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Political interference may soil investigations

All politicians, including Ministers should refrain from interfering with the work the Department of Labour and Industrial Relations, and the Department of Foreign Affairs are doing with the apprehension of alleged illegal Chinese immigrants working at the Ramu Nickel mine.

TIPNG says the issue of having undetected alleged illegal immigrants in the country is a serious security threat to the nation and should be a concern for the government of the day. However, it is reported in the Post Courier today (Tuesday 18/11/08) that our very own ministers and politicians are stepping in to bail out Chinese who have been alleged to be illegal immigrants.

While the economic benefits of the Ramu Project are understood, it is also important that developers also follow the PNG's rules, processes and procedures so that our citizens are not deprived of rightful job opportunities that can easily be performed by them.

This report, if true, also sheds light as to how political interference hinders government departments from carrying out their duties fully to ensure that the laws of the land are upheld and adhered to at all times. It also explains why many important issues of national concern have died a natural death because of possible political interference.

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