

～ 日本海難防止協会シンガポール連絡事務所発SRO news ～
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1 パラオのウィップス大統領は3月10日、イスマエル・アグオン公安局長を解任した。解任理由を明言しなかったが、関係者によると、ウィップス大統領はアグオン局長の業務実績に不満を持っていたという。アグオン局長は2021年3月に公安局長に任命されており、その以前は麻薬取締局長だった。

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2 3月7日の総選挙で落選し退任が決まっているミクロネシア連邦 (FSM) のパニューエロ大統領は、その2日後に衝撃的な書簡を発出、下院議長と4州の議長および知事に宛てた13ページの書簡で、「FSMは、中国の政治戦争とグレーゾーン活動の不本意な標的となっている」とし、中国がFSMの主権を弱体化させ、政府指導者を買収して中国に有利な協定を支持させようとしていると指摘、中国がない方がいい方がはるかに良いとして、台湾への外交関係シフトに向けた最初のステップを明らかにした。同大統領は2月に台湾外相と会談し、FSMが中国との関係を断ち同国からの資金提供が止まった場合に、それを相殺する台湾支援の可能性を求めたという。また、FSMへの駐 FSM 台北経済文化事務所の設置についても議論された。同大統領はこれまで中国との「素晴らしい友情」に繰り返し言及してきただけに、今回の中国バッシングはまったくの驚きだった。

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(17th March 2023, The Marshall Islands Journal)

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(14th March 2023, Radio NZ)

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3 マーシャル諸島海運会社 (Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation: MISC) は、韓国で建造される貨客帆船と日本で建造される貨客船計2隻の新造船の名称を公募している。また、MISCとGIZ (ドイツ国際協力公社) は、マーシャル諸島海上訓練センター (Marshall Islands Maritime Training Center) の名称も募集している。

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4 パラオ、ミクロネシア連邦 (FSM) およびマーシャル諸島 (RMI) のコンパクト関連予算案71億ドルが米国議会で承認されれば、パラオは8億9千万ドル

を受け取ることになる。米国議会に提出された 71 億ドルの配分は、パラオが 8 億 9 千万ドル、FSM が 33 億ドル、RMI が 23 億ドルとなっている。米国議会は超党派で中国の太平洋地域への拡張阻止を支持していることから、この予算案については、可決が楽観視されている。

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5 アルバニー豪州首相、バイデン米国大統領、スナク英国首相は、サンディエゴの造船所で豪州の原子力潜水艦隊の保有計画を共同発表し、AUKUS 同盟関係を強固にする。既にリークしている情報によると、豪州は手始めに米国から既存のバージニア級原子力潜水艦を 3 隻から 5 隻購入し、いずれは米国の戦闘システムと武器を装備した英国設計の潜水艦をアデレードで建造する予定。原子力潜水艦の可能性もある。また、暫定措置として、米国は 2027 年からパースに原子力潜水艦の前線配備を開始し、豪州の乗組員が米国乗組員と協力し、学習できるようにする。これに伴い、パースの海軍基地は大幅に拡張する必要がある。

フィジーのランブカ首相は、アルバニー首相が AUKUS はラロトンガ条約に反しないと保証したことに安心し、重大な合意を祝福した。ラロトンガ条約は、豪州を含む太平洋諸国が南太平洋に核兵器を持たないようにする協定である。

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(16th March 2023, PACNEWS)

6 アルバニー豪州首相はフィジーのランブカ首相との会談の結果、フィジー政府のエッセンシャル・サービス維持、最も脆弱な人々の保護、民間主導の経済成長を目的とした 8100 万豪ドル (5400 万ドル) の追加支援を行うことを発表した。この支援は、2020 年から豪州がフィジーに行ってきた 2 億 4300 万ドル超のパンデミック対策支援の延長である。この無償資金援助に加え、豪州はフィジーに対し、2022-2023 会計年度に 8800 万ドルの政府開発援助を約束している。両首脳の間での会談はこれが初めて。

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(15th March 2023, PACNEWS)

7 メラネシア先鋒グループ (Melanesian Spearhead Group : MSG) 事務局は、安全保障に関する協力について中国との連携を検討していると述べた。中国の銭波太平洋特使と MSG の Leonard Louma 事務局長の会談を受け、MSG は中国を最初の公式「開発パートナー」とすることについても検討している。

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(13th March 2023, Islands Business)

【論説】

8 最近の報告によると、ロシアのスパイ船が北海における海底ケーブル、ガスパイプライン、風力発電を標的とした破壊工作を担っていた。昨年10月、北海におけるロシアの軍事行動監視活動を行っている施設が存在するスコットランドのシェトランド諸島付近の海底ケーブルが切断され、南フランスではマルセイユ、リヨン、ミラノ、バルセロナをつなぐ海底ケーブルも意図的に切断されたと報告されている。ノードストリーム・ガスパイプラインの爆発も海底施設の破壊工作に対する脆弱性を顕著に示した。

