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# Somare plots to gag media

## ■ *Post-Courier* Managing Director and senior reporter referred to Parliamentary Privileges Committee

PRIME Minister Sir Michael Somare yesterday revealed he would introduce legislation to regulate the media.

Fuming at yesterday's front page article in the *Post-Courier* which detailed his discreet arrival in Port Moresby from America, the Chief told Parliament it was time the country's daily newspapers were regulated as they continue to publish anti-Government stories.

He said this after referring *Post-Courier* managing director Kevin Smith and senior reporter Alex Rheehey to the Parliamentary Privileges Committee.

Sir Michael said the *Post-Courier* misrepresented him in its article yesterday by saying he "slipped in" upon his return from New York, where he attended the

United Nations general assembly with other world leaders.

"Na mi pepa i misrepresentim mi dis monin olsem mi kam aste long balus na mi 'slip in', editor of the paper is Mr Alex Rheehey of *Post-Courier*," Sir Michael said.

"*Post-Courier* i wokim bikpela agenda bilong em, long ol taim daunim point bilong Papua New Guinea gavman.

"Long last Parliament, five years ol i wok long wokim dispela wok. Ol i no ripot long ol gutpela samting em gavman i bin mekim long last five years.

"Ol i wok long ripot long petty matters, interest bilong foreigners, interest bilong outside - ol i wok long ripot long dispela.

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**TV stand  
on show!**

VOCATIONAL centres in Bougainville yesterday held their open day where they displayed and sold their handiwork in Buka. Pictured is Wybonn Pais from Burunotui putting finishing touches to a TV stand. Picture: ROMULUS MASIU.

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