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Samoana High School's Special Education program, as well as members of the student body took part in a 'wave' that was held at the Suigaula ole Atuvasa Beach Park in Utulei last Friday morning, to raise awareness about breast cancer. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In Samoa, the Apia clock tower has been painted "pink" — the official color of Breast Cancer Awareness Month — while locally pink ribbons, t-shirts and 'waves' kicked off the celebration last week.

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Lolo rescinds memo that appointed Tauese as Police Chief

A GRIEVANCE IS REPORTEDLY UNDERWAY

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa News Reporter

Last Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, Governor Lolo M. Moilga issued a General Memorandum that rescinds a prior memo issued in 2014, which appointed Tauese Va'aomala Sunia as Chief of Police for the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Lolo's memo follows a Sept. 29th memo issued by DPS Commissioner Le'i S. Thompson that transferred Tauese to the Territorial Correctional Facility to serve as warden beginning last Monday (Oct 2). See story, Monday, Oct. 2, 2017.

According to Lolo, the 2014 memo is rescinded, "in light of the current efforts by the new leadership of the Department of Public Safety to restructure the department along with the reassignment of personnel with special skills, experience, and leadership history to bolster the effectiveness of the agency to improve the safety of our people and to meet the growing public safety challenges."

He said the action is necessary to accord the new Police Commissioner the "opportunity to implement new public safety plans dedicated to improve public safety services by upgrading and boosting the capacity of law enforcement personnel, transform the operating culture within the department, and to restore public faith in the integrity of our law enforcement system."

Lolo continued, "The action by the Commissioner responds to our repeated directive to all departments and agencies of the American Samoa Government to reorganize and reshuffle personnel, not only to improve cost effectiveness of government operations, but also to ensure that the quality of services to our people is appreciably improved."

According to the governor, "With the increasing onslaught of law malfasant behavior against our children, our people, our society, our community and our territory, it behooves us to transform our law enforcement infrastructure to ensure that it has the ability and the capacity to combat these criminal elements."

"Drug use, drug trafficking, human trafficking, social abuses, senseless killing and terrorist activities are running rampant, thus

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Le'i says it's his duty — under the law — to carry out weapons training

COPS WILL BE CERTIFIED TO CARRY WEAPONS AND USE DEADLY FORCE

by Ausage Fausia
Samoa New Reporter

Over two dozen local police officers, including sergeants, lieutenants, captains and commanders, were at the shooting range in Aoloau for two days participating in training drills that complete a 2-week course, which ultimately certifies them to carry weapons.

Also present at the shooting range was course instructor, Ernie Haleck, a retired police officer, but still a ready reserve for the LAPD; Lt. Gov. Lemanu Peleti Mauga; DPS Commissioner, Le'i S. Thompson; Deputy Commissioners, Falana'ipupu Ta'ase Sagapolutele and Vaimaga Maiava; and Department of Homeland Security director, Samana S. Ve'ave'a.

During a brief interview last Friday, Le'i told Samoa News that after the 2-week training, he is confident our local police force is ready to carry weapons while performing their duties.

"We have been receiving a lot of information during training over the last two weeks," he said, adding that they had to take written tests almost on a daily basis, and they were schooled on the physical manipulation of the weapon.

"So I am very confident that the men and women at the Department of Public Safety are ready to be armed," Le'i said, and pointed out again that "I'm not going to arm all police officers, only those who are being certified to use weapons and deadly force."

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The spotlight this past Sunday was on the thousands of youngsters who participated in White Sunday activities for the various religious denominations on island. There was lots of singing, dancing, acting — all performed by the children as proud parents and family members looked on with pride. For most, White Sunday is the one day out of the year when children get to be spoiled, eating first during toana'i, getting all the ice cream and cake they want, and going on a long car ride in the early evening hours. Despite the current hardship on the local economy, which showed up in store sales — you couldn't tell on the faces of the children — as there was nothing but big smiles on their faces.

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DOH cracks down once again, shuts down 24-hour store in Fagaalu

by Blue Chen-Fruean

Samoa News Correspondent

The Department of Health's Environmental Division has shut down Gold Conda Store in Fagaalu, after inspectors discovered major health violations at the establishment last week.

A 'Public Notice' taped on the store's main entrance reads: "As of 10/03/2017 by order of the Department of Health, business is CLOSED until further notice."

Samoa News sought an explanation over the weekend from DOH Chief Compliance Officer, Onosa'i Aulava who departed the territory for Manu'a yesterday.

According to Aulava, the surprise visit was made after their office received numerous complaints about the quality of food being sold at the store, and the overall condition of the establishment.

He said Gold Conda is the only 24-hour store in the area and it is frequented by people not only during regular business hours, but especially late at night and during the wee hours of the morning by local folks seeking medical assistance or visiting loved ones at the LBJ Medical Center, and those who work the graveyard shift.

Gold Conda not only sells groceries, it also has a fast food section and sells ready-to-eat items like sandwiches, sushi, hot dogs, etc.

"One of the biggest concerns we have, is the fact that some of these food items are being bought and taken to the hospital where caretakers and staff are consuming them," Aulava said.

According to him, the inspection revealed a number of health violations, including unsanitary conditions in both the front end and the storage room.

When asked for details, Aulava said the storage room is full to maximum capacity, and is not well organized. While he understands that businesses always try to keep a huge inventory so the supply doesn't run out, he said he was overwhelmed with the number of boxes and stock scattered all over the place, and not stacked properly.

And while that may not be a concern for many, he said the end result is canned food getting rusty and buried in dust.

He said the items are not yet expired - according to the labels - but because they are not well organized, things are being piled one on top of another and this has caused some canned goods to appear old and damaged.

Referring to the hot food items being sold next to the front counter, Aulava said that under federal regulations, there is a two-hour window for items to be out in the open, to maintain freshness and quality.