ミクロネシア連邦（FSM）のパニュエロ大統領は昨年5月、「FSMでの中国の調査活動の大部分は我が国の海底ケーブルを対象とするものだ」と指摘した。中国のデータセキュリティ法は国内の企業や機関に対して、情報が国家安全保障に関連する場合に政府にデータを提供することを義務付けており、中国企業が取り扱うデータは国家による傍受に対して脆弱である。

トンガで海底火山噴火により唯一のケーブルが粉砕された際、復旧に5週間かかった。多くの太平洋諸国は一つのシステムに頼りバックアップを有しない。

中国は、初の太平洋諸島担当特使を任命したところである。また、中国のケーブル産業は成長し、世界のインターネットを支える重要インフラの敷設、運用、修理の競争は激化していこう。我々は太平洋のパートナーとともに太平洋地域の限られたケーブル修理能力を強化し、太平洋諸島の機関と協力して、ケーブルの監視について国や地域の海洋状況把握（MDA）システムに統合する必要がある。

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9 化石燃料の生産・備蓄を段階的に廃止する世界的キャンペーンにより多くの太平洋諸国が参加することが期待されている。バヌアツとツバルは昨年、化石燃料の不拡散条約を推進する世界的な運動を開始した。バヌアツは2022年9月に国連総会の議場で、ツバルは12月に国連気候変動枠組み条約（UNFCCC）の本会議で化石燃料条約について呼び掛け、以来、世界の70都市、1,800の市民団体、101人のノーベル賞受賞者、3,000人の科学者や学者および58万人以上の人々がこれに賛同している。両国はポートビラで閣僚級対話を共催し、化石燃料に関するその世界的な議論を太平洋に持ち込もうとしている。

今月末の国連総会の投票で、バヌアツが要求している気候変動に関する各国の法的責任に関する国際司法裁判所（ICJ）の勧告的意見（※SR0 News22-041参照）が賛成を得られれば、ICJでの検討のため裁定前に加盟国に与えられる意見提出の機会、太平洋諸国は化石燃料からの脱却についても主張する機会がある。なお、このプロセスは2年かかるとみられている。

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Panuelo issues

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Outgoing Federated States of Micronesia President David Panuelo issued a bombshell letter last Thursday detailing what he described as China's efforts to undermine the FSM's sovereignty and to bribe government leaders to gain endorsement of agreements beneficial to China but not to the western Pacific island nation.

In a 13-page letter addressed to FSM Congress Speaker Wesley Simina and the speakers and governors of the four Micronesian states, Panuelo said "the FSM is an unwilling target of PRC-sponsored Political Warfare and Grey Zone activity."

Panuelo lost his bid for reelection in the FSM's every-four-year national election Tuesday March 7.

He issued the letter two days later. Panuelo lists numerous examples in his letter, including attempts at diplomatic interference, influence or manipulation.

The FSM holds a unique position among the three freely associated states in the North Pacific that have security and economic agreements with the US. The FSM also has diplomatic ties with China. Both Palau and the Marshall Islands recognize Taiwan. Panuelo has been outspoken in efforts to navigate his country's strategic position between the increasing competition of Beijing and Washington for influence in the region.

The direction that Chinese diplomacy took toward the FSM over the past three years prompted Panuelo to meet Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu last month "to solicit from Taiwan what their potential assistance would to the FSM would look like if we switched diplomatic relations to supporting them instead of China, and what benefits we can get if we don't switch relations formally but do explore initializing a Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office."

The meeting, said Panuelo, resulted in Wu outlining specific areas of support for the FSM, including a \$50 million injection of funding to the FSM trust fund, an annual aid package, and numerous other areas of Taiwan-provided cooperation. In follow up to the meeting with Wu, Panuelo invited representatives of Taiwan's International Development and Cooperation Fund to visit the FSM later this month.

Last year, when China attempted to gain approval of Pacific Island Forum members for a regional security agreement with China, Panuelo publicly opposed it in a lengthy letter written to all heads of state in the region.

In his latest letter, Panuelo cites numerous examples of China's "political warfare and grey zone" activity against the FSM.

Panuelo said the FSM government chose to make available US-provided Covid vaccines made by Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson due to their being "the most

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effective available. It was a medical decision, based on science and with the intent of protecting our nation." But, said Panuelo, China was relentless in attempting to get the FSM to accept Chinese-produced Covid vaccines that Panuelo said "were not particularly effective."

So intense was the campaign by the PRC's ambassador to the FSM Huang Zheng that Panuelo and his secretaries of health and foreign affairs all changed their mobile phone numbers "due to incessant calls from Ambassador Huang." Ultimately, Panuelo said, PRC got its way with FSM accepting Chinese-made vaccines.

Agreements important to the PRC in the geopolitical rivalry with the United States became issues of serious concern as a result of heavy-handedness by Beijing officials, Panuelo said.

Panuelo said the FSM's foreign policy is founded on two concepts: The FSM is a friend to all and enemy to none, and the FSM extends to all nations "that which we seek: peace, friendship, cooperation and love in our common humanity." But, he said, this policy creates a vulnerability for the FSM.

