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UN PLAYS MAJOR ROLE IN BOUGAINVILLE'S PEACE PROCESS

VIDEO

PEOPLE (10")

AUDIO

NARRATION

Today there is peace in Bougainville, thanks to the efforts of a lot of people who are working hard to make it last...

REBELS (13")

For nearly a decade, the Papua New Guinea island of Bougainville, in the south-western Pacific, was torn apart by a bloody separatist war. Some 15 thousand people died and many more were displaced.

MINE (10")

The world's largest opencast copper mine, Panguna, was at the heart of Bougainville's conflict. The mine accounted for 20 percent of Papua New Guinea's entire revenue.

MINE DESTROYED (16")

In 1988, Bougainvilleans began demanding a greater share of the mine's revenue, compensation for the loss of their land and for environmental degradation. The confrontation developed into an armed conflict.

CEASEFIRE CELEBRATIONS

After years of stalemate, a permanent ceasefire

(17")

was agreed in 1998. It called for disarmament, and the presence of a small United Nations observer mission in Bougainville.

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The mission, opened in August 1998, is headed by Ambassador Noel Sinclair...

AMBASSADOR NOEL SINCLAIR
ON CAMERA (9")

SINCLAIR:

“The parties at the peace agreement decided that they would pay special attention to the question of weapons and their objective to get the weapons out of the way.”

WEAPONS (24")

NARRATION

One thousand nine hundred weapons were collected and put into locked containers throughout the island. With the support of the UN, the parties signed the comprehensive Bougainville Peace Agreement. It is made up of three pillars: autonomy, a referendum on independence to be held in 10 to 15 years and a weapons disposal plan.

PEOPLE ON TRUCK (10")

And the reconciliation is working. Former bitter enemies are coming together. Bougainville Resistance Forces' Chairman Hilary Masiria...

HILARY MASIRIA ON CAMERA
(8")

MASIRIA:

“We are putting our heads together as brothers once again and lasting peace will be achieved,

yes.”

NARRATION

ISHMAEL TOROAMA (4”)

And Bougainville Revolutionary Army Chief of Defence, Ishmael Toroama.

TOROAMA:

ISHMAEL TOROAMA ON
CAMERA (4”)

“As I said before, I will go along with whatever happens.”

NARRATION

DESTROYED HOSPITAL AND
SCHOOL (17”)

Health and educational services were severely disrupted by the years of fighting. But now children are back to school and hospitals are open again. Everyday life is returning to normal. Papua New Guinea's Minister for Inter-Government Relations, Sir Peter Barter...

BARTER:

SIR PETER BARTER ON CAMERA
(7”)

“The proof of the success, if you like, is the fact that they have been here for six years and there hasn't been one shot fired.”

NARRATION

FOOTBALL/FAMILY (22”)

The peace process owed much to the initiative and continuing active support of the international community and the people of Bougainville – community leaders, women's groups and ex-

combatants, who have chosen the path of peace. The United Nations will continue to support Bougainvilleans in their struggle to rebuild their economy and achieve reconciliation, prosperity and peace.

UN LOGO (20")

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