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Press Release

ROC committed to ensuring swift assessment of buildings

The National Recovery Plan that was approved by the Council of Ministers on Friday is now in operation, with the Recovery Operation Centre (ROC) committing to a swift assessment of building safety in the capital and surrounding areas.

The pledge of commitment by the ROC came shortly after the transition of responsibilities from the National Disaster Management Office to the Recovery Operation Centre, as mandated by the Prime Minister's orders. This shift is aimed at enhancing the post-disaster recovery systems and ensuring both immediate and long-term recovery efforts are effectively managed following the recent earthquake in Vanuatu.

John Ezra, Chairman and Coordinator of the ROC, announced that managers and sub-committee chairpersons will be appointed tomorrow to oversee various operational sectors. Qualified independent engineers will be assigned to inspect buildings in the main business district to ensure their safety before lifting current restrictions. Additionally, other high-risk areas will also undergo inspections.

Ezra expressed gratitude for the initial support from development partners, including the British Government, which aims to assist displaced individuals and improve information coordination. New Zealand has shown interest in supporting ROC administration and providing scientific technical support, while Australia plans to explore the transition of responsibilities from the National Disaster Management Office to the ROC. Further meetings will take place tomorrow.

Approved By


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