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Chief home in landslide victory 86-21, Nape is Speaker

snapshot PM'S ELECTION

- **CABINET:** PM names 11-man caretaker Cabinet.
- **HOUSE:** Parliament adjourned to September 18.
- **SECURITY:** Tight police security prevents proposed protest.
- **ORDER:** Proceedings of elections of Speaker, PM go without incident.

By ALEX RHEENEY

SIR Michael Somare yesterday retained the Prime Minister's post after Parliament voted 86-21 to give him the top job.

His election is the first time too that a prime minister has been elected with such a majority after an election.

His re-election makes him the first MP to occupy the top job on four separate occasions after leading the post-independence government from 1975-1980, 1982-1985 and recently 2002-2007.

The 13-day camp in East New Britain hosted by the National Alliance Party (NA) ensured yesterday that 86 MPs from the ruling party and 13 other political parties out-muscled their rivals to vote for the veteran politician.



CHEERS: Governor-General Sir Paulias Matane toasts Sir Michael Somare's election as Prime Minister yesterday at Government House.

Picture: STEVEN PETER.

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