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Kaupelan wins the King's Cup



Gregory Rendis fights for the ball in the match with PNG

Purikali - In the celebration of the King's Day and wearing yellow shirts – the colour of the royalty – the national team defeated the team of Papua New Guinea by 1-0, conquering the King's Cup. Yesaya Senderehe scored in the second half.

After successive failures in international competitions since 2013, this victorious campaign (East Timor 3-2, Singapore 3-2 and PNG 1-0) is a new breath for the country's most popular sport.

The achievement is greatly attributed to the former player Peter Sutumadan that replaced the Brazilian coach, Gabriel França, dismissed after the failure in the FICT Games 2017 disputed at home. Before the choice of the new coach, others were considered,

such as the famous Slava Mariecei – champion with Adzhatia in FICT Games 2013 and 2015, and 4th place undefeated in 2017.

The match in Watera Stadium was attended by HM King Kira II and Queen Saramdi.

Kaupelan: Naifat; Tanwahu, Hawa, Beleakeng, Paiwa (Alahi); Silfasi, Rendis, Tenemfal, Krus (Sahutor); Tuamwalat, Senderehe. Coach: Peter Sutumadan

Papua New Guinea: Warisan; Redenut, Komolung, Steven, Willis (Foster); Bika, Gubag, Kini, Sabua, Dabinyaba (Gunemba); Aisa (Alois). Coach: Reggie Davani



Goodbye to the old train

After the approval to build a modern train line between Purikali and Bandajaya, the old train was decommissioned for the sadness of nostalgic people. The steam train operated for twenty years exclusively for tourism, travelling in one and half hour between both cities with one stop at Mambaki, round trip costing 70 huwas.

The new train will make the same trip in half an hour with two stops in Ratangiti and Kautaira, with tickets at 30 huwas. According to the minister of communication and information, Mr Iskandar Maslehu, "the new line will allow the connection between the two biggest cities in the island of Kiwangan and will increase the transport network in Kaupelan. With this line, it will be possible to reach the eastern islands of Terong by boat, on one side. On the other side, in Purikali, the line will be connected through the subway network to the airports and boat lines to the rest of the country and to abroad."

The total investment of the government will be of 2.5 billion huwas.

One of the old steam locomotives will be placed in a museum in Bandajaya.



Stimulating electric vehicles

Purikali - The government intends to stimulate the acquisition and production of electric vehicles. Investments in fast charging stations, tax reduction to 5% for import EV and complete exemption for local production were approved. The intention is to increase the percentage of EV in the fleet from the current 2.3% to more than 14% by 2030.

The vehicle manufacturer Watera-Darapali announced last year that it will have only EV in its portfolio until 2022 and is planning an aggressive strategy of export for them. The joint venture with a Chinese OEM and the recently launched Watera Brisk, derived from the military diesel vehicle YEWE, is part of this plan.