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POPE BLESSES A MARTYR

The Papal visit to Port Moresby – January, 1995



Tolai dancers lead the Papal procession into the stadium



Part of the crowd which attended the Mass at the stadium



Rain-drenched police keep watch on the crowd



An elder wipes rain water off the casket containing the remains of Peter ToRot



Priests and umbrellas at the beatification Mass

THE Post-Courier brings you this special pictorial coverage of the Papal visit to Port Moresby and the beatification of martyr Peter ToRot.

ToRot, a Tolai catechist, was killed by the Japanese in 1945. His remains were exhumed from his grave at Rakunai village, and flown over to Port Moresby for the beatification ceremony.

ToRot's daughter, the only surviving member of his family, Rufina lamama who witnessed the ceremony said: "It's a joy to have my father proclaimed the 'Blessed'."

Pictures for this coverage were taken by staff photographers PETER MOABE and POU TOIVITA.

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A member of the crowd caught saying a silent prayer



His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, takes a rest after the Mass



A dancer in traditional finery lead the bishops' procession to the dais



Pall bearers carry the remains of Peter ToRot to the official dais



Peter ToRot's daughter, Rufina Iamama with relatives and friends

