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RSIPF advises public to take care as TC Harold affects SI

The Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) strongly advises members of the public to take extra care as the country experiences bad weather related to **Tropical Cyclone (TC) Harold** currently located between Rennell and Bellona Province and West Guadalcanal early this morning.

At 5 am this morning, **TC Harold** was located about 96 kilometres Southwest of Wanderer Bay in Guadalcanal Province.

TC Harold is moving East at 22 kilometres per hour towards the waters between Rennell and Bellona and Makira Ulawa Provinces and is strengthening.

RSIPF Acting Commissioner Mostyn Mangau says, "As the bad weather associated with the tropical cyclone is affecting the entire country, I call on all members of the public to take all precautions especially those living close to river banks to move to high grounds immediately.

"Do not try to cross river with an unknown depth. This is too risky. If the flood risk increases, make plans move to higher grounds. Do not allow children to play in the rain or near the rivers or along the drains."

Acting Commissioner Mangau adds: "I call on drivers do take extra care when travelling on wet, slippery and flooded roads and beware of water covered roads and bridges. Make sure you have your lights on and drive at low speed and do not attempt to cross flowing rivers and large streams of unknown depth."

"Mariners are advised to be extra caution when planning or travelling out in the sea. Avoid travelling at all if you can. When going out in the sea, always inform someone of where you are going and your expected time of arrival at your destination. Take extra fuel, puddles, life jackets, torchlight, spare batteries, water and some food when travelling."

"Stay on alert and watch out for landslides which could be caused by the continuing heavy rain especially those living on hillsides. Make sure you tie down any loose material that might be blown by the wind causing a danger to other people."

"Call the Met Service on their toll free line 933 to get an update on the weather situation or listen to radio stations including the SIBC for any updates. If you need any assistance call the police toll free line 999," says Acting Commissioner Mangau.

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