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The world has been affected by the Russian Ukraine Crisis, many countries that have had trade relationships and economic ties are now suffering the effect of the invasion that Russia has executed on Ukraine. Papua New Guinea suffers an intense hike in fuel and oil prices with a 90% chance of shutting down half of its energy supply services consisting of crude oil and fuel. The eastward expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and its attempt to sign treaties with Ukraine, was the reason that caused Russia to feel threatened, which triggered Russia to attack Ukraine, that sadly cost many lives and displaced families in Ukraine.

Papua New Guinea voted support for Ukraine in a recent United Nations Conference attended by a senior Diplomat Max Rai. Russian Diplomat to Indonesia who is accredited to Papua New Guinea, Lyudmila Vorovieba regretfully noted Papua New Guineas stance with Ukraine, as Russia and Papua New Guinea have had economic ties with Russia for over 45 years. Papua New Guinea remains neutral encouraging both countries to sign peace agreements but frowns at Russia for the bloodshed caused by its actions and hopes that Russia will refrain from the invasion.

Papua New Guinea faced a similar situation in 1988 to 1998, which was one of the most violent conflict in the pacific region, on a group of islands called Bougainville which is now an Autonomous Region in Papua New Guinea. Civil War breakout was fueled by deployment of the Papua New Guinea Defense force soldiers environmental damages and land disputes over a copper mine called the Panguna mine. During the conflict over the years the Bouganvillean locals had formed different armed forces called the Bougainville Revolutionary army and the Bougainville Resistant Forces. An estimate of 12,000 to 20,000 lives had been lost during the war. Peace negotiations took place in the mid 1990's and was successfully signed in 2001, which granted Bougainville Autonomous status.

Papua New Guinea remains focused on supporting the United Nations and other countries with the same purpose to bring back peace and stability within Ukraine and Russia, PNG hopes to receive support from other nations in supporting Ukraine in her time of grievance and loss.