

Country/entity	Papua New Guinea
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Ceasefire
Date	13 Mar 2024
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict Papua New Guinea: intercommunal violence in the Enga province, (2021-)

While there have been previous instances of intercommunal violence in the Enga province, there has been an escalation since 2023, with two particular instances of recorded deaths and casualties in February and July 2024. The communities in the Enga province have been suffering poverty and depletion of natural resources, and much of the conflict has been centred around the management of natural resources and degradation of agricultural land due to both legal and illegal gold mining operations. Further sources of conflict relate to organised crime and politics. The violence in Wabag and Wapenamanda on February 18th 2024 resulted in at least 25 deaths, with some estimates going up to 50, and the ACLED data estimated 220 casualties in 2023.

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Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Inter-group
Peace process	Papua New Guinea: local agreements
Parties	Not signed, agreement mentions the following parties as having produced it: tribal chiefs of Yopo and Palinau tribal alliances
Third parties	-
Description	In this agreement, the Yopa and Palinau tribal alliances agree to a three-month ceasefire in multiple areas of the Enga province of Papua New Guinea. The ceasefire includes provision for demarcation and for an end to disruption in villages and on public roads.

Agreement document [PG_240313_Ceasefire \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Local agreement properties

Process type	Isolated example
Rationale	This is the only instance of ceasefire we have been able to locate for this conflict.
Is there a documented link to a national peace process?	No
Link to national process: articulated rationale	This agreement and the conflict it refers to are not linked to any national-level conflict or peace process in Papua New Guinea.
Name of Locale	Enga Province
Nature of Locale	Region
GPS Lat/Long (DD)	-5.546985, 143.808875
Participant type	Local armed group Domestic religious organisation/leader or other elder
Mediator, facilitator or similar	No mention of mediator or similar

Local issues

Ritual/prayer and process (including use of scripture)	The fighting factions, having experienced and witnessed the devastating effects of their conflict, hereby voluntarily surrender to God Almighty and the State of PNG and pledge to end their warfare through this Cease Fire Agreement.
Grievance List	No specific mention.
Cattle rustling/ banditry	No specific mention.
Social cover	(iv) That any suspected gunmen or hired man or mercenary or any person otherwise known who may be present in the war zone or are identified wherever they are caught, and identified as a gunman or hired man or mercenary will be detained, arrested; and
