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Helo long yumi evriwan bakegen mo welkam long namba tri edisen blong Newsletter blong Palemen blong Ripablik blong Vanuatu, yumi lukluk back long olketa haelaet blong period blong manis Julae kasem manis Septemba 2025.

Namba tri kwata(quarter) ia i kat fulap inteseting developmen long hem mo wan haelaet nao hemi folem wan program we Palemen i stap mekem we hemi Civic education Outreach

Mifala i glad tumas blong kat yu wetem mifala mo mifala i think se bambae yu intres blong folem ol storian ia.

Newsletter ia hemi wan niufala initiative blong institution mo bae hemi kamaot long wan quarterly basis (evri 3 manis).



“Parliament may make laws for the peace, order and good government for Vanuatu”

Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu - Chapter 4 Article 16, sub-article (1)

Mein Taetol - Titres Principaux- Highlights

- Civic Education Outreach Mission
- Confirmed contracts
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- UAE Ambassador to Canberra meets with the Speaker
- International Day of Democracy
- Standing Committees (Economic & Foreign Policies)

Embracing the natural wonders of Vanuatu



The Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu's delegation to the PSC week on Tanna comprising of the Speaker of Parliament, Excellency Stephen Dorrick FELIX MA'AU MAFES (MP) and the Leader of Opposition Hon. Alatoi Ishmael Kalsakau MA'AU KORO (MP) with their respective spouses, 2 staffs from the National Parliament of the Solomon Islands & the staff members of the Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu pose for a family photo at the ash plain of Mount YASUR on the island of Tanna.

The Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu has answered the call to feature among the highlights of the Public Service Week on Tanna and used the occasion to deliver a series of civic education outreach programs in some main communities and schools on the island.

➤ More Women with real leadership calibre to enter Parliament



The Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu participated virtually in the celebration of the International Parliamentarism Day with a message from the Honourable Speaker of the House Stephen Dorrick FELIX MA'AU MALFES(MP).

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➤ Civic Education – Civic Rights

Civic Education hemi wan key tool.

Tua long aelan blong Tanna long end blong manis Julae i poentemaot sam niufala rod afta long 45 yia blong Indipendens.

Tim blong Civic Education blong Palemén i bin bin storian wetem samfala komiuniti. Bifo long hemia , oli bin long Pele. Jekem ol storian long link andanit.

The Tanna tour of July-August this year led to important findings after 45 years of Independence. The Vanuatu Parliament's Civic Education team engaged with communities and schools throughout the island. Before Tanna, tehy went to Pele Island. Check out the stories on links below.

La tournée à Tanna de juillet-août de cette année a conduit à des découvertes importantes après 45 ans d'indépendance. L'équipe d'éducation civique du Parlement du Vanuatu a interagi avec les communautés et les écoles de toute l'île. Avant cela, l'équipe c'est rendue sur l'île de Pele. Consultez les sujets sur les liens ci-dessous.



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➤ Vanuatu Parliament & the Commonwealth Parliament Association

As a member of the CPA, the Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu must review and align its practices against the CPA Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures and it did that again in July of this year 2025.

This important process helps parliaments across the Commonwealth strengthen governance, transparency and accountability. It was initiated at the request of the Speaker of the Parliament of Vanuatu, the Hon. Stephen Dorrick Felix MA'AU MALFES.



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➤ Le Parlement de Vanuatu continue de renforcer ses rangs

Le Parlement a travers son conseil d'administration veille à renforcer ses rangs avec les éliminations de contrat renouvelables contre l'embauche en permanence.

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Palemen blong Ripablik blong Vanuatu blong kondaktem ol investigation long wok blong ol dipatmen mo ofis anda long tufala Ministry, Trades Tourism & Commerce wetem MALFB.

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➤ Invetigesen blong Standing Committees

Hemia wan taem bakegen we publik i kat Janis blong folem wan public hearing blong wan standing committee. Committee on Economic & Foreign Policies i mekem twu consecutive appearances live long Facebook platform blong

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Livestream links

[Public Hearing - Standing Committee on Economic & Foreign Policies & MALEFB - 03.-0.25](#)

<https://youtube.com/live/5f-HZZGMxuQ?feature=share>

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➤ The International Day of Democracy – 15 September 2025



A great achievement and milestone for the Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu is the hosting of the International Day of Democracy Day on September 15, 2025, commemorating the universal fundamental principle of humanity and the legacy of Vanuatu leaders and founding fathers who lead the young nation of Vanuatu out of colonisation and into independence on July 30th, 1980.

Also, part of the great highlights of the day is the staging of youth mock parliament. A captivating moment to marvel at the richness in knowledge and the versatility in handling multiple languages at the same time ..Vanuatu has three (3) official languages, French, English and Bislama.

Below are the video links of the Youth Parliament mock session and the panel discussions highlighting the day in the Parliament's compound.

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https://fb.watch/CHKqg0N_U7/

Family photos



The Honourable Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu surrounded by the staff members of the Parliamentary Secretariat and member of the opposition office posing for a family photo after the event of the International Democracy Day of 2025

“Except as provided by law, the fundamental duties are non-justifiable. Never the less it is the duty of all public authorities to encourage compliance with them so far as lies within their respective powers”

Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu – Chapter 2 [Part II - Fundamental Duties] Article 8



The Honourable Speaker of Parliament Hon Stephen Dorrick FELIX MA'AU MALFES, the Leader of Opposition Hon. Ishmael Alatoi KALSAKAU MAUKORO, Members of Parliament Hon. Wilbur Solomon NAPIAT, Hon Robert BOHN Murray, Hon. Oliver MICAH, the Clerk of the Parliament Mr. Maxime V. BANGA, the Chairman of the Electoral Commission Mr. Edward KALTAMAT, posing together with the High Commissioner of New Zealand Her Excellency Nicci Simmonds and the staffs of the High Commission, the representative of the UNDP, Miss Malgorzata WISNIEWSKA, former MP and Prime Minister Barak Tame SOPE MAUTAMATE, and other stakeholders from the CSO towards the International Day of Democracy of 2025.



The panellists and the moderator for the International Day of Democracy panel discussions posing with the Honourable Speaker of the house Stephen Dorrick FELIX MA'AU MAFES(MP), Member for Efate rural constituency and Member of Parliament for Epi constituency Hon. Robert BOHN Murray



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The Honorable Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu pose for a family photo with the participating students from Lycee LAB, Malapoa College, Onesua PC and Lycee de Montmartre and their teachers as well as the National Youth Council team members at the end of the programs – International Day of Democracy 2025.



P.O.R.V Clerk, Mr. Maxime V. BANGA, UNDP Vanuatu projects' analyst, Mr. Olivier KASSO posing with two teachers from Lycée de Montmartre.

UAE Ambassador to Australia visits Vanuatu Parliament Speaker

The Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu has had the opportunity to meet the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates Dr Fahad Al Taffaq on a courtesy call to Port Vila.

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