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■ Soldiers plan to arrest Prime Minister over Motigate report

■ Police on full alert, says Police Commissioner Gari Baki



snapshot
SECURITY THREAT

■ **SECURITY CONCERNS:** National Security Advisory Council meet to discuss threat over the week-end.

■ **IN CONTACT:** Heads of police and PNGDF are in contact and monitoring situation.

■ **PM ARRIVING:** Sir Michael arriving from New York today.

By ALEX RHEENEY

POLICE are on full alert following reports disgruntled soldiers plan to arrest Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare over the Motigate Affair upon his return to the country.

The National Security Advisory Committee (NSAC) also met over the weekend to discuss the "threat" but is unable to identify the PNG Defence Force soldiers behind the plot.

"We are not leaving anything to chance," an official linked with the NSAC said yesterday and added, "Especially from the military, anything is tantamount".

Sir Michael is scheduled to arrive in Port Moresby today (Monday)

from New York, where he attended the United Nations General Assembly with other world leaders.

Police Commissioner Gari Baki flew to Lae last week to attend a 2007 general election security meeting but is being given daily briefings by police intelligence officers.

He returned to Port Moresby yesterday and confirmed when contacted by the *Post-Courier* that police were on full alert and were treating as "serious" rumours of the soldiers' secret plan.

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Cult story wins top media award



BEHIND every successful man stands a woman. This picture shows *Post-Courier* journalist Simon Eroro and his wife Chrissenda. Mr Eroro won the Best News Story of the Year award at the PNG Media

awards on Saturday night for his scoop on the cult story that gripped the whole Northern Province early this year. More stories and pictures on the media expo and awards night on pages 8 and 9.

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