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RSIPF and private security firms work together for PM election

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) and private security firms have agreed to work together during the election of a new Prime Minister on 24 April 2019.

This follows a meeting between the RSIPF and heads of private security firms in Honiara at the Rove Police Headquarters today (23 April 2019).

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Operations Gabriel Manelusi says, "I appeal to all heads of security firms to pass the message of accepting the result of the election of a new Prime Minister. Tell your security officers that the duty of voters to cast their vote was completed on 3 April 2019. Now it is the turn of the 50 members of Parliament to form the next Government."

DC Manelusi says, "Accept the announcement of the new Prime Minister with a good heart. We need not repeat what happened in the past during the election of a Prime Minister. The violence only destroyed our lives and our economic growth."

"Police will not tolerate anyone who takes the law into their own hands if they are not satisfied with the announcement. We appeal to all citizens to engage responsibly on anything to do with the election of the Prime Minister. Please do not resort to any means that will create violence on our streets. This includes calling for protests or riots online using social media. Inciting violence is a crime whatever medium you use. Do not post online comments that encourages any crimes," DC Manelusi emphasises.

He advises: "Stay away from large crowds. And do not become involved in any unlawful protests. If you do not need to come into the city on the day of the election of the Prime Minister, then I encourage you to stay away and follow the process on radio or on social media."

DC Manelusi calls on all citizens, including chiefs, elders, church leaders and all women, men and youth leaders to assist your Police in ensuring our communities remain safe and peaceful. Do not allow any disagreements about the outcome of the election of the Prime Minister to cause divisions amongst us.

"Let's move forward peacefully during the election of the Prime Minister and the formation of a government to develop our nation for a better future for everyone. Let's work together for a safer Hapi Isles."

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