

Warring tribes make lasting peace

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TWO tribes in the Porgera District of the Enga Province involved in the ten year conflict that has resulted in many deaths have finally given up their arms and surrendered to police.

The Pene and Anga tribes have made peace and committed themselves to assisting police to end the crime and violence in Porgera.

Assistant Police Commissioner in charge of public safety Jim Andrews said the arms surrender in Porgera showed that people were fed up of lawlessness and were determined to restore order with the help of authorities.

APC Andrews, who was one of several key government officers

involved in brokering the May 13 arms surrender between the Pene and Anga tribes, said the ceremony marked the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter.

"By giving up their guns to the authorities, the people of Pene and Anga tribes have shown that they are ready and willing to adopt and embrace changes in their lives," Mr Andrews said.

Many people were reportedly killed over the past 10 years as a result of the two warring tribes' conflicts.

He said: "I am touched by the people's actions, because it shows their genuineness and desire to live in a society free from guns, violence and crime."

He said Paiam police station was closed last year due to more crimes.