"Certain food items should not be exposed and left out at room temperature," he said. "They need to be in a glass display shelf set to a certain temperature to keep it fresh, safe, and away from dust and dirt."

Aulava said one of the biggest problems they encounter at establishments such as Gold Conda, is the language barrier, as none of the workers understand or speak fluent English.

He indicated that the store manager - who understands English - arrived in the territory last week (after the store was shut down by DOH) and he has been briefed about the situation.

Aulava said he and his team conducted a follow-up visit last Friday an "there is tremendous improvement." He said that while 'big changes' have been made, the store was still not given the green light to re-open, despite pleas from the manager to lift the notice because of the busy White Sunday weekend.

"There are still some things that needed to be addressed and that's why I didn't grant the request to re-open the store last Friday," Aulava told Samoa News. "It's a matter of protecting the people of American Samoa."

He said that since he will be in Manu'a until later this week, he has briefed one of his inspectors about the situation, and a follow-up visit will be carried out today. "If everything we noted has been addressed, there's no reason why Gold Conda shouldn't re-open for business today," he said.

"Our job is to raise the standards of food safety in American Samoa, by letting business owners and operators know what needs to be done," Aulava continued. He said surprise visits will be carried out throughout the remainder of the year, and it has been tough for them, trying to haggle their schedule, as DOH employees are currently occupied with outreach efforts dealing with the dengue fever outbreak.

DOH inspections are random. Business owners are urged to keep their establishments clean and up to par, so there is no disruption in operations.

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E muamua on a matou taia le tafa'itoa e pei o le fetalaiga i le ava i Utumalama aua e faigata ou pa'ia sau'o Samoa aua o ou pa'ia mai Manu'a e o'o i Falealupo.

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Tri Marine urges NMFS to support American Samoa’s tuna operations

CITING ITS CANNERY CLOSURE IN AM SAMOA AS AN EXAMPLE

by Fili Sagapolutele
Samoa News Correspondent

US based Tri Marine International is urging a federal agency to grant its exemption request — made three years ago and supported by the American Samoa Government — dealing with US purse seiner fleets that deliver their catch to the canneries in the territory, whose economy is dependent on the canning tuna processing industry.

Tri Marine made the call in an Oct. 3rd five-page comment letter from the company’s chairman and CEO, Renato Curto to the US National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), seeking public comments on a proposed rule to establish a limit for calendar year 2017 on fishing efforts by U.S. purse seine vessels in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and on the high seas — the area known in federal regulations as Effort Limit Area for Purse Seine, or ELAPS.

The proposed rule sets the limit at 1,828 fishing days, according to NMFS, which recalled that the federal agency received in May 2015 a petition from Tri Marine for an exemption from high seas limit any U.S.-flagged purse seine vessel that — pursuant to contract or declaration of intent — delivers or will deliver at least 50 percent of its catch to tuna processing facilities based in American Samoa.

NMFS denied the petition on Oct. 23, 2015. (Details can be viewed on federal portal www.regulations.gov).

In his letter to NMFS, Curto first pointed out that Tri Marine is the beneficial owner of a large scale cannery in American Samoa, but the plant “was forced to shut down” last December, “due to a number of reasons, including the lack of adequate supply of raw material to meet its needs

and those of StarKist” cannery.

Additionally, Tri Marine is associated with a fleet of seven US flagged purse seiners based in the territory. The fleet was composed of as many as 11 vessels, and six of them were entirely US built and had US fisheries endorsements, which was a determining factor in the decision to acquire them, as the company planned to fish inside US waters.

Curto’s letter revealed that since the beginning of last year, one vessel has been sold to another US owner, three were sold to foreign owners, and a fifth vessel was being sold to another foreign buyer.

According to Curto, American Samoa is a Participating Territory under the Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) adopted by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). Under the General Rules of CMM-2015 (specially Sec. 7), establishment of any limits on high seas fishing days is “without prejudice” to the rights of Participating Territories (i.e. American Samoa) in the Convention Area (Central and Western Pacific Ocean) seeking to develop their domestic fisheries.

He said the General Rule set forth the principles for limiting high seas fishing days, and under provision of this Rule, the US would be limited to 1,270 days for 2014-2016, except as necessary to protect the rights of American Samoa as a Participating Territory.

“Under the CMM, the US is given the discretion to decide how best to protect the Participating Territory rights of American Samoa,” he argued. “Without question, American Samoa is a Participating Territory whose fishing industry is intended to be nurtured and protected under the CMMs adopted by the WCPFC.”

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During an oceanographic research sail aboard the Robert C. Seamans, Sea Education Association staffed ASCC students in the appropriate line hauling method to raise the main sail, the largest sail on the ship.

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Ernie Haleck (middle) - the lead instructor in Firearms and Tactics for the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) and DPS in American Samoa - briefing local police officers last week, on the last day of a 2-week training course that certifies them to carry weapons. See story for details.

[photo: AF]

► Le'i says it's his duty...

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An official ceremony to announce all the cops who are certified to be armed will be held before the end of this month.

Le'i said training on the use of force — which includes the use of deadly force — is now required by law and Title 46 of the statute requires that the Commissioner submit a training and certification program on the use of weapons and deadly force to the governor.

"The training has been completed," Le'i said.

According to Le'i, this is the same training that is already included in local statute.

He said the use of deadly force, the objective, and the unreasonable use of force, is already outlined in the law.

Referring to concerns from the general public about arming officers, the Commissioner said these are not new things.

"I think the concern from the general public, obviously, is because any time something new comes around — although it has been in the law — it will always be something that sparks people's concerns. I, too, am concerned; the police officers are also concerned.

"Nevertheless, there are a

lot of facts and information and things happening, and I think the general public is aware that a cop was killed, a DPS substation was shattered, and a cop was shot in the face," Le'i said.

He added that these incidents aren't taken lightly, and he believes it's now time to move forward and fulfill the letter of the law, as it has already been written and is on the books.

