

HIB CA 21-2016 PNG SOLDIER ARRESTED BY THE QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- A member of the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (Army) was arrested by the Queensland Police Service for the indecent treatment of a civilian female in Townsville.
- It is understood the member has been charged with one count of stalking and one count of sexual assault.
- The member has been released on bail and is due to appear in the local Magistrate's Court on 9 November 2016.
- The Papua New Guinea Defence Force has been conducting bilateral exercises with elements of 3 Brigade.
- The soldier will remain in Australia until his court hearing.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- The arrest occurred at approximately 1700 h (local time) on 25 October 2016.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- The Army is assisting the Queensland Police Service with their inquiries and providing support to the Papua New Guinea soldier.
- The Army is liaising with the Papua New Guinea Defence Attaché.

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