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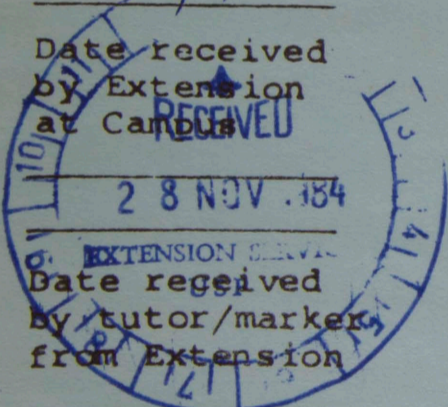
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TITLE:

(BADDLEY TABIRU)

HOW THE TWO TRIBE "POSAMOGO & KORAMATA
CAME ABOUT TO DISPUTES THE LAND WHICH WE
ARE NOW STAYING, (HOGANODISTRICT YSABEL PROVINCE).

IN this essay am going to state down
reasons and cause of how land disputes
between the two tribe "posamogo and koramata"
tribe, Result of the land dispute which cause
evil feeling between people of the two tribe
how and how many times they dispute against
one another and how they end up settling
the matter in local courts but unfortunate
no clear decision made by the local court
yet to be receive.

In the past before the christianity came about
to our islands, the people of the tribes posamogo
and NAKMIRU FUNEI were the only major tribal
group which was dominating the whole district
land, today we're called christian to live together
but from the beginning the two tribe were
scattered out, but they do know what rights &
who owns what land & even their God.

Due in the past the tribal warfare was
common, in those days people of tribes & groups
going around killing people of other tribe &
groups. The head hunting was common. Even
in those days heading hunting was not
only done between tribe & vales of the
island but also island to island
e.g. in the past people of western
Solomon came over to Ysabel to kill people
then they brought back with them the
heads.

Before, they were only fighting and
competing who kill more men, thus

They bring the heads of the dead men whom they kill as always been their custom. In those time if you kill more men, then you will be regarded as a hero or a leader or even to be their chief, people will respect you, they will look at you as their security from enemy they will follow your command, this behaviour was common in those days.

Many people from this two tribe especially woman or girls who were been taken to other islands for example some of people from the "Pasamoga" tribe been taken to western province during the head hunting ~~period~~ period. There they became marriage and today many people of certain villages in those island e.g like western part of Solomon Islands claim that they are originally came from Ista Isabel Island.

When the Christianity came, the ^{two} headmen of the two tribe were the first men who became a Christian, came the heads of this two tribes were really the beginner of a Christian in this area. Just before the Christian came, the other group who now claims all the land said to be belonging to them, crept in to settle in our community.

This group came about to settle in our area because of tribal warfare they were originally came from "Gao District" west Isabel Island. This group was been chased away by other group from the other side, Fearing they will all be kill they run away from their place to find shelter from their enemy. This group which was been chase away is

known as "koramata"

This tribe is headed by a man called ELEME. Fearing they will be tortured, Eleme with his people came over to the western side of the Usabel Island, that is now called Hogaano District. They first came to settle near by one of the villages which some people of the two original tribe work and live. Eleme and his group stayed near the village called 'koge' right up in the highlands. There they settle down to settle from the enemy.

Now no. of people on this tribe are increase, Eleme and his group were used to live down near the coast so he and his people moved down towards the coast. As they move from one settlement to another they claim the land is theirs.

In the past people were not so worried to much about their land; all they know was that the land belongs to the tribe, and no one could disputes over it or interfere, so when they know that the group, the 'koramata' group were settling there they spot them as they will respect them of their land and rights on the land they live.

The Posamogo and Nalamin Junei tribe are two groups who are working and living together in the area for a long time. This two tribe have the same customs and culture.

Wakimin Funei tribe meaning in our language
the chiefs group or line, and the Posamogo
people who just came to settle down
there. However the relationship between this
two groups ' Posamogo and Wakimin Funei
was good, nothing happen like land disputing
they both intermarriage to each other, they
knew who owns what land, and what
rights they have over certain land.