Le'i said the community has nothing to worry about, because local police officers are now trained to deal with these things. He said the more police officers are trained and certified, the better it is for them when it comes time to use necessary force by way of a baton, pepper spray, and other tactics and physical maneuvers such as taking down a person.

"And if it all fails, the last resort for those who are in imminent danger is, of course, a weapon," he said.

While not all police officers will be carrying weapons, Le'i told Samoa News that the Tactical Support Team, which is part of the Vice & Narcotics Unit, will be armed 24-7, together with his immediate staff, individuals who are commanders, captains, lieutenants,

sergeants, and others.

"This is not the end of training obviously; there is recurrent training every month, because some of our officers are qualified to be instructors and we will continue to do these types of training to perfect ourselves every month, and so forth," the Commissioner said.

Le'i reiterated that it is part of his authority under the law to ensure this training is conducted thoroughly — step by step — in order for cops to be certified to be armed while performing their duties.

He said the group of police officers who have been selected to be part of this training are top officers in the department.

"I told police officers that there's no question about how dangerous our job is; but if we can learn everything and get certified, we can put together a good team to protect our country.

"There are very serious issues around our island today, and we can cure them all if we work together. That is why I have a lot of confidence in this group of police officers I selected to be part of this training. They are all special and I know they can do better," Le'i said.

ASCC Marine Science Students Set Sail for Science

by Kelley Anderson Tagarino
ASCC ACNR & Hawai'i Sea Grant

In late September, 20 American Samoa Community College (ASCC) Marine Science students embarked aboard the Sailing School Vessel (SSV) Robert C. Seamans to conduct oceanographic research around Tutuila. This is the fourth season where the SSV Robert C. Seamans, owned and operated by the Sea Education Association (SEA), has been in-port in Pago Pago as part of a new Pacific Ocean route that SEA began offering in 2014.

The new route involves ending one semester program in Pago Pago, from which students fly home in June, followed by another Pago Pago-based departure to the Phoenix Islands in July from which the ship returned in August. Another program begins in late September, when the new students fly in and sail out aboard the SSV Robert C. Seamans. Between June and September the SSV Robert C. Seamans crew has graciously hosted many visitors for tours or day sails, and is committed to doing the same in 2018.

During the day sail, ASCC students gained hands-on experience using oceanographic instruments for testing water quality, currents, and plankton, both in Pago Pago Harbor and around the south shore of Tutuila. They also observed humpback whales and seabirds, then participated in discussions on these creatures' importance to marine food webs and as signs for navigating.

Students assisted in collecting oceanographic samples that they later analyzed in the lab at ASCC. In addition to learning the science, students

also learned the basics of sailing, navigating, and living onboard a ship. Many of the students expressed enjoyment with the day sail, with student Faith Latu saying, "I feel very lucky to have been able to join this day sail. I learned a lot and it made me excited to learn more about the ocean around our islands." Experiences such as this would not be possible without the support of the SEA program, ASCC and ACNR, and the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant. The SSV Robert C. Seamans' in-porting in Pago Pago is now an annual event, which benefits our Territory through increased ocean awareness and as an attraction for visitors. In addition, last year SEA generously provided a full scholarship to ASCC Marine Science student Johann Vollrath, who attended their inaugural Pacific Reefs Expedition program which included sailing from Papeete, Tahiti, to Rangiroa, Karorina Atoll, Keritimat Atoll, and Honolulu, Hawai'i. The ASCC Marine Science Program expressed its gratitude to SEA for providing such wonderful opportunities to its students and said it looks forward to continuing this partnership. Anyone wishing to learn more about the ASCC Marine Science Program can contact Kelley Anderson Tagarino at 699-3353 (office) or 258-2967 (cell), or email <KelleyAT@Hawaii.edu> or via regular mail at P.O. Box 2609 for more information. The Marine Science Program provides outreach talks about marine science topics, so if your class or group would like to request a talk, please contact Mrs. Tagarino. Those interested can also contact Meagan Curtis of the ASCC Science Department at <m.curtis@amsamoa.edu>

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our law enforcement system must constantly evolve to sustain its interdiction and protective effectiveness."

He said there has been constant public outcry over the inability of the Correctional Facility workforce to manage its operation to diminish public concern and mounting fear of those living around the area.

Last Monday was Tauese's first day as warden of TCF. He was appointed as Chief Police Officer under an executive order issued by Lolo on Dec 02, 2014, and he continued serving as Police Chief when Le'i took over as DPS commissioner earlier this year.

Former warden Vaipuna Foifua was transferred to the Central Police Station.

Le'i told Samoa News that senior personnel reassignment is part of DPS' strides over the last nine months to improve their service to the community, through investment in professional development training in

areas of respective disciplines. According to a report on talanei last week, Tauese said while he will carry out the directive by the Commissioner - for him to step into the position of warden - he is filing a grievance based on professional grounds, nothing personal.

He will also challenge the appointment of Falanaipupu Taase Sagapolutele to the position of deputy commissioner, saying that based on experience, qualifications, seniority, physical, and psychological standing, he prevails over the appointee.

Samoa News should point out that in the memo assigning Tauese as the TCF warden, he was never referred to as the Chief of Police, despite holding the title at the time of his re-assignment.

Also, comments on the samoanews.com website have said the warden assignment is perceived as a 'demotion' — and questioned the reason.



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**AMATA WELCOMES
\$67,000 DOT GRANT
FOR AMERICAN SAMOA
HOMELAND SECURITY**

Washington, D.C. – Friday, OCT. 6, 2017 - Congresswoman Aumua Amata was pleased to welcome a \$67,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for the American Samoa Government for hazardous materials safety.

“American Samoans greatly appreciate our first responders, and all they do to be ready in time of need,” Aumua Amata said. “I welcome this funding for the preparation and safety of emergency personnel and the people they serve in any potential crisis.”

Specifically, this \$67,148 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant from the DOT’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is designated for the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security.

