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PNGOC AND TRUKAI CONDEMN ATTACKS DURING FUN RUN

Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee, initiator of the annual Trukai Fun Run event and the naming rights sponsor, Trukai Industries Ltd have condemned the attack on St John Ambulance, media personnel and volunteers during the 2018 Trukai Fun Run held in Port Moresby on Sunday.

The St John Ambulance team was raided by opportunists along the Spring Garden Rd whilst they were setting up to provide emergency response assistance for the event.

This incident is unacceptable and we are very disappointed that an organisations that has been an immense support to the residents of Port Moresby were attacked and treated this way said PNG Olympic Committee and Trukai Industries in a joint statement today.

The organizing committee is also aware of two other similar incidents during the event on different groups of volunteers along the route.

PNG Olympic Committee President, Sir John Dawanincura said the goal of the annual Trukai Fun is to bring families together right across the country for a fun sport-for-all family event, whilst also raising funds for Team PNG.

“The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee and Trukai Industries with the support of our partners and stakeholders, do our very best every year to ensure that the event is always a safe and enjoyable one for all. It is unfortunate that the actions of a few rogue elements tend to damage all the hard work that is put into it.

“St. John Ambulance have been a great partner of the Trukai Fun Run and we appreciate the important service they provide for this event over the years.

Sir John said despite the unfortunate incidents, it was great to see the majority of the participants enjoy their Fun Run experience.

“Our organizing committee works very hard to ensure that our risk management strategy is a priority,” he said.

Trukai Industries Ltd General Manager Sales and Marketing, Andrew Daubney said safety is and will always be the number one priority for all the participants, volunteers, partners, stakeholders and staff working during the Fun Run.

“The Organizing Committee comprising of both PNGOC and Trukai staff have held numerous meetings and security briefings with security personnel which include the PNG Defence Force and the Royal PNG Constabulary in the lead up to the Fun Run day to try our best to ensure the event is safe and enjoyable for everyone.



“Event planning and management for the annual fun run commences months in advance, so we take the safety of our participants very seriously.

“This year we had excellent support from all stakeholders especially, the disciplinary forces and it is extremely disappointing that there are a few opportunists who have no respect for others or the work St John Ambulance does in the community.

“The media is one of our key stakeholders and they play a vital role in keeping the community informed and we are also disappointed to hear of the attack on the media personnel who was at the Fun Run to do coverage.

“We have already started working on developing strategies to ensure we reduce the risk in our next event and hope this does not happen again,” Daubney said.

“We recognize the efforts of the Governor of NCD, Powes Parkop to improve the image of the city and we will be working closely with his office to ensure the Fun Run continues to be an event enjoyed by all the residents of NCD.

The PNG Olympic Committee and Trukai Industries would also like to express our gratitude to the thousands of participants as well as our volunteers, stakeholders and partners who assisted in helping us host this year’s Fun Run event in all the 21 participating locations nationwide and especially, to the majority of the participants that came along to support this good cause.

It was good to see that the Fun Run was delivered nationwide and enjoyed by residents of respective centres.

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