



VANUATU BORDER SECURITY



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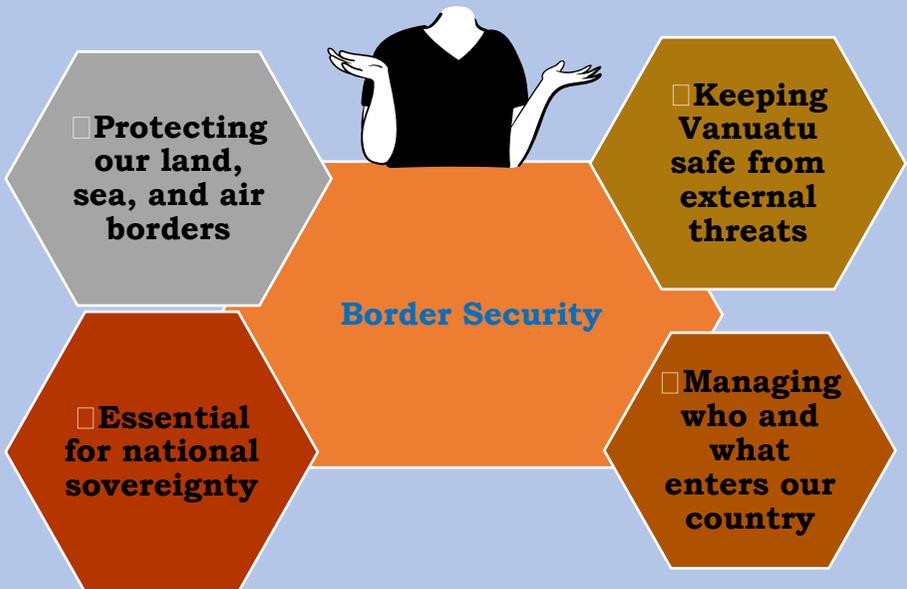
Protecting Our Borders, Protecting Our Future

Border Security is the second pillar of the Vanuatu National Security Strategy. It plays a critical role in protecting our people, economy, and sovereignty. This sector is overseen by key agencies including the Department of Immigration and Passport Services, Vanuatu Customs and Inland Revenue, Biosecurity Vanuatu, the Vanuatu Police Force, the Police Maritime Wing, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ports & Harbor and Airports Vanuatu Limited.

Together, these authorities work to manage who and what enters and exits our islands. Our authorities also play a crucial role in safeguarding our land and marine ecosystem and safeguarding our borders from external threats such as illegal migration, human trafficking, smuggling, and transnational crime. Border Security is not just about control—it is a vital part of Vanuatu’s broader national security system, ensuring security stability, safety, and resilience for our nation and its people.

What is Border Security?

Border security is a fundamental responsibility of the State, to safeguard national land, air, upper air space and sea space.



Why Border Security Matters?

With the growing global movement and complex threats, Vanuatu's border security must be robust, secure and stronger than ever. Challenges such as

transnational crime, illegal fishing, human trafficking, terrorism, disease outbreaks, and smuggling demand urgent attention. Effective border security relies on strong coordination between government agencies, transport operators, international partners and everybody—especially in the Pacific, where small island nations must work together to stay secure.

- **Prevents illegal entry and trafficking**



Source: Vanuatu Daily Pos

- **Controls spread of disease**



- **Stops arms and drug smuggling**

Cocaine worth \$370m seized from luxury yacht in Vanuatu

Officers had to chisel through rock and concrete to get to 750kg of drug destined for Australian streets



☛ Cocaine seized in a joint US/South Pacific operation from a yacht known as the Raj in Port Vila, Vanuatu. Photograph: Australian Customs/AFP/Getty Images Photograph: Australian Customs/AFP/Getty Images

- **Protects our people and resources**

UNDP Strengthens Border Security in Vanuatu with Advanced Equipment Handover

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Key Agencies with border responsibilities.

Border Security in Vanuatu is managed by multiple agencies working together. Their cooperation is essential to keep our country safe.

If you see or suspect any unusual activity or person at the border—on land, at sea, or at an entry point—please contact the relevant agency:



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protect our
borders.
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early. Keep
Vanuatu safe.**

Final Remarks from the National Security Advisor

Vanuatu's borders are more than just lines on a map—they are the frontline of our national sovereignty, security, and stability. In a changing world where threats can come from land, sea, or air, protecting our borders means protecting our people, our resources, and our way of life.

Border security is not just the responsibility of government agencies. It requires the awareness and support of everyone, every community, and every province. Whether you are a fisherman, a farmer a chief, a student, or simply a concern citizen—your vigilance matters.

Let us continue to work together, report suspicious movements, support our border personnel, and respect the rules that keep our country safe. The safety of our untouched paradise starts at the border—and it starts with you.

Let's seize this opportunity to acknowledge all our hardworking border officials for their strive in securing our border.

Together, we can strengthen our border security. Together, we can protect our future.



**YUMI EVRIWAN
MAS LUKAUT GUD
LONG BORDER BLONG
VANUATU!**

**GUARDING OUR SHORES
IS EVERYONE'S DUTY**