The grant funds efforts to enhance their ability to respond to hazardous materials transportation incidents. This includes assisting in performing hazardous materials response duties and aiding in the development, implementation, and improvement of emergency plans and training for local communities. The HMEP grant program allows flexibility for the differing needs of each location. The funds can be used in developing or revising emergency plans and training activities to account for bulk transportation of energy products, studies regarding hazmat shipments, and training emergency responders to respond appropriately to hazmat and other incidents.

“I appreciate the DOT’s recognition of the need to include American Samoa in this effort,” Congresswoman Amata continued. “Congratulations especially to the program manager, Alexander V. Tali, along with Director Samana Semo Ve’ave’a and everyone else at the Department involved in this grant.”

(Source: Congresswoman Aumua Amata’s Office, Washington, DC)

“IT’S INSULTING AND DISGRACEFUL”

The treatment of the former Head of State, His Highness Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi and the Masiofo, Her Highness Fili-filia Tamasese by the government is “unacceptable, insulting and disgraceful.”

That’s the opinion of Member of Parliament, Olo Fiti Vaai, who has called on the government to reconsider its decision to deny the extension of the diplomatic passports for the former Head of State and his Masiofo.

Last week, Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa’ilele Malielegaoi

said the Government’s decision was final and they would not extend the diplomatic passports as requested.

But the issue does not sit well with Olo Fiti, who said “Tui Atua was Samoa’s King.”

“He is Tama Aiga (royalty) and no matter what the government does the mindset of our people will never change from the fact that Tui Atua is our King and he is royalty,” Olo told the Sunday Samoan.

“Is this how we treat the King who has served in every aspect of the Government?”

“He’s a former Member of Parliament, who led the Opposition, a former Prime Minister and now a former Head of State.”

“The move is not only insulting but degrading to say the least, and as a Member of Parliament and a citizen of this county, I am ashamed with how my former Head of State is being treated due to dirty politics.”

“I understand there are other diplomatic passports being used by former Members of Parliament which were recently cancelled when the government announced the denial of the extension of the former Head of State’s diplomatic passports.”

“The issue at hand is significant, this is Samoa’s former Head of State, and his service has led Samoa to where it is now.”

“Is this how the Government repays his long years of service?”

“So set aside the fact that he’s served in numerous capacities of the government, but what about the fact that he is Tama Aiga, does that not mean anything anymore?” asked Olo Fiti.

The Member of Parliament believes this is an internal country issue and the government has the discretion to extend the passport. “Saying it is longstanding policies put in place in accordance with the United Nation laws, is a load of rubbish,” he said. “This is our Tama Aiga, he is entitled to these benefits whether the Government likes it or not.”

He said, “The entitlement was in affect when Tui Atua was born into this World, why, because he’s Tama Aiga and he is our King.”

“How dare the government insult the former Head of State like that!” Olo Fiti stated. “This is not only an insult to their Highnesses but also to the People of Samoa, whose King is being robbed of what he is entitled to.”

The Member of Parliament said the decision should be reversed.

“I will never let this issue go, because Tui Atua is our former Head of State, and if it means signing a petition for an appeal, that is what we will do to remind the Government that

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"It therefore appears that the best economic information supports the request for an exemption, considering American Samoa's status as a Participating Territory under the current applicable CMM restrictions on high seas fishing days," he said. Samoa News notes that American Samoa has

Public comments on the ELAPS fishing days limit for 2017 closed yesterday, Oct. 5th.



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At somber hall, people retrieve items lost in Vegas shooting

LAS VEGAS (AP) — They came quietly, in a steady stream looking for purses, wallets and cellphones. One person searched for a treasured wedding bracelet.

After the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, concertgoers and family members of those who attended a country music festival that ended in death for dozens of people sought Monday to recover belongings left behind in panic.

Lawn chairs, baby strollers, cowboy hats, boots and thousands of other items were discarded as 22,000 people fled the concert venue while bullets flew from the Mandalay Bay hotel casino across Las Vegas Boulevard.

FBI investigators spent a week combing the crime scene, carefully cataloguing evidence and separating personal items before transporting them to an assistance center set up at the convention center.

“I can just tell you from taking a look at it, it’s just thousands and thousands of items, many, many truckloads that have been picked up,” Clark County Emergency Manager John Steinbeck said. “More than I would have ever expected.”

People are being allowed to retrieve the belongings in groups based on where they were seated at the concert. The items available for retrieval are those that were found in an area west of the stage, which included Americans with Dis-

abilities Act-compliant seating, as well as those recovered from inside and in front of the VIP tent and bleacher seating east of the stage.

The somber mood at the hall was occasionally deepened by weeping.

Volunteers filled out intake forms with detailed descriptions of lost items, and later, FBI victims’ assistance agents asked follow-up questions.

People received their belongings in re-sealable plastic bags. After identifying their items, some smiled and others hugged the FBI agents or Red Cross volunteers who helped them.

Those returning to claim their items first must pass must through a vehicle checkpoint. Prominent signs indicate that no members of the media are allowed. Police SUVs are parked a few feet away from the entrance.

Officials restricted access to the assistance center to protect the privacy of victims and those traumatized by the shooting.



FILE - In this Oct. 3, 2017, file photo, investigators work among thousands of personal items at a festival grounds across the street from the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Friends and relatives of the victims and other concert-goers who survived returned Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, to reclaim baby strollers, shoes, phones, backpacks and purses left behind in the panic as they fled, at a Family Assistance Center at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File)

UN: Colombian police fired on mission sent to probe slayings

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The United Nations denounced Colombia’s anti-narcotics police on Monday for firing on a humanitarian mission it led to investigate the murder of several coca growers during clashes with security forces.

The mission, comprised of observers from the U.N. as well as the Organization of American States and church groups, were attempting Sunday to reach a remote outpost where the killings took place when they were stopped in their tracks by four exploding stun grenades as well as teargas and the sound of gunfire, according to the U.N.’s human rights office in Colombia.

