



Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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RSIPF respond to social-media post in relation to covid-19 outbreak

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) rebutted a social media post claiming that the high number of officers tested positive with COVID-19 was through close interaction with the Solomons' International Assistance Force (SIAF) during the civil unrest in November 2021.

Police Commissioner Mostyn Mangau says, "This is not true. Those intervention teams have been tested negative for COVID-19 before they flew to Solomon Islands. They have also tested and have negative results upon their arrival."

Commissioner Mangau says, "Misinformation from members of the public can mislead the public and form rumours that tarnish the reputation of others. It is time that we should not blame anybody for the entry of COVID-19 into our shores but to work together and fight against it."

Commissioner Mangau says, "It is time we take things seriously, as cases continue to increase every day. We must work together to support the Ministry of Health to fight this deadly virus."

"I want to call on all residents of Honiara and Provinces to work together with the government authorities addressing the issue of the virus so we can get through this unfortunate situation as a united law abiding country," Commissioner Mangau emphasises.

Deputy Commissioner (RSIPF) for the Solomon International Assistance Force (SIAF) Paul Osborne says, "The SIAF contingents complied with all agreed COVID-19 directions in line with Solomon Islands Health requirements when they deployed. They continue to comply with all requested health requirements and instructions. Since commencing operational duties in the Solomon Islands. SIAF contingents have practiced strict COVID-19 safe measures."

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