

GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA
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Press Release from the Department of Communications

TONGA ISSUES 3 MORE NEWSPAPER LICENCES

On Friday, 6th February, 2003 the Department of Communications issued Tonga's first newspaper licenses to the following newspapers to print and publish in Tonga:

1. *Taumu'a Lelei*
2. *Tonga Chronicle*
3. *'Ofa - ki - Tonga*
4. *Tohi Fanongonongo*
5. *Lali Buzz*
6. *Tonga Star*

The Department of Communications, as authorized by the licensing authority, is pleased to announce that it has today (Monday, 16th February, 2004) issued 3 more newspaper licenses to the following applicants:-

1. *Friendly Islands Bookshop*
2. *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*
3. *Vula News Co. Ltd*

As previously announced, several applications are still in the process of ensuring their compliance with the law, and these together with late applications, are being processed.

The Department of Communications is grateful to the media services of Tonga for your co-operation, and looks forward to further strengthening our ongoing partnerships for the development of high quality journalism for the people of Tonga.

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