The confusing incident is the latest embarrassment for President Juan Manuel Santos’ government as it struggles to implement a peace deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia while trying to get a grip on booming coca production dominated by criminal gangs filling the void left by retreating rebels.

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Tui Atua is our King and that will never change.”

(Source: Samoa Observer)

SAMOA TAKES IMPORTANT STEPS TO BECOMING E-COMMERCE READY

The Pacific Island nation of Samoa has made considerable progress in recent years in getting businesses and consumers online but still faces challenges before being fully ready to benefit from e-commerce, an UNCTAD assessment of the country published today says.

Made up of eight islands sitting halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand, the country's isolation fuels high import prices and creates challenges for Samoan entrepreneurs to access global markets and grow their businesses.

By giving exporters direct access to potential clients around the globe and allowing Samoan consumers and businesses to find the best deals for what they import, e-commerce could help the country over-

come its geographical disadvantages, the report says.

“As is the case for most small island developing states and especially in the Pacific,” the assessment says, “trade logistics constraints remain a key bottleneck for Samoa.”

Air transport is the most expensive way to ship goods, yet because most goods Samoans buy and sell online are small parcels, Faleolo International Airport is currently the main entry and exit point. And this takes a toll on businesses' profits and consumers' wallets.

Better port facilities and increased transportation options would make e-commerce less expensive, the assessment says, adding that the lack of a postal addressing system also limits the scope of e-commerce in Samoa.

Government reforms bringing more competition and better regulation to the telecommunications sector have made mobile phones an everyday reality for most of the population. But Internet connections are still unreliable and expensive, keeping more than two thirds of the population offline.

A monthly 2GB ADSL subscription was US\$43 in 2015, and a prepaid 3GB data plan for a mobile was US\$40, in a country where minimum-wage workers earn just over US\$2 an hour.

The government hopes that the arrival of a 1,3000-kilometre submarine cable connecting Samoa to Fiji's Southern Cross Cable will boost connectivity and affordability. But the assessment has shown that improved infrastructure alone will not make the island nation e-commerce-ready.

Even if the population is better connected, e-commerce cannot take off if the majority of the population does not have a bank account or credit card and remains skeptical of mobile payment solutions.

“Samoans remain largely unbanked,” the report says, adding that only around half the adult population has a bank account or access to other formal services such as credit unions and microfinance.

And cultural beliefs in the value of cash and a general reluctance to trust mobile payments -- only 3.7% of mobile phone owners have a mobile money account -- are preventing online businesses such as Samoamarket and Makeki Online from boosting sales despite increased traffic to their websites.

One of the reasons Samoans seem reluctant to trust online payments, the report says, is an incomplete and at times outdated legal framework.

The top concern, according to the assessment, is consumer protection online, particularly data protection and privacy, for which Samoa has no legislation.

The assessment calls for a thorough review of Samoa's legal framework, despite being one of the most advanced in the

region according to UNCTAD's Cyberlaw Tracker.

“While the framework is in place, it seldom covers specific e-commerce aspects,” says Cécile Barayre, an UNCTAD legal officer who worked on the assessment.

“One specific challenge is the contradicting and overlapping regulations adopted by different ministries and government agencies,” she adds.

But even if more Samoans are connected to the Internet and trust online payment, if they are uninformed of the opportunities e-commerce offers and lack the necessary technological skills, online sales will continue to drag.

“The lack of understanding and awareness of what e-commerce is and how to benefit from it has been a common thread throughout the assessment period,” the report says, adding that assistance could focus on small and medium businesses owned by women since current e-commerce facilities are more accessible by well-established male-owned businesses.

The ability to make trade more inclusive and offer opportunities to women and youth -- two segments of the population often left out -- is what makes e-commerce a game changer, says Mere Falemaka, Permanent Representative of the Pacific Islands Forum to the World Trade Organization.

Through the assessment, the government has realized that e-commerce is about more than ICT infrastructure, transport and regulation, and that it requires investment in soft infrastructure and skills, and a thorough, encompassing national e-commerce strategy.

“UNCTAD's e-trade readiness assessments are a first step for Pacific Island countries to develop a coherent national e-commerce policy,” Ms. Falemaka says.

The government of Samoa is committed to take advantage of e-commerce, the report says. And with the right vision and concerted efforts to remove persistent bottlenecks, Samoa could become an e-commerce hub for the region.

The Samoa Rapid e-Trade Readiness Assessment, funded by the Enhanced Integrated Framework, a multi-donor programme for least developed countries, is the third such assessment UNCTAD has done.

It was carried out following a regional workshop on e-commerce in June this year that UNCTAD and the World Trade Organization held with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

The assessment was presented today at the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-Commerce and the Digital Economy, convening in Geneva from Wednesday to Friday.

The group of experts offers a valuable platform to ensure effective follow-up, which will require development partners that are part of the group to provide timely financial and technical assistance to Samoa.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ASLA STAFF ATTORNEY

The American Samoa Legal Aid, Inc. (“ASLA”) is seeking to employ one full-time attorney on a three year contract for our non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal services to low-income residents of American Samoa.

About the Position:

ASLA is interested in an attorney with legal experience in handling Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Date Violence, and Stalking cases. ASLA will also consider applicant's experience in handling cases in Family Law, Housing, Administrative Law, Immigration, Consumer, Social Security, Public Benefits and Veteran Benefits.

Responsibilities:

- Provide effective legal advice and representation of ASLA clients.
- Perform work assigned by the Executive Director.
- Comply with applicable Legal Services Corporation regulations in 45 CFR Part 1600 et. seq.
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- Comply with ASLA U.S. Department of Justice Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking program grant guidelines.
- Articulate ASLA's mission in the legal community, judiciary, government, nonprofit organizations and the community at large.

