded what have I done and why are you with a full military arm and attacking me.

One of the security officer pointed his gun at Mr. Miukin and said 'I will shoot you'

Mr. Miukin was angered with the statement and he opened his door and went out and tried to fight him.

The public was not happy with the actions of the security force and tried to stone them. Some leader including the District Administrator and the Deputy governor arrived at the time of incident and calm the situation and we went to the District Police Station and gave the report of the incident.

Every particulars in this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and I shall be justified for any false pretence

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Elijah Kupin

4. Photo / Evidence

