

**NOTICE TO REVERT BACK TO LEVEL TWO (2): JUDICIARY PROTOCOL  
ISSUED ON 9 MARCH 2022 BUT ONLY FOR SHEFA PROVINCE**

1. NOTICE to:

- Judges and Masters of the Supreme Court;
- Magistrates of the Magistrates' Courts;
- Island Courts Justices;
- National Judiciary Administration, Supreme Court, Magistrates Courts and Island Courts Registries at Port Vila (Efate), Luganville (Santo), Lakatoro (Malekula), Isangel (Tanna) and other Provincial centres;
- Support staff of all courts;
- Public Prosecutor and Public Prosecutor 's Office
- Public Solicitor and Public Solicitor's Office
- Attorney General and State Law Office
- Correctional Services and Centres
- Legal Practitioners (lawyers);
- Court users;
- General Public

2. You are all notified by this NOTICE that the services of the Supreme Court, Magistrates' Courts and Island Courts and respective registries in the Shefa Province (Efate, Epi and Shepherds islands) will now revert back to Level 2 regime set in the Protocols issued on 9 March 2022 in line with the Roadmap recovery process set by the Government through the Ministry of Health for the Shefa Province only.

3. It is important to note that the Judiciary Protocol Level 3 is still applied in the following provinces :

- Sanma Province;
- Torba Province;
- Tafea Province; and
- Pentecost Island.

4. It is also noted that, Malampa Province (comprising of Malekula, Ambrym and Paama islands) and the islands of Ambae and Maewo are not on Alert Level 3. Therefore, Resident Magistrate and Island Court Justices on the islands of Malampa Province will apply the level according to the level applicable to their place of residence. Island Court Justices on the Islands of Ambae and Maewo will apply the level according to the level applicable to their place of residence on these two islands.

5. For non – resident judge, magistrate, justice of island courts and lawyers, level 3 will apply until travel to and from can be regarded as without risk.
6. This NOTICE shall commence on Monday 2 May 2022.



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**Chief Justice V. Lunabek**  
**Dated at Port Vila this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.**