Requirements:

- Admitted or being admitted to practice law in American Samoa.
- Possess the highest ethical standards.
- Five years experience as an attorney practicing law in American Samoa or the U.S.A. or Samoa.
- Familiarity with Legal Services Corporation regulations is preferable.
- Possess excellent communication skills. Ability to speak and write both in English and Samoan will be favorably considered.
- Excellent computer skills.
- Familiarity with the PIKA case management system is preferable.
- Value diversity and be culturally competent.
- Ability to work well together with the Board, Executive Director and support staff to fulfill the ASLA mission and Strategic Plan action goals.
- Demonstrate a commitment to serve low-income residents.

Starting Salary:

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Applicants: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. **Deadline for applications is Monday 10/16/17 at noon.** Interested candidates should submit a letter expressing why they are interested in the position of ASLA Staff Attorney as well as what they believe they can contribute to the future of the program and its client community. The letter should be accompanied by a current resume with the names and contact information of three references. Application letter and resume should be submitted electronically via email in Microsoft Word format to ASLA Executive Director Fainu'ulelei L.P.F. Ala'ilima-Utu at the following email address: Fautu@aslegalaidd.org.

At least 10 dead as fires rage in California wine country

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Wildfires whipped by powerful winds swept through California wine country Monday, killing at least 10 people, destroying 1,500 homes and businesses and sending thousands fleeing as flames raged unchecked through high-end resorts, grocery stores and tree-lined neighborhoods.

The fires broke out nearly simultaneously and then exploded overnight, sending residents fleeing as embers rained down and flames raged around them. Two hospitals in Santa Rosa, the largest city in the region with 175,000 people, were forced to evacuate patients. Later in the day, fires from ruptured gas lines dotted the smoky landscapes of blackened Santa Rosa hillsides. Fire trucks raced by smoldering roadside landscaping in search of higher priorities.

The flames were fickle in some corners of the city. One hillside home remained unscathed while a dozen surrounding it were destroyed.

One of the homes that was reduced to ash had a Mercedes Benz in the garage. Two cars parked across the street were untouched.

The flames were unforgiving throughout the city, torching block after block with little to salvage. Hundreds of homes in the Fountain Grove area were leveled by flames so hot they melted the glass off of cars and turned aluminum wheels into liquid. One neighborhood of older homes was scorched, leaving only brick chimneys and downed power lines.

Residents who gathered at emergency shelters and grocery stores said they were shocked by the speed and ferocity of the flames. They recalled all the possessions they had left behind and were lost.

“All that good stuff, I’m never going to see it again,” said Jeff Okrepkie, who fled his neighborhood in Santa Rosa knowing it was probably the last time he would see his home of the past five years standing.

His worst fears were confirmed Monday, when a friend sent him a photo of what was left: a smoldering heap of burnt metal and debris.

In the rush to leave, Okrepkie and his wife were able to gather important documents, photos and mementos, like letters from his wife’s late father. Still, Okrepkie was tortured by the things he left behind, including a framed photo of his grandfather that his grandmother had carried with her for a decade after he died.

Some of the largest of the 14 blazes burning over a 200-mile region were in Napa and Sonoma counties, home to dozens of wineries that attract tourists from around the world. They sent smoke as far south

as San Francisco, about 60 miles (96 kilometers) away. The causes of the fires were unknown.

The fires throughout the region were among the deadliest in California history, and fire officials expected the number of fatalities to increase.

Winds have posed a challenge to firefighters in the state this year despite a relatively wet winter that followed years of drought. The fires that broke out Sunday burned “at explosive rates” because of 50 mph winds, said Ken Pimlott, director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

October has generally been the most destructive time of year for California wildfires. What was unusual Sunday, however, was to have so many fires take off at the same time.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared

a state of emergency in Napa, Sonoma, Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada and Yuba counties. Authorities imposed a sunset-to-sunrise curfew in Santa Rosa, saying they were on the lookout for looters.

The ferocity of the flames forced authorities to focus primarily on getting people out safely, even if it meant abandoning structures to the fire.

Elsewhere in the state, a fire churning through canyons in hilly neighborhoods of Orange County burned at least half a dozen homes and forced residents of about 1,000 homes to evacuate. Brown also declared a state of emergency for Orange County.

The inferno in Northern California blackened miles along Highway 12, one of the main gateways into wine country.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP: Financial and Single Audit Services for 2017-2019
Approved to issuance by: Ruth Matagi-Fa'atili; DBAS President
Date of issuance: August 16, 2017
Date & Time Due: October 30, 2017
No later than 2:00 pm local time

DBAS requests proposals for financial audits and the related single audits for a period of three years, beginning with the audit of fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019. Fiscal and calendar years are coincident at DBAS.

DOCUMENT

Requests for proposal packet outlining requirements will be available for pick up at DBAS on Friday August 18, 2017 or emailing charmaine@dbas.as for information regarding the RFP. It can also be accessed through the DBAS website: www.dbas.as (click public notice)

The Request for Proposals (RFP) describes the specifications for the services to be provided in sufficient details to permit competition and allow the interested party to properly respond to the RFP.

This RFP is issued under Title 28, Chapter 1, of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

DBAS invites the submission of proposals to include pricing and other details as indicated in the specifications. Attachments will be provided as an aid in presenting a comprehensive proposal consistent with the requirements of DBAS.

DBAS will select a contractor who best meets the needs of DBAS. The factors for selection will include, but not be limited to the following: understanding of the requirements of the financial and single auditors; verifiable ability to perform well; good reputation; flexibility, including ability to respond quickly to needs of a small client in a remote location and throughout the year; and reasonability of costs.

The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from DBAS management and board. The committee may request interviews with potential contractors after reviewing the proposals before the final selection is made.

Submission: Proposals must be received by DBAS no later than 2:00pm local time on October 30, 2017. They may be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to:

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Attention: Charmaine Faleaana
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They may also be emailed to charmaine@dbas.as, as an attachment in Word Format with a confirming email required to confirm receipt; or faxed to DBAS at (684) 633-1163 with a confirming fax to confirm receipt. The original is to follow by airmail first class.

