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### **Police confirms seven people missing at sea found alive**

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at the Buala Police Station in Isabel Province has confirmed that the missing seven people at sea between Isabel and Central Province were found alive and well at Kaevanga in Isabel Province on 13 July 2021.

The seven people were travelling from Sepi in Isabel Province to Buenavesta in Central Province by an Out Board Motor (OBM) on 10 July 2021 for a convention at Nagotano village.

During their travel they only have 7 gallons (35 litres) thinking that they would reached the destination. However, they were drifted when their fuel has finished.

There are six males and a female. All of them were adults. They travelled to Nagotano village in Central Province for a convention.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) Crime and Intelligence Patricia Leta says, "Following the search by police in Isabel. Police received information that it was around 4:30pm on 12 July 2021 that they managed to reach Mufu Island outside Kilokaka village, in the Hograno district."

AC Leta says, "They paddle to kilokaka to purchase some fuel before they travel to Kaevanaga for their respective homes. All seven people were confirm well and alive.

"I call on OBM owners and skippers to make sure your boat is sea worthy before travelling at sea. Get enough fuel and listen to our weather updates before you travel from one place to another," says AC Leta

If you require help, at sea call the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) on phone 21609 or 27685 or the toll free phone 977; or call the RSIPF National Communication Centre on phone 23666 or the toll free phone 999. Safety at sea starts with you. IF YOU ARE NOT TOO SURE, STAY ASHORE.

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