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Remembrance Day honours WWII exiles

This year on 29 June, is Naoero's Remembrance Day. We remember the first group of dei-Naoero, who in 1943 were exiled to Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia by the occupying forces during World War II.

Leaving families and their homeland behind, they faced unimaginable hardship, uncertainty, hunger, disease and loss. Those they left behind on Naoero, suffered similar hardships and struggles.

The occupation of Naoero lasted from 1942 until 1945. In June 1943 two groups of dei-Naoero totalling 1200 were deported to Chuuk, including Head Chief Timothy Detudamo and Hammer DeRoburt, who would later become head chief and the first president.

The Remembrance Day service held at the World War II memorial site in Aiwo pays tribute to them.

We remember them and we honour their lives, courage, and their enduring spirit in surviving and living to see Naoero repopulate and prosper. Only 17 of our war survivors remain today. We embrace their strength and we hold on to their stories as we pass them down to our children, to never forget our history and those who shaped our legacy.

The names and age of the remaining 17 Young at Hearts were read out to warm applause and gratitude.

Violet Mackay at 92 years old, is the oldest dei-Naoero.

Chair of the Chuuk Steering Committee, Minister Charmaine Scotty extended her gratitude to the war survivors for rebuilding our home and the hopes of our country, and for the inspiration to face today's challenges with unity, determination and hope.

"Let us honour their memory, not only with words, but through our actions – by caring for one another, observing our heritage, strengthening our communities, and building a peaceful and prosperous future for all dei-Naoero.



President Adeang pays his respects for those exiled on this day in 1943

"Let us also continue to teach our children about the value of freedom, the importance of peace, and the responsibility we all share to protect our beloved nation and our people," Minister Scotty said.

His Excellency President David Adeang laid the first wreath on this 83rd anniversary of the peoples' exile.

Emcee Kaelyn Dekarube led the ceremony of prayer, hymns, and scripture readings, while the Naoero Police Force stood guard as the flag was lowered to half mast, followed by one-minute silence.

The service concluded with wreath-laying by members of Cabinet, Parliament, dignitaries, senior government officials, and church representatives. This is the second year we are commemorating 29 June Remembrance Day. //

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Forum economic ministers address impacts of global shocks, regional resilience

His Excellency President David Adeang led a delegation to the 2026 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM) in Majuro, Marshall Islands, 23-24 June, joining government officials, organisation leaders and development partners in discussions centred on the impact of global shocks and urgent regional resilience to mitigate the direct effects of external conflicts.



Finance ministers raise concerns of ongoing regional economic crisis

The FEMM also focused on advancing initiatives such as the Pacific Roadmap for Economic Development (PRED), the Climate Finance Access and Mobilisation Strategy (CFAMS), and the Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF).

Under the theme, 'Economic and Financial Inclusion in the Pacific' representatives addressed ongoing regional economic crisis including the costs of food, fuel, logistics challenges, and everyday necessities affecting the most vulnerable.

Recognising that efforts must be made to mitigate non-communicable diseases (NCDs), President Adeang highlighted during the PRF session the growing interest and participation in physical activity and exercise in Naoero, and the country's investment in community sporting facilities.

One of the major shortfalls in addressing climate change issues is the lack of funding. President Adeang reiterated that "climate finance mechanisms have proven themselves notoriously inaccessible" setting high bars for countries least responsible for climate change, to be eligible for support.

Noting that countries cannot wait for climate finance, the President suggested the practical option to financially compensate the spent budgets of small countries for their efforts already done such as protecting their roads and cemeteries along the coast.

The FEMM 2026 outcomes document, finalised 24 June, articulates advancing the priorities of the roadmap on economic development and supporting the implementation of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

President Adeang was accompanied by Minister Devlin Thoma, Deputy Speaker Isabella, and Deputy Minister Wanganeen Emiu. //

Government adopts landmark e-Cabinet system

The Cabinet of the Government of Naoero has taken a historic step towards achieving its digital development and transformation objectives by adopting a new e-Cabinet database management system on 26 June.



The system is tailored to meet governance, administrative and security needs

efficiency, improve accessibility to Cabinet documents, strengthen record management, and support more streamlined decision-making processes across government.

The system is the first of its kind for Naoero and has been developed specifically to reflect the unique requirements and operational processes of the nation's Cabinet. Its tailored design ensures that the system meets the government's governance, administrative, and security needs while embracing modern digital solutions.

The adoption of the e-Cabinet system represents a major milestone in the government's broader vision for modernisation, including digital transformation. It demonstrates Naoero's commitment to leveraging technology to improve public administration and service delivery, while positioning the nation at the forefront of digital innovation in the Pacific region.

