

**Royal Solomon Islands Police Force** 

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## **RSIPF** continue with high visibility presence in Honiara

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) is continuing with its high visibility presence in Honiara as part of the normal police routine duty.

Traffic officers from the Kukum Traffic Centre will also be out on the roads to conduct traffic checks to ensure there is safety for all road users on the City's roads.

RSIPF Commissioner Matthew Varley says, "Although the situation is now back to normal police will continue to provide high visibility police presence in and around Honiara City and parts of Guadalcanal."

"I encourage people residing in Honiara, schools and business houses to resume business as usual as life in our capital city has now returned to normal after the disturbances last week following the election of the Prime Minister," Commissioner Varley adds.

He explains: "Let police deal with anyone who intends to cause any further disturbance in our communities but that does not stop us from doing our normal businesses. Should there be any situation that looks suspicious please quickly report it to police so that we will deal with it."

"I would like to thank the majority of citizens in and around Honiara for observing the rule of law by staying away from the disturbances caused by a very small number of people who caused disturbances in various parts of the capital city recently. I encourage you all to continue this good behaviour and not join any groups that are involved in or planning any criminal activities," says Commissioner Varley.

He emphasises: "I want to reassure the citizens of Honiara and the rest of Solomon Islands that the situation in our capital city is back to normal but your Police, the RSIPF is ready to deal with any incident that may arise. At the same time our officers in the National Crime Prevention Department are continuing with community awareness at settlements in and around the city to ensure people observe the rule of law."

Members of the public in Honiara are encouraged to call the Police Communication Centre on phone 23666 or the Police Toll Free 999 should you need to report any incidences to your Police.

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