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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **YALU BRIDGE SITREP ON RESTORATION WORKS STARTS**

Department of Works & Highways Acting Secretary Mr. Gibson Holemba appeal for public calm as restoration works at washout Yalu Bridge starts this morning as flooding subsides with contractor deployed machineries onsite to restore temporary access.

Mr. Holemba said public must take extra precaution as they commute between Nadzab and Lae. Restoration works commence this morning August 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 to restore traffic this afternoon if weather permits

The Contractor has start emergency restoration works today at the damaged Yalu Bridge along this critical section of the highlands highway.

Mr. Holemba advise for travelers to revised their travel plans especially motorist, trucking companies, business houses and the traveling public as natural disaster is beyond our control but restoration works is underway to restore normal traffic flow.

He said that the contractor has commenced emergency repair works to restore the damaged Yalu Bridge whilst reports of other damaged bridge infrastructure including pine tops bridge in Bulolo and various bridges reported to have been exposed to this ravaged heavy rains and rapid flooding in Lae, Morobe Province are being monitored and restoration works to be deployed.

Mr Holemba said that the China Railway International Group Ltd is working on the Nadzab approach and it's subcontractor is working on the Lae approach embankment of the washout site at Yalu Bridge.

We are expecting to restore full access this afternoon if the weather permits.

Meanwhile, temporary wet crossing access is being constructed downstream for **LIGHT VEHICLES ONLY** to access.

On behalf of the Government, Department of Works and Highways apologies for the inconvenience caused by this emergency situation on travelling passengers flying in and out of Lae Nadzab and appreciate your understanding at this time of road emergency.

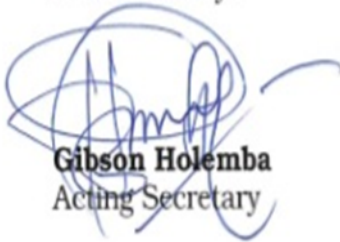
Yalu Bridge Site Restoration Situation Report as of August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 – Yalu Bridge Damaged



August 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Restoration works commence with contractor deploying machineries



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