The people of this two tribe mixed
themselves up through marriage and sharing
the same language. The problem of
disputing over land was not experie
experienced between this two tribe groups.

Not until the other group the people who
immigrate from other side of the island,
the people claim themselves ' the "Koramata
groups came, land disputes started to arise.

It was the establishment of the
Christian faith that bind the 3 groups
together at the first stage. The rules of
the church was so strong in those time
if you are not bind by the rules of
the church, something will happen to
your life " death).

The people were told to work and live
together. They are to have freedom to
move around. The two tribe ' Posamogo &
Wakimin Funei were living mostly in the
high-lands, they do not bother to move
towards the coast they've been used to the
life in the bush. However, their movement
searching for food still cover as far as
down the coast, sometimes when ever

There is a feast for the village e.g. marriage, Church festival, some of the people always go down to the sea to do fishing others hunting for pigs in the bush.

But as time goes by the change of civilization, people now asked to grow something or asked to work for money and these people go out, they see new changes the mission education were set up. the educated young people life started to change new ideas started to creep in, at this stage the people were living in a big village. They work and live together as one family.

At this stage the people who been out for education came back with new changes they with their help of the government introduced new things to the people, for example, they told the people to grow coconut, peanut, cocoa, chilli and other development.

At first the people were not wary to much of this development, neither the land because there always old men who guide them on their rights to land, so no disputes what so ever arise that time.

The people of this three tribe do accept this changes, the group grow things but not like today where large mass of land been used. They just grow enough for them to eat, they did not understand that you will be rich or people

of your community will be benefited if you plant or grow more.

1 Agricultural development was introduced after the second war but due the people were not well educated to this far extend so its remains little known compare to day.

However as the development of this country push its way up, the people now see something that what the educated people ~~are~~ ^{are} the European trying to do, they now just awake themselves up they now planting more & harvesting more.

It is here that the disputing over land started to ~~arise~~ arise between ~~the~~ the three tribe "Posamoco, Wakumitunei, and Koramata.

The Koramata groups meaning in our language that they do not respect each other, they do not respect each other, they can kill each other or pay back evil for evil, they can even do wrong with their sister, example if a man sleep with ~~due to be shown that they really have~~ rights over the land.

another man's wife the husband must do the same with his wife too.

They did not really know, or recognise what is wrong and right in their custom. However this 3 tribe groups have similar customs and culture and speak the same tongue. that is known as the "maringe" language;

In year 1980 the time when land disputes started to accumulate between the three tribe groups. The groups which started up the land disputes over the land ^{against} the two remaining original tribes was the "Koramats" group. This group who were headed by a man called 'ELEME' now claimed rights and make history of their tribe, claiming that the land ^{ownership} is now lead down to his two grandsons, by the name: William Manedao and James Vasethe.

This two brothers were educated in the mission school. one of them became a priest (James Vasethe) the other brother William Manedao became a member of our area council. Before this two brothers knew who really own what land and what right are they having over the land, what rights do they are practicing over the land, the grand father 'ELEME' told them that the land belongs to them, and that they are handed over the responsibility any development done on the land must be by the approval of ~~the~~ from the two brothers. Their grand father hand over to them responsibility to look after it.

The two butlers hold on to what their grand fathers have told them, basing his advice & history to the rights and responsibility given to them by their grand father. Their grand father told his two grand sons that they owns the land where they first ~~settled~~ came to settle down, when they run away from their original home that is from "Gao District" on the west side of Usabel province

The place this group the karavants first came to settle them self was right up in the highlands where the people of other original two ~~do~~ tribes live. When the practise of tribe warfare stopped they move their way down to the coast they were used to live near the coast not up in the highlands.

It is down here at the coast they settle down, but they did not realized that the place is not theirs and that they should not think that their are same by their

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living. They became jealous of this people because the people now really worked hard for them self, Here the two brothers started to claim their rights over the land, claiming ownership to the land. The two brothers sees that they need the land, for their own development they started to forget about working together and living together.

When the people heard this two brothers claiming that they own the land given to them by their grand father Ebene, they were surprised, the rumours of the two brothers claiming the land is ~~there~~ their, The heads and leader of the 3 tribes call a meeting together to discussed the problem with the two brothers. This two brothers started to stand firm to their claims they claim them self that their grand father have given them their rights ownership to the land.

