

BRING BACK WEST PAPUA TO THE MSG FAMILY

SOLIDARITY CALL

11th - 21st July 2023

Indonesia has continued to advance its presence in the Pacific political's arena but also in the public (social media/ mainstream media) in response to the Pacific's solidarity support for West Papua.

Indonesia's diplomacy through aid and soft diplomacy (cultural, sports...etc) to the Pacific is a clear response to counter the Pacific's growing political support for West Papua by directly targeting national governments, sub-regional and regional institutions. It has expanded its diplomatic relations beyond Melanesia to Micronesia and Polynesia, and has managed to influence regional policy spaces such as the Melanesian Spearhead Group and the Pacific Islands Forum.

In 2014, West Papuan political groups formed the single umbrella organization - United Liberation Movement for West Papua (ULMWP). The ULMWP have been elevating the issues and concerns affecting West Papua at all levels and have been accumulating widespread recognition internationally. The ULMWP has been seeking political recognition at the regional sub-grouping, the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG). Yet Indonesia was granted associate status to the MSG with no proper criteria, and ULMWP made an observer.

The MSG Leaders' will be meeting soon, and we support the call of the ULMWP and Vanuatu to bring West Papua back to the MSG family. We call on our Melanesian leaders to:

- Grant ULMWP full membership to the MSG.
- Acknowledge ULMWP as the main political representative of the people of West Papua.

This call reaffirms Pacific peoples support for West Papua. Join us in peaceful demonstrations, respective lobby of MSG leaders, submissions and social media posts.

Social Media

You can start by downloading the #ULMWP4MSG cards [here](#) and [here](#). Send us YOUR photos of you holding them and showing your support and we will share your solidarity on our social media to raise more awareness and momentum around the MSG.

Hashtags for posts:

#ULMWP4MSG

#WP4MSG

Please use the above hashtags when posting on social media. You can also message your submissions to the We Bleed Black and Red Campaign page on Facebook or email:

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In solidarity for West Papua!