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## Weak economic indices challenge the new Prime Minister



**Purikali** - In her first year as prime minister, Ms. Lawin Peng (of the Renewal Party) is struggling with the economy, with an inflation forecast to top 4%, the highest level since the 1990s and the GDP growing modestly. The liter of gasoline increased by more than 40%, jumping from 2.10 huwas to 2.95. The liter of Diesel increased even more, 62%, from 0.80 huwas to 1.30, despite the government's effort to offset the

increase in the world's oil barrel, attributed to the war in Ukraine.

Ms. Peng, an engineer of Chinese descent, intends to implement measures to ensure growth in the coming years. Among them, tourism that has been dramatically affected by the pandemic in the last two years will be stimulated, expected to achieve 3.6 million tourists per year by the middle of the decade. Domestic and regional flights should accommodate the expected growth in touristic influx.

Another area that will be stimulated is the sector of electric vehicles, both for imported and locally produced vehicles. The goal of reaching more than 30% of the entire fleet by 2030 is more than double of the goal set in 2018. **Page 2**



Watera shows the new Strider EV for 2023

## The Blood of the Forest

**Sanantonyo** - From his cozy house on the outskirt of Sanantonyo, Waduk Lasahi, the renowned writer of 'The Moon Beyond the Sea' and 'A Cracked Story', talked about his new novel, Wesi Rahan: "without precising the exact location and the time, the book is about the aboriginal inhabitants of Kiwangar and their conflicts with the first Austronesian invaders of the island.

The story takes the reader to a primitive life, without the comfort and

the perspective of our hi-tech world." The book, 'The Blood of the Forest' in English, doesn't have yet a translation to other languages but it is already among the best sellers in Purikali bookstores. Mr. Lasahi declined to comment on a Netflix contact to make a TV series of the novel. "I just can say that my project is to continue the novel with a second book". Suspense...

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## Independence Day

**Purikali** - Their Majesties the King and Queen will attend the parade today at Saint Gabriel Avenue, in the capital, where folkloric groups and students will parade. **Page 3**.

## Football

Results from yesterday:

### Men's K-Cup

Rataahi 0-0 Santamaria (Misuwai)  
Lions 0-0 East India (Sanantonyo)  
Tjainis 2-0 Kotamakuwa (Purikali)  
Hubian 2-0 Dragons (Purikali)  
Eagles 1-0 Purikali Steel (Kelondo)  
Sharks 1-1 Wisanyo (Irnik)

### Women's National League

Musimadi 1-3 University (Purikali)  
Hubian 0-2 Headhunters (Purikali)  
Giants 0-2 Kuru (Kautaira)  
MKA 0-0 Tigers (Purikali)

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