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# Women's council president restrained

THE Southern Highlands provincial government-appointed president of the Provincial Council of Women, Gloria Rami has been restrained by the Waigani National Court from conducting any transaction in the council's bank account in Mendi.

The court issued the restraining orders last Monday after relying on evidence from Rachael Yangun, who was elected as president by permanent members of the Southern Highlands Provincial Council of Women.

The matter was transferred to the National Court in Mt Hagen and the orders are returnable for inter-party hearing on March 20. The court stopped the bank from allowing any transaction in the account.

Yangun, who is the first plaintiff in the matter, filed court proceedings on March 4 seeking orders and declarations from the court.

A copy of the originating summons obtained by *The National* shows that Yangun is seeking the court to declare that the appointment and election of Rami is null and void under the National Council of Women's Act.

She is seeking the court to order that Southern Highlands Governor William Powi's recognition and appointment of Rami be deemed illegal under the Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Governments.

The Southern Highlands Provincial Council of Women is the second plaintiff. Rami, Powi and Bank South Pacific are named as defendants in the proceedings.



Nurses treating patients inside the medical ward

# Protest perils patients

THE prolonged protest by nurses and doctors at the Goroka Provincial Hospital is badly affecting patients, it has been revealed.

The complaints come from patients.

It remains unclear how many patients at the hospital had died since the protested started about three weeks ago but there has been speculation.

*The National* visited the wards and spoke to patients last Friday.

One patient from Morobe, who was admitted at the surgical ward (Ward 2) following a vehicle accident, described the situation as "sickening".

The patient, a teacher at the Hairo Primary School in the Lufa district, said many things were not right over the last three weeks.

"The first thing I noted was the unhygienic state of the hospital," the 40-year-old patient said.

"You can tell that the hospital is smelly, has old beds and unhygienic toilet and shower facilities," he said.

"We had continuous blackouts and just last week, the powerpoint there blew up," the patient said pointing to a powerpoint near his bed.

"I had to bring my own bed to sleep in because the hospital is short of beds."

Another male patient from East-

ern Highlands in the same ward said since the protest began, the hospital had "recalled nurses from outstations, retired nurses and trainee nurses to treat them".

He questioned whether that was proper and in the best interest of patient healthcare.

In the medical ward (Ward 3), Roger Abu, 42, a patient who was admitted because of "reactive arthritis," said the situation was normal as they were assisted by trainee nurses.

"The saddest thing was that since being admitted, I witnessed two women giving birth on the floor of the Emergency Ward on their own," Abu, from Tiunka, Kainantu, East-

ern Highlands, said. "The nurses and doctors had left after their shifts were over. No one came in time to replace them," he said.

Abu said in the morning they ate two biscuits and drank tea, they had rice with canned fish or meat for lunch and rice and soup for dinner.

He said trainee nurses were helpful and had given them prescriptions.

The hospital has seven wards - maternity (Ward 1), surgical (2), medical (3), children's (4), ear-nose-throat (5), tuberculosis (6) and emergency (7). The hospital has a morgue, family planning and HIV testing and treatment centre.



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# Cops bust cell phone units card syndicate

POLICE have broken a syndicate that stole phone flex cards from the parent company and sold them to various outlets in the country, police said.

The National Capital District Fraud Unit arrested and charged a computer software manager with electronically uttering of company documents to steal flex cards last Thursday.

He was briefly detained by the Boroko police and is now out on K1000 bail. The man is expected to appear in the district court for committal proceedings this week.

NCD Fraud Unit officers said that the suspect who was employed as a warehouse manager of the company had allegedly used his expertise on the hardware and software of the company's electronic systems on Feb 20 to place in two extra boxes containing K5

flex cards worth K100,000 on the original order of 80 cartons. The original 80 cartons were ordered by the company's Mt Hagen branch.

However, the suspect allegedly got two cartons of flex cards from the warehouse and changed the cartons' serial numbers on the hardware and software.

He then sent the additional cartons to the company's Kokopo branch in East New Britain.

From Kokopo branch, the cartons were sent to a flex card retailer in Kavieng in New Ireland.

However, the company's monitoring system in Port Moresby began detecting serial numbers of flex cards from customers in Kavieng when the serial numbers were supposed to be from Mt Hagen.

# Education for disabled pushed

PEOPLE living with disability at the Kilakila Police Barracks were visited by the Kapi Foundation of Port Moresby last week.

Brown Kapi, chairman of the foundation, encouraged families and guardians of people living with disabilities to send them to school.

He challenged the mentally capable disabled people to be like him and work to contribute to society instead of depending on others.

Kapi said there were physically able people who were in his interpretation disabled because they did not contribute to society and sowere liabilities to the economy.

"There are people who are physically able but they just laze around and do not contribute anything to anyone."

The visit was part of an outreach programme that empowered disabled people to be responsible and make something happen for themselves.