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Police clarify threat and call for working together

The Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) would like to clarify an article published in Solomon Star yesterday issue with the title “*armed group to ‘unleash’ second wave*” on 12 December 2021.

Commissioner of RSIPF Mr. Mostyn Mangau says, “I want to make a very clear statement here in relation to the news article that police are aware and investigating this matter very seriously.”

Commissioner Mangau says, “This is extremely a threat to the national security and Police will not tolerate any armed groups or criminals who are taking the opportunity to plan their crimes to threaten the sovereignty of this nation.”

Mr Mangau says, “I appeal to members of the public both in Honiara and provinces to play an important role to help spread the message to our people, relatives and friends to avoid fear mongering or spreading misleading information to our communities. Such a plan will only affect the lives of our people and essential services in our country. I am urging communities to come forward with information and evidence of any suspicious activities or movement in the communities of such illegal activities.”

“There are legal avenues available for people to voice their concerns on matters affecting their lives other than planning to commit crimes and breaking the laws. We do not want to go back to our dark moments where lawlessness had crippled our beloved country, Solomon Islands,” says Commissioner Mangau.

He says, “I call on the National leaders, community leaders and church leaders to work together with the police to make sure our communities are safe and peaceful. I call on the media to balance stories before publication for public consumption as such reports will only cause fear and panic to our good people.”

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