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Summonses issued after new claims

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PRIME Minister Sir Michael Somare will be served a summons to appear next week before the Defence Force board of inquiry.

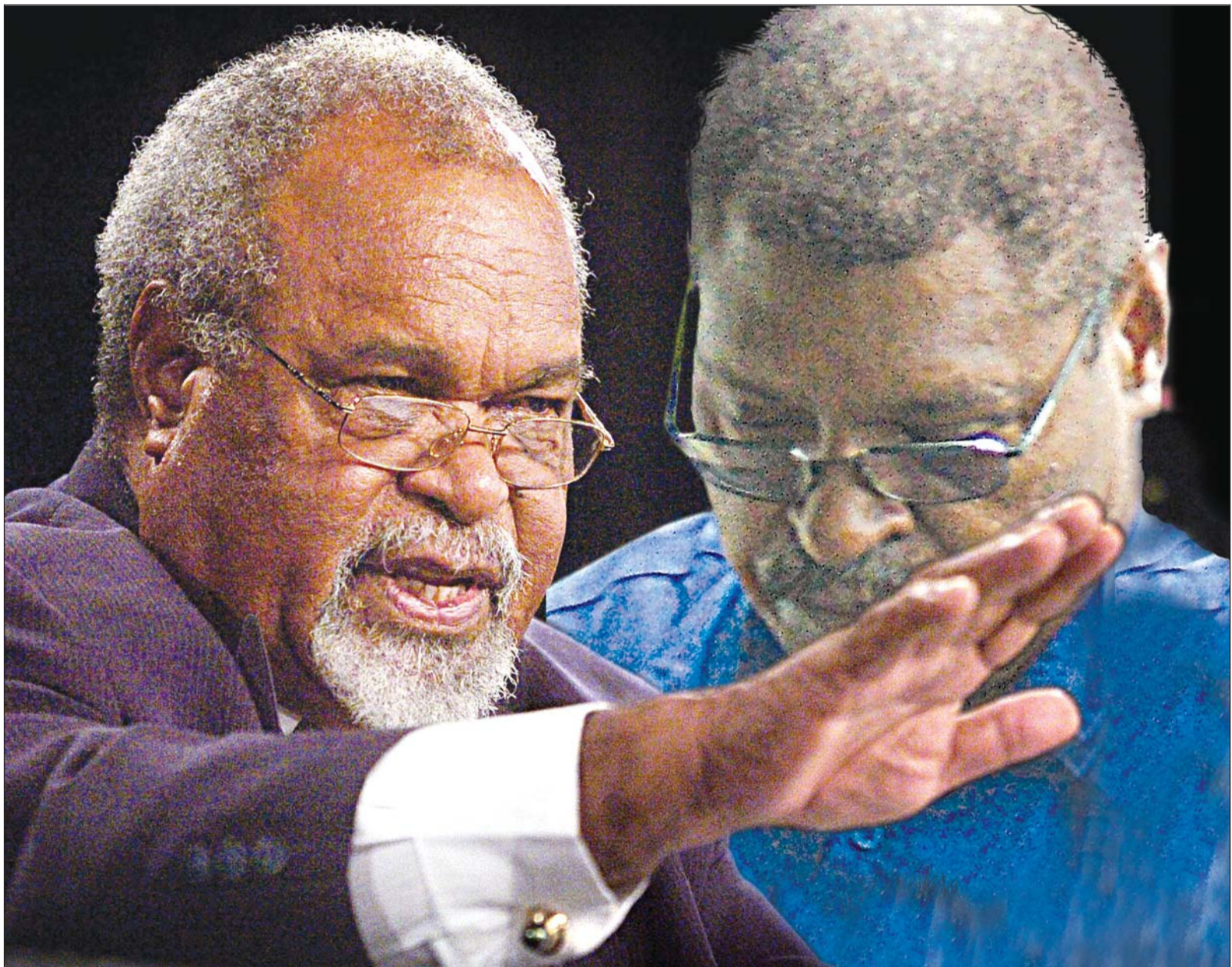
Military police will serve the summons on the Grand Chief on Sunday or Monday, on his return to Port Moresby from Wewak on the Government's Kumul aircraft.

An affidavit, filed in the National Court by suspended Office of Security Co-ordination and Assessment director-general Joseph Assaigo, alleges Sir Michael directed his chief of staff Leonard Louma to get Mr Assaigo to arrange for Julian Moti to be flown out of the country.

This has compelled the inquiry to issue new summonses for Mr Assaigo, Mr Louma, Chief Secretary Joshua Kalinoe, and former diplomat Barney Rongap to re-appear today.

Inquiry chairman Justice Gibbs Salika yesterday confirmed summons has been issued for the four as well as Sir Michael, who will be served on his return.

Mr Assaigo's affidavit - which he filed in court last week as part of a judicial review application questioning his suspension by Cabinet over his alleged role in Moti's escape - clashes with Mr Louma's earlier evidence at the inquiry that he did not contact the suspended OSCA boss to fly out Moti.



PRIME Minister Sir Michael Somare (left) calls Joseph Assaigo (right) a liar. See story on- Page 8.

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