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I know that our economy is bleeding and struggling … This leadership is all about placing this country in the right place and taking back our economy.

—James Marape, in his maiden speech upon becoming prime minister in 2019 (*Business Advantage PNG* 2019)

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