Sub-national composite risk - darker = higher. Source: GeoBit.

Papua New Guinea dataset (CSV) - events, per-region risk, cyber & sources

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Threat Trajectory

Threat Breakdown

Each category 0-100, scored from live conflict, insurgency, crime, protest & Cloudflare Radar cyber feeds. See the full threat matrix

Cyber & Internet Disruption

Layer-7 DDoS attack intensity (0-100, normalized) & internet outages over the last 90 days, daily, all on one scale - Source: Cloudflare Radar.

Situation Summary

Papua New Guinea remains at moderate global threat level (rank #50, composite score 39) but faces acute localized criminal and intercommunal violence concentrated in the Highlands and Port Moresby. The past week saw confirmed police responses to retaliatory killings in Port Moresby's Gerehu and Rainbow districts, tighter market security in Mt Hagen, and the discovery and diplomatic complications surrounding a military-grade artillery projectile at Port Moresby's port. High-risk provinces-particularly Southern Highlands, Enga, and Hela-continue to drive the country's composite threat score through armed robbery, tribal conflict, and violent crime.

Key Developments

- 3 November, Waigani (Port Moresby): University of Papua New Guinea security personnel blocked student access to the main campus ahead of a planned Student Representative Council assembly, resulting in confrontation and campus access disruption.

- 4-5 November, Gerehu and Rainbow (Port Moresby): Police announced intensified patrols and investigations into retaliatory violence linked to killings on 31 October-1 November; the metropolitan commander issued a public appeal for calm and warned of pursuit of persons responsible for murder, robbery, and mob violence. By 5 November, police reported the affected areas under control but remained tense with a heavy visible presence.

- 5 November, Napanapa Wharf (Port Moresby): U.S. Embassy personnel engaged with PNG bomb-disposal

specialists over a suspicious object found in a shipping container; four Chinese nationals were reported detained in connection with the discovery.

- 6-8 November, Napanapa Wharf (Port Moresby): Police Commissioner confirmed that the seized object was a 130-mm military artillery round; competing U.S. and Chinese embassy accounts emerged regarding circumstances, while PNG police and defense officials did not publicly clarify all details. Investigation remained ongoing.

- 6 November, Mt Hagen (Western Highlands Province): Police and market management announced reinforced security protocols for the Mt Hagen Main Market's reopening, including deployment of police reservists and Mobile Squad personnel, reduced access gates, and a ban on knives and other sharp objects-indicating continued market-related security concerns in a high-risk province.

- 7 November (national level): Papua New Guinea Police Service paused officer-cadet recruitment to undertake a review of regional representation across the force, signaling institutional capacity and diversity concerns within law enforcement.

- 7 November (national assessment): Former PNG Defence Force Commander Jerry Singirok publicly called for urgent government intervention to address killings, ethnic clashes, armed robberies, and criminal activity in Port Moresby and nationwide.

Highest-Risk Areas

Southern Highlands, Enga, and Hela provinces dominate the risk ranking (scores 98, 96, and 94 respectively), driven by ongoing tribal conflict, armed robbery, and limited police presence. The Eastern and Western Highlands (92 and 90) and National Capital District (85) follow, reflecting both intercommunal violence in rural areas and dense urban crime in Port Moresby. These twelve tracked provinces account for the majority of armed robbery, homicide, and organized criminal activity; Highlands provinces remain particularly volatile due to weak state capacity and historical land and resource disputes.

How GeoBit Would Assist

Security teams should employ AOI Monitoring & Early Warning to establish persistent watch over Port Moresby's highest-crime districts and key Highlands market towns, with automated alerting for armed robbery, homicide, or mob violence. Network & Actor Analysis and OSINT fusion capabilities would track criminal group movements and retaliation cycles (such as the Gerehu/Rainbow violence pattern). Routing & Network Analysis would generate alternative transportation and supply routes around high-risk zones to minimize exposure during market closures or police operations.

7-Day Outlook

Port Moresby's Gerehu and Rainbow districts remain tense but contained; police presence should limit immediate flare-ups, though retaliation cycles may persist. Mt Hagen market security measures suggest authorities expect continued disruption. No immediate escalation is forecast, but the persistent undercurrent of armed robbery, tribal conflict in the Highlands, and institutional capacity gaps means localized incidents remain probable.

Highest-Risk Areas - Ranked

#State / RegionRisk1Southern Highlands982Enga963Hela944Eastern Highlands925Western Highlands906Jiwaka887National Capital District858Simbu829Morobe7810East Sepik7211Sandaun6812Oro66

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