While he said it is the right policy for the FSM to implement, "it also presents an opening that, if not watched for, and if not managed, could allow the sovereignty that we jealously guard to chip away before our own eyes."

Panuelo said a PRC white paper shows that President Xi Jinping has instructed the People's Liberation Army to be prepared for an invasion of Taiwan by 2027. While the FSM doesn't know when or even if an invasion will happen, it knows that "the FSM has a key role to play in either the prevention of such a conflict, or participation in allow it to occur," he said. "It is on this basis that political warfare and grey zone activity occur within our borders; China is seeking to ensure that, in the event of a war in our Blue Pacific Continent between themselves and Taiwan, that the FSM is, at best, aligned with the PRC instead of the United States, and, at worst, that the FSM chooses to 'abstain' altogether."

He lists page after page of incidents related to the FSM that he says are examples of how China intends to form a "new type of international relations."

He said he rejected an agreement from China that purported to support development of a Blue Prosperity Micronesia initiative because it "included a number of serious red flags." Among these was the FSM opening the door for the PRC to "begin acquiring control of our nation's fiber optic cables as well as our ports."

In June last year, Panuelo said he told Cabinet that the FSM would reject the "Deepening the Blue Economy" memorandum of understanding. But the PRC continued to promote the MOU. "In December

damning letter about China



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Panuelo with Trump: In this 2019 file photo, Micronesian President David Panuelo, second from left, joined President Donald Trump and Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine and Palau President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. at the White House. Photo: The White House.

2022, I learned that we were mere hours from its signing,” he said. “I put a halt to that MOU, and formalized, in writing, our permanent rejection of it.” But, he added, the same evening that he issued formal rejection of the MOU at a farewell dinner for departing Ambassador Huang, the ambassador suggested to a Cabinet member “that he ought to sign the MOU anyway, and that my knowing about it — in my capacity as Health of State and Head of Government — was not necessary.”

In case anyone could misunderstand what he was saying, Panuelo added: “The same ambassador who relentlessly shouts that the PRC does not interfere in the governance of other countries was himself actively attempting to interfere in our country’s governance, so as to accomplish his mandate benefit to the PRC but not to the FSM.” The

MOU was further lobbied for by the PRC Special Envoy Qian Bo during a visit to FSM earlier this year, he said.

Panuelo said at the first China-Pacific Island Countries Foreign Ministers Meeting, held in late 2021, the “proposed Joint Communique was laced with several problematic layers of statements that we as a nation had not agreed to. There were references towards establishing a multitude of offices that our government wasn’t aware of, some of which could be seen benign or harmless. Regardless, the FSM requested that countries receive more time to review the Joint Communique before it went out.” But island leaders’ request “were unheeded, and China immediately published the Joint Communique inclusive of remarks which were false, that the FSM and the other Pacific Island Countries had agreed to it, which, in our

case, we hadn’t.” The theme of disrespect of the FSM’s sovereignty by China continues “with PRC saying we have achieved a consensus when we have not.”

He said bribes are a weapon in China’s political warfare arsenal. “What else do you call it when an elected official is given an envelope filled with money after a meal at the PRC Embassy or after an inauguration?” he asked. “What else do you call it when a senior official is discretely given a smartphone after visiting Beijing? What else do you call it when an elected officials receives a check for a public project that our National Treasury has no record of and no means of accounting for?”

He said shortly after Vice President Aren Palik was sworn in as the new Vice President of the FSM in September last year, he was invited to the Chinese Embassy for a

dinner and was offered an envelope filled with money, Panuelo said. “Vice President Palik refused, telling the ambassador to never offer him a bribe again and upon doing so was advised by Ambassador Huang something close to the effect of ‘you could be president someday’ as the rationale for the special treatment.”

Panuelo, who will step down when a new administration comes into office in May, said ties with Taiwan could be beneficial with the FSM in more than simply economic terms. Aid would be coupled with “the greatly added layers of security and protection that come with our country distancing itself from the PRC, which has demonstrated a keen capability to undermine our sovereignty, rejects our values, and uses our elected and senior officials for their own purposes.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Attention: **General Public**

From: **Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation**

Date: **February 28, 2023**

Subject: **Two New Ships and Maritime Training Center - Names**

The Marshall Islands Shipping Corporation (MISC), invites the general public to submit proposed names for the two new vessels soon to join the RMI fleet. Additionally, MISC and GIZ are also accepting proposed names for the Marshall Islands Maritime Training Center soon to be open for training program or operation. All proposed names should be Marshallese with traditional and cultural meanings. Please see below:

- 1.** 1 Cargo and passenger sailing vessel to be constructed in South Korea and delivered in December 2023. This is similar in design to the sailing vessel Kwai, but bigger.
- 2.** 1 Cargo and passenger vessel to be constructed in Japan. This is similar in design to MV Kwajalein, but bigger.
- 3.** Maritime Training Center

Interested Persons, may submit their name proposals to the attention of the DGM for Administration, MISC, P.O. Box 1198, Majuro, MH 96960, or to the email address @ rjkios68@gmail.co, no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, March 31, 2023. There will be cash rewards to the winning names.