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## Consultation meeting conducted with some communities in Makira-Ulawa Province

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Makira-Ulawa Province, Superintendent Peter Sitai and team have conducted a two days consultation meeting from 8 and 9 of July 2021, as part of Crime Prevention Strategy for the community leaders at Namah, Pihuru, Nagarawawa, Nahuhu and Karie in East Makira.

The consultation has come about following alleged claims that these communities have experienced law and order issues of which leaders were unable to control antisocial behaviours happening in their communities.

The communities have experienced widespread trafficking, selling and smoking marijuana, kwaso brewing, illegal sale of alcohol, damage of properties and going armed in public places.

The situation has caused community members particularly the women, children and elderly people to live in fear every day.

The outcome of the meeting has been fruitful as leaders have come to identify various causes that include weak community governance, leadership, impacts of logging and none engagement of youths.

However, the meeting also identified possible ways forward to address the issues that include reactivating the tasks of Crime Prevention Committee, realignment of existing sectors and regular meetings.

In a closing remark, Hon. Silas Wagatora Provincial Member for ward 13 had apologised on behalf of all levels of community leadership and called for support for the work of the police, as there is no time to waste. It is about time that leader's rise and work together towards fighting antisocial activities affecting our people.

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