The leader of the two groups seen that the two brothers really

brothers who are the original owners of the land.

So one day he called a meeting for leaders of the three tribes together with the two brothers who really claimed that the land is theirs. They meeting together and discussed things concerning the disputing over the land. They discussed viewing their points or claims basing their history how they came about, what rights they have over the land. Each group claiming where about on the land ~~they~~ ^{their} tambu plates, their treasures and how their ancestors handed ~~the~~ down their rights to them to follow.

The two original tribe however tried to make the other group the Koramate tribe to see that they were there ^{long} before they came over and that they should listen and watch to whom the rightful owner of the land is. But the two brothers did not listened to them, the leader of the two tribe started to get angry with them because they know that the land is really belong to the two ~~tribe~~ tribe the "pasamo and Nalemitumei".

In Custom way as it is always a Custom way to settle disputes still practiced today. How the leaders of the two original tribe find it hard to get through with the two brothers. The two brothers still said that they've been told by their grand father that the land is theirs they believe their rights over the land is been given to them by their grand father "ELEME."

The other leader of the two tribe seeing that if they are not careful they or their people will ~~be~~ soon be deprived from their land rights. They decided to take up the matter to ~~the~~ local court.

The leader of the two original tribe tried to convince the two brother to confirm to them to identify to them their ~~the~~ treasure or Jambu plates where the two brothers said that their grand father told them they could not do so because the plate where they said that their treasure and Jambu plate were there as seen a central park for the

People of the two tribes 'Posamogoo and Nakminimjuni'. They have been here before they settle & here.

The two brothers knew now and what rights they have over the land because ~~they~~^{their} grand father told them but they had no one to support them their claim of the Jambu places. They could not expressed themselves to how and what happen on the place before they called a Jambu place. They just told the leaders of other two tribe that place so ~~on~~ on etc we have rights over them without proper identifying to them how and what happen to the place, what actually is the treasure of lands are there, whether Bones, shell money, or plants and stones. They was no clue to be shown that they really have rights over the ~~place~~ land & the treasures and the Jambu places they claimed.

The matter was unsettled even though they tried to solve it in a custom way by discussing and identifying

each other on their claim.

As a result they were taken up before the local court for further decision on the matter. Here again the representatives of the 3 groups were asked to express themselves fully what and why they think they have rights over the land which the two brothers are disputing over.

The matter was heard ~~at~~ before the local ~~court~~ courts many of the representative attend the court to witness the court case. Here facing before the magistrate the representative did express themselves to why and who they think they have right over the land, they even expressed themselves to which live and where they hid their ~~treasures~~ ^{treasures}.

It was a long argument between the leaders and people who came to listened to the court. They point at each other 'propaganda they criticized each other, they were no longer sign of friendship and people of the three tribe did not talk ~~or~~ even

Smile to each other, to make worse they did not want to contact each other in the plans.

The ~~may~~ leaders were them after hearing the court they were told to wait for the result. The people of the tribes were no longer respect each other especially people of the two original groups they criticize the two brothers. Now they are waiting to hear the result. They ~~at all~~ ^{were} really doubt to whom is the really owner.

When the day came to hear the result no answer was ~~heard~~ heard to whom is the rightful owner.

Either wise our custom of our Community was that we must live together in one Community. Since then no clear result from the local courts. But it seems that both ~~government~~ groups now realized that it is against our custom to ~~abandon~~ alienated each other. Perhaps they forgot everything only wishing now to live together and develop the land together.

To Conclude myself the essay I write states how the Posamogo & Nalaminutiner have dispute over the land. How the Iwramata tribe, the two brother claim the tribe land is theirs, explaining where the Iwramata originated from, and how each tribe expressed their rights over the claim land. How the final decision of how the matter was taken up to local court to solve and ~~the~~ resulted that no clear result to Whom is the rightful owner to the land. But the people are now back to normal living, they now stay together as nothing ~~was~~ happen despite ~~the~~ the disputing over the land.

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