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Deep sympathy for victims and families

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The Minister for Public Enterprises, Sir Mekere Morauta, today expressed his deep sympathy for those who have lost their lives in the crash of an Airlines PNG flight between Lae and Madang.

"This is a terrible accident, and many people have died," he said.

"I offer my condolences to the families of the victims of this disaster. I join with all other Papua New Guineans in mourning our loss.

"I will do my utmost to help the inquiries that must be conducted, and to make sure that they are as rigorous and comprehensive as possible.

"Out of respect for those who have lost their lives, and their families, I will immediately suspend all activities in relation to the O'Neill-Namah Government's proposed merger of Air Niugini and Airlines PNG.

Mekere Morauta

Minister for Public Enterprises