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In the Matter of the Estate of

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BY: MASE AKAPO
Petitioner

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that MASE AKAPO has filed a Petition for appointment as administrator of the Estate of TULIPA LAI (deceased)

A hearing on the Petition will be held on November 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa. All heirs of TULIPA LAI and interested parties may appear before the court on said date to respond to this Notice.

Dated: September 22, 2017

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The previous e-Trade Readiness Assessments were for Bhutan and Cambodia. Next up are the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.(Source: MPMC)

NOT VIABLE, GOVERNOR
DISMISSES CURRENCY
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Changing the effigy or figure head on the Samoan currency is not financially feasible.

So said the Governor of Central Bank, Maiava Atalina Ainuu-Enari, in response to questions from the Sunday Samoan. The Governor was asked for a comment following calls from members of the public who wonder when the Central Bank would consider a new currency with the new Head of State, His Highness Tuimaleali'ifano Vaaletoa Sua-lauvi II, on it.

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi referred questions to the Governor of the Central Bank.

During an interview with the Sunday Samoan, the Governor said the process takes about four

years maximum to print new money. "And while the decision to change the currency is at the Cabinet's discretion, I will explain the process for public knowledge," she said.

"We order our currency from a company called DelaRue, a banknote manufacturer."

"It's a global company located in the United Kingdom who first started printing high security notes in the 1800's."

"They sell high-security paper and their deliverance of high security and integrity to the Cash Supply Chain is notable."

Maiava then explained the process. "I must say that it is a meticulous process."

"It takes up between three and four years before we can actually print new currency. 'That is how lengthy it takes and this is because of the security measures placed on the note.'"

"It's not something we do overnight," Maiava said.

"So it starts from the designing, and by law we have to do consultation with the uses of the currency which is our people." "We also have to consult with the banks because there were times that our currency was unable to use in

the A.T.M. (automated teller machine)." "The A.T.M. won't accept the new currency because of some configuration and so what happens is the banks have had to replace all their A.T.Ms and that is costly to the commercial banks." "We consult with the commercial banks on the size of the currency that is acceptable to the A.T.M's," she said. She said different countries had difference currencies in terms of sizes. "These are some of the steps we have to take to assure that when the currency arrives there are no problems."

"Makes it difficult that Delarue is located on the other side of the world and we are here in the Pacific."

"We go through the designs and the correspondence goes back and forth on the changes and most especially the security measures." "Once the design and everything else is ok, then it goes onto the plate."

"This is the tricky part, once it's on the plate it cannot be changed, that is why the process is very lengthy and again meticulous." According to the Governor, even ordering the coin is another process.

"Our coin is minted from

Royal Australia Mint but the paper money comes from Delarue in U.K. Many Pacific islands Fiji, Tonga, and Solomon islands all print their money from Delarue," she said.

She said the current currency was launched back in 2007 and this money will be circulating for about 10 years.

"And until we have issues in terms of security where a security feature is compromised on the note then we will have to change our currency."

"We try to use the notes we currently have for a lengthy time due to the high cost, for us as a small nation," she said.

"There were really no changes of notes at the time when the Late Malietoa Tanumafili II, because his tenure was for life and so that is why his photo was on the notes and the coin," she said.

In conclusion, the Governor pointed out the main recommendation from Delarue was go "fauna and flora".

"They have suggested for us to consider putting our national flower or national bird to represent Samoa, and so there won't be many changes, because changes come at a cost," said the Governor.

(Source: Samoa Observer)

IMMIGRATION CHIEF
DENIES CLAIM

The Head of Samoa Immigration, Agafili Shem Leo, has rejected claims that his Office had been notified about the alleged sale of Samoan passports online earlier this year.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Prime Minister and Cabinet in response to questions from the Sunday Samoan rubbished claims his office was informed as early as May. "These allegations were not reported to me as Head of the Ministry back in May," he told the Sunday Samoan in an email. "It only came to my attention when my Press and Communications Division forwarded an email inquiring about this matter when I was on duty travel on September 22nd 2017.

"Swift action was immediately taken against these allegations upon my return to Samoa on the 25th September in accordance with the law. This had led to the investigation that is currently on going."

But a reliable source said the Immigration office might have been alerted to the situation at the beginning of 2017.

The source said the information, however, was relayed senior Immigration officials until the matter was queried by the Samoa Observer.

"The complaint came to the office in May, 2017 yet the officials were only informed when Samoa Observer sent over an email containing copies of the passport that was (allegedly) sold online," the source said.

"Up until now, I don't know why this was not reported in the first place and yet this is a serious issue." Last week, Attorney General, Lemalu Herman Retzlaff, issued a 'prohibition order' against two suspects in connection with the alleged sale of Samoan pass-