This achievement reflects the government's determination to ensure that Naoero is not merely keeping pace with technological advancements but is actively leading the exploration and adoption of innovative digital solutions in the digital era. //

The introduction of the e-Cabinet system marks the full transition of Cabinet proceedings from traditional paper-based processes to a secure, fully digital, paperless platform operated via tablet devices. This significant modernisation initiative is expected to enhance

Nauru adopts outcomes of UPR

The Republic of Naoero has officially adopted the outcomes of its latest Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at the United Nations Human Rights Council on Tuesday 30 June 2026, reinforcing its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.



Ambassador Pitcher highlighted ongoing efforts and progress in key areas

According to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the adoption follows a constructive review process in which Naoero engaged with UN Member States and accepted a number of recommendations aimed at strengthening national systems and improving the wellbeing of its people.

In its statement during the adoption, Naoero's representative, Ambassador Frederick Pitcher highlighted ongoing efforts and progress across key areas, including governance, social development, and access to essential services. The Republic of Naoero also reaffirmed its intention to work collaboratively with international partners to implement the accepted recommendations.

Naoero's adoption of the outcomes signals its continued engagement with the international community and its dedication to transparency, accountability, and sustainable development. //

Communist Party of China celebrates 105 years

His Excellency President David Adeang commends China for the remarkable national journey that has transformed the country into one of the world's leading economic powers, during the 105th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Communist Party of China.

The luncheon hosted by Ambassador Lyu Jin, was attended by President Adeang, Cabinet ministers, public service employees, and the Chinese community, at the Civic Centre on 3 July.

Ambassador Lyu welcomed his guests and highlighted the similar history of China and Naoero in their struggles to attain sovereignty and independence, and

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India donates 18 pallets of medicines and supplies

On 1 July, the government received 18 pallets of generic medicines and medical supplies donated by the Indian government under its Jan Aushadhi Scheme.



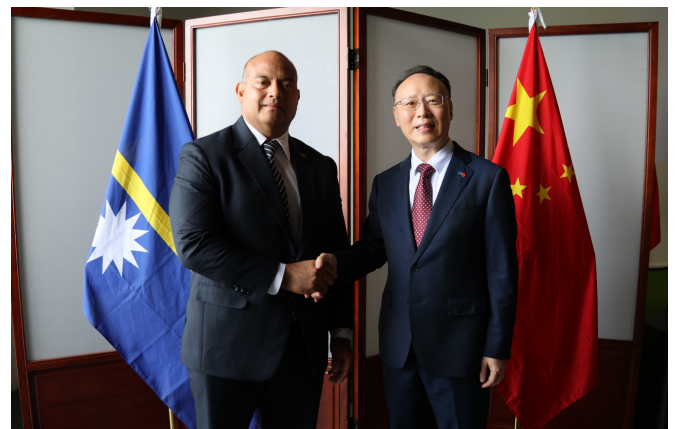
India's donation of medicine and supplies cover a wide range of medical fields

Secretary for Public Health Marquita Detenamo and Secretary for Health and Medical Services Berilyn Jeremiah presented the items to His Excellency President David Adeang at the RON Hospital.

The consignment consisted of more than 150 kinds of vaccinations and pharmaceuticals of advanced medications for a wide range of fields including cardiology, surgical, nephrology, endocrinology, gynaecology, and intensive care. The stock will provide up to six months' supply.

Deputy Minister for Public Health Rennie Gadabu, expressed deep appreciation for the valuable donation reinforcing that it will support and strengthen the hospital, public health, and community health services allowing our health workers to continue providing quality care to the people.

Naoero and India enjoy mutual understanding of common interests, progress and friendship, and continue to work together to further strengthen the partnership in health and other areas of cooperation. //



Naoero and China enjoy mutual goals of peace, development and respect

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underscored the rise of China under the leadership of the CPC liberating the people, and restoring national identity.

President Adeang extended warm congratulations to President Xi Jinping, the CPC and the people of China on this significant milestone, and reaffirmed Naoero's unwavering commitment to the One China Principle.

"Through steadfast leadership, strategic vision, and a commitment to improving the lives of its people, China has achieved unprecedented economic growth, technological advancement, poverty reduction, and social development."

President Adeang commended President Xi on these

achievements noting they have not only benefited their own people but have also made important contributions to global economic growth and international development.

"Since the establishment of diplomatic relations, our cooperation has expanded significantly across a range of sectors, bringing tangible benefits to our people and contributing to our national development and to our aspirations."

