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### A passenger wounded with bush knife in Malaita Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) in Auki are investigating a wounding incident of a passenger who boarding a transport to Atori in East Malaita on 5 January 2021.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Malaita Province, Inspector Michael Ramosaea says, "The incident was happen along the east road to Atori at the night on the 5 December 2021."

Supervising PPC Ramosaea says, "It is alleged that a group of young boys around age of 20s did armed with bush knives and blocked the main road going down to Atori wharf. And a suspect among the group of boys intend to cut a crew member of the vehicle but miss out and the bush knife landed on the shoulder of the victim."

Inspector Ramosaea says, "The victim of the wounding incident have no connection in relation to the land dispute. He is a passenger on board the transport."

PPC Ramosaea says, "The victim sustained severe injuries and referred for medical attention. The victim is in stable condition. The motive behind the wounding incident because of land dispute between the two parties for quite long time now."

Mr Ramosaea says, "The suspect who cut the victim was escape upon police arrival. I call upon my good people in Atori area to encourage the suspects to surrender themselves to police. We work together to deal with such incidents. Investigation in to the matter is continuing."

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