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10 : am	00' K-pop World Festiva	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Teenagers Drama Andante	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	00'	Music Bank (E,R)	Encore Drama	00'
11 : am	30' Battle Trip (E,R)	Encore Drama "Golden Cross" (E,R)				00'	My Neighbor Charles	Golden Cross	
12 NOON	30' Nature Concert in Jeju (E,R)	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)				50'	K-pop World Festival		
1 : pm	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)						(E,R)	
2 : pm	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Witch's Court (working title) Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Mad Dog (working title) (E,R)				The Beauty (E,R)	30'
3 : pm	50' Encore Drama Golden Cross (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Teenagers Drama Andante	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Happy Together (E,R)	30'	Battle Trip (E,R)		20'
4 : pm	00' Encore Drama Golden Cross (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Girls' Generation 1979 (E,R)	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Manhole (E,R) Final	Guerilla Date (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
5 : pm	10' Encore Drama Golden Cross (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Girls' Generation 1979(E,R)	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Return of Superman (E,R)	00'	Mon-Tue Drama	Wed-Thu Drama	00'
6 : pm	20' Encore Drama Golden Cross (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Girls' Generation 1979 (E,R)	My Golden Life (Working title) (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)		Witch's Court (working title) (E,R)	Mad Dog (working title) (E,R)	
7 : pm	40' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)					Knowing Korea (E,R)	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	20'
8 : pm	00' Jisook's Table for O'	Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E,R)							
9 : pm	00' Imjin War 1952 Director's Cut (E)	KBS World News Today				40'	Happy Together (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	40'
10 : pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Witch's Court (working title) Mon-Tue Drama (E,R) Final	Music Bank (Live)					
11 : pm	00' Teenagers Drama Andante	Hollo Counselor (E,R)	Teenagers Drama Andante	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	2017 K-pop World Festival Global Audi'	00'	Gag Concert (E)	"The Return of Superman" (E)	00'
12 : 00	40' Jisook's Table for O'	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E)				20'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E)	40'
Next Day	20' Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)	Knowing Korea (E,R)							
1 : am	00' Daily Drama "Lovers in Bloom" (E)	Heritage Tomorrow (E,R)							
2 : am	00' KBS 9 News (Live)	KBS 9 News (Live)							
3 : am	50' Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Witch's Court (working title) Mon-Tue Drama (E)	Mad Dog (working title) Wed-Thu Drama (E)	KBS 9 News (Live)		00'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E)		20'
4 : am	00' Hollo Counselor (E)	Teenagers Drama Andante	Drama Special 2017 (E)	Happy Together (E)	Music Bank (E)	30'	Mon-Tue Drama Witch's Court (working title) (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Mad Dog (working title) (E,R)	30'
5 : am	20' Encore Drama "Golden Cross" (E)	The Return of Superman Special (E)							
6 : am	30' Heritage Tomorrow	KBS World E-Today (E,R)				50'	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	50'
7 : am	40' History of Korea (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	K-pop World Festival	My Neighbor Charles (E)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	10'	Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
8 : am	00' Music Bank in Singapore (E,R)	Gag Concert (E,R)	"The Return of Superman" (E,R)	Two Days and One Night (E,R)	Battle Trip (E,R)	50'	My Golden Life (Working title) Weekend Drama (E,R)		50'
9 : am	20' Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	Witch's Court (working title) Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Mad Dog (working title) Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)			00'	Golden Cross (E,R)	My Neighbor Charles (E)	00'
	30' Hollo Counselor(E,R)	Andante	Drama Special 2017	Happy Together	Music Bank (E,R)			Guerilla Date (E)	

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ports online.

The order against Immigration employee, David Nomereta Uaine and a member of the public, Fitu Goshe, prohibits them from leaving the country while the investigation is in progress. A copy of the ‘prohibition order’ obtained by the Samoa Observer was issued on Tuesday and signed by the Attorney General.

The order was addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Samoa Immigration, Agafili Shem Leo.

The alleged sale of passports was put to the attention of the Immigration Office by the Samoa Observer, which led to the government launching their investigation into the allegations that someone is “selling Samoan passports” online.

This was confirmed in a press statement issued by the Press Secretary.

“As required under the Passport Act and the Public Service Act, the Immigration division of the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has begun an investigation in to allegations of a potential breach of the Passport Act,” the statement reads.

“This is in relation to reports received by the Ministry last week that passports have been illegally procured.”

“The Ministry takes any allegation seriously and wishes to assure the public that security of our passports remains intact. Relevant action in accordance with the law will be taken upon completion of the investigation.” “The Immigration Office will continue to monitor, review and improve processes to ensure the safety and security of Samoa.” The statement did not say how long the investigation will take and what exactly they are after. (Source: Samoa Observer)

FRENCH POLYNESIA
NUCLEAR COMPO
FIGHT TO GO TO HUMAN
RIGHTS COURT

French Polynesia’s social welfare agency is set to go to the European Court of Human Rights over payments for victims of France’s nuclear weapons tests. It followed a French court ruling which upheld a French government decision not to compensate the agency in Tahiti after it paid for the care of a victim. The court rejected the compensation claim by stating that the French state was not liable because there was no proof that the state was directly responsible for the damage. The expert advice to the court had earlier pointed out that the French compensation commission attributed payments to victims out of national solidarity and not because the state recognised any liability.

It argued that as a service provider the Tahitian agency could only get compensated if it could prove the state’s responsibility.

Radio1 in Tahiti said after the rejection the social welfare agency’s board has now decided to lodge the case with the European Court of Human Rights.

In July, the French government announced all rejected compensation claims would be reconsidered including one lodged by the agency for money it had disbursed to a victim.

In a reaction to the court ruling, the National Front accused the France’s ruling En Marche party of hiding behind legal quibbles.

In reply, En Marche accused the National Front of missing the chance to be quiet, saying it was a constitutional question about the separation of power between the executive and the judiciary. (Source: RNZ)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB-006-2018

Issuance Date: October 10, 2017

Closing Date: October 24, 2017
No later than 2:00p.m (local time)

1. INVITATION

Sealed bids are invited from qualified firms to provide “Food, Beverages and Supplies for the American Samoa Department of Education (AS-DOE) - School Lunch Program”.

2. RECEIPT & OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, American Samoa Government, Tafuna, American Samoa 96799, until 2:00 p.m. (local time), October 24, 2017 at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

3. MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE MEETING

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting for all contractors will be held on October 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of Procurement - Conference Room. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who are not present at the pre-bid meeting.

4. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Electronic copies of contract documents, including Plans and Scope of Work can be examined or obtained from the Office of Procurement during regular business hours free of charge.

5. The American Samoa Government reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any bid.

6. The American Samoa Government reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding as may be in the best interest of the American Samoa Government.

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New Guinea Chief	490	TBA	10/29	10/31	11/11	---	11/16	11/16
Cap Taputapu	035	TBA	11/14	11/16	11/27	---	12/02	12/02
New Guinea Chief	491	TBA	11/30	12/02	12/13	---	12/18	12/18

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