President Adeang said Naoero looks forward to further strengthening the bonds of friendship and collaboration and working together to advance shared goals of peace, prosperity, sustainable development, and mutual respect. //

Stats, SPC engage schools in data challenge

In collaboration with the Naoero Bureau of Statistics (BOS), the Pacific Community (SPC) Statistics for Development Division (SDD) is promoting the DataViz Challenge in local schools through a series of hands-on workshops with students introducing them to data literacy, visual storytelling and digital skills.



Students learn to understand how to work with data to tell local stories and support informed decision-making

BOS officer in charge, Ramrahka Detenamo says data provides evidence-based decision-making and helps the youth understand the power of data visualisation to support story-telling and interpretation in the local context using our own data.

"It gives them the power to interpret the data and how this helps them make informed decisions.

"This is the first time the challenge has been introduced on the island, and the challenge will take place on a yearly basis going forward. The challenge also aims to support and promote our efforts to create career paths for students in the science, mathematics, IT and statistics disciplines," Mr Detenamo said.

Led by SPC's Léo Cann-Polydor, the workshops rolled out at Nauru Secondary School, Sacred Heart College and Nauru College in late June. The DataViz Challenge has also visited schools in the Cook Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and Kiribati.

Through practical activities and collaborative exercises, students explore how information can be organised, interpreted and transformed into visual storytelling formats such as charts, infographics, and digital stories, encouraging them to think critically about the information they encounter in everyday life.

The workshops form part of SPC's Pacific Dataviz Challenge, a regional initiative, launched in 2021 that encourages students, educators, creatives and professionals to transform open data into engaging visual stories.

The school programme aims to strengthen data literacy among young people while fostering creativity, digital confidence and problem-solving skills.

Through simple hands-on activities, students learn to understand how information can be grouped, compared and interpreted.

Part of the workshop is an annual competition, connecting local stories to regional challenges, and this year's theme is climate change.

Communities like Naoero continue to experience the impacts of climate change, and the workshops encourage students to consider how data can help tell local stories and support informed decision-making.

Prizes are on offer for the best school projects in the sub-regions – Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. //

East Micronesia cable goes live in Naoero

The Naoero Fibre Cable Division of Cenpac Corporation announced that the East Micronesia Cable (EMC) connection between Naoero and Guam officially went live, 24 June, marking a major milestone in the country's telecommunications development.



Users of the network should expect uninterrupted service despite weather conditions

With connectivity now successfully established, customers connected to the Naoero Fibre Cable Division network will begin transitioning from existing satellite-based services to the new submarine cable network from today. During the course of the next few weeks, this is also expected to rollout to the nationwide mobile and home internet users too.

The activation of the East Micronesia Cable represents a significant step forward in enhancing Naoero's international connectivity, providing a more reliable and resilient communications pathway to the global internet.

While network optimisation and testing activities will continue over the coming weeks to further improve speed, performance, and stability, customers are expected to experience immediate benefits from the transition. In particular, users on the Naoero Fibre Cable Division network should no longer encounter internet outages or performance degradation caused by rain, heavy cloud cover, or other weather-related conditions that can affect satellite communications.

The Naoero Fibre Cable Division appreciates the patience and support of customers throughout this historic project and looks forward to delivering progressively improved services as testing and network tuning continue.

Further updates will be provided as the transition progresses. //

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BDM debuts at regional registration and vital statistics meet

The Government of Naoero, through the leadership of the Registrar of Bureau of Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) Francis Deireragea, is taking its seat for the very first time on the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific.



BDM registrar Deireragea says the country's major digital transition is set to go live in August

Attending the forum in Bangkok, Thailand, 16–18 June, the registrar presented Naoero's country statement, highlighting its role not merely as a recipient, but as an active contributor and a small-State model of governance-led reform.

The regional meeting also presents the registrar with excellent opportunities for networking and experience sharing on CRVS reforms in the Asia-Pacific region.

This milestone coincides with the most significant modernisation of Naoero's civil registration in its history through the new TIDE system, supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through the Nauru Accountable and Inclusive Governance (NAIG) programme.

Built and tested end-to-end under the leadership of Mr Deireragea, the system is currently undergoing a rigorous data-quality programme to correct historical issues so that the system launches on a completely verified register. This major digital transition is fully on course to officially go live by 31 August 2026.

The Naoero government extends its thanks to its development partners, including the governments of Australia and New Zealand, and the UNDP Pacific Office. Their continuous support has been vital in facilitating Naoero's participation in this regional forum and ensuring the ongoing reforms of our national CRVS reform. //

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