MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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MEDIA STATEMENT

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION CONGRATULATES GRADE 10 AND 12 STUDENTS ON COMPLETION OF NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGES TEACHERS AND PARENTS, AND DEMANDS SAFE EXAM ENVIRONMENTS

The Minister for Education, Hon. Francis Kikin Siune has congratulated all Grade 10 and Grade 12 students across Papua New Guinea on successfully completing their 2026 National Examinations.

"Completing Grade 10 and Grade 12 national examinations is a significant milestone in every student's academic journey," the Minister said. "I congratulate all our students for their hard work, dedication, and resilience throughout this academic year. You have done yourselves, your families, and your country proud."

The Minister expressed deep gratitude to teachers, school administrators, and parents nationwide for their unwavering support and commitment to ensuring the exams proceeded smoothly overall.

"Our teachers and parents are the backbone of our education system," the Minister noted. "We thank you for guiding our children and ensuring that the exam period went well and without major disruption across most parts of the country."

While praising the overall success of the examination period, the Minister highlighted and condemned recent challenges that threatened the integrity and safety of the national examination process.

A few days prior to the start of the exams on Monday, October 12, fake examination papers labeled as "Grade 12" Physics and Advanced Mathematics were circulated online and among teacher and student groups. The Minister clarified that these

papers were false and reiterated that the Department of Education maintains strict security measures around all national examination materials.

The Minister also addressed a recent incident where a Grade 12 invigilator in one of the secondary schools in Hela Province was brutally attacked and slashed with a bush knife after removing a mobile phone from one of the students who was caught bringing the phone into the exam room.

"Violence against our teachers and examination supervisors is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated," the Minister stated firmly. "Invigilators perform a crucial civic duty to maintain fairness and academic integrity. Law enforcement agencies are actively pursuing those responsible, and anyone involved in cheating or committing acts of violence against education personnel will face the full force of the law."

The Minister also wished Grade 8 students the best of luck as they begin their national exams next Monday.

"To our Grade 8 students starting their national exams next week, approach your papers with confidence, honesty, and determination. God bless you all as you take this next step in your education journey."

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