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The Post-Courier will not be published on Monday July 23, a public holiday to remember servicemen and women killed in the line of duty.

# Race on to end count

## All declarations must be done by Monday – Bengo

By ALEX RHEENEY

THE Electoral Commission is in a race against time to declare all new parliamentarians by Monday. A total of 10 MPs have already been declared since last Saturday but that only represents nine per cent of Parliament's 109 seats.

The long weekend gives polling teams an opportunity to complete counting and make declarations.

But Registrar of Political Parties Paul Bengo told Government-owned Karai Radio yesterday he was not sure they could complete the job on time.

Prime Minister Sir Michael Somare has warned Mr Trawan that the election dates were fixed and the Electoral Commission should work within the given time frame.

Bad weather and logistical problems were the main reasons behind polling being delayed in



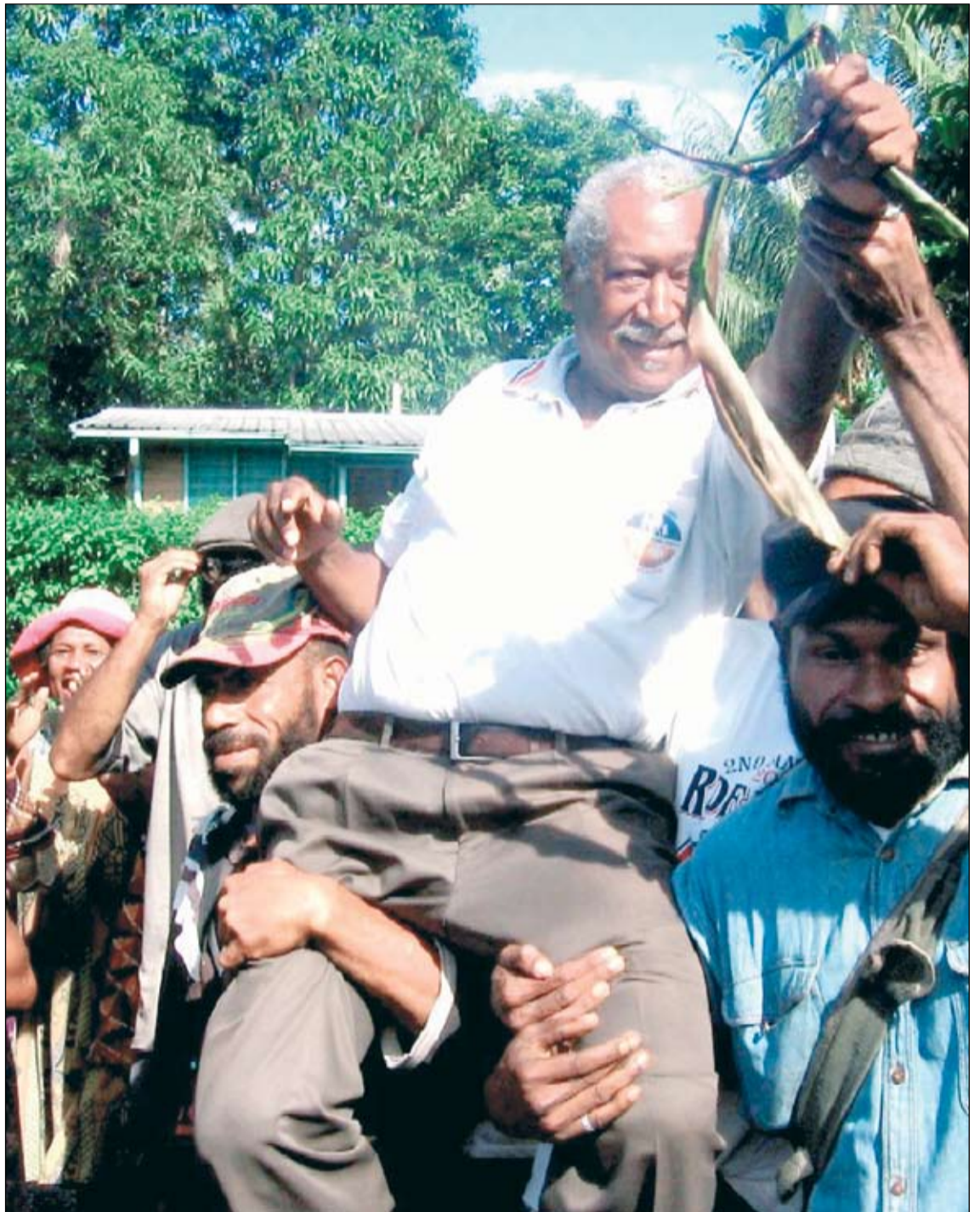
**COUNT CRISIS LOOMS**

- **CONSTITUTIONAL QUERY:** Lawyers looking at alternatives, as polling schedule end looms on Electoral Commission
- **DEADLINE:** Electoral Commission has until Monday to declare all seats.
- **APPEAL:** Officials urged to speed up counting.
- **FACT:** Polling just ended in some electorates.

most provinces, compelling some police ground commanders and government planners to suggest the new government consider weather patterns when planning the 2012 general election.

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## Pressure off, up goes Philemon



**SITTING** Lae MP and New Generation Party leader Bart Philemon is hoisted on the shoulders of supporters after he retained his seat in Parliament. He was declared winner just after 2pm. **STORY PAGE 4.**

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