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Police encourage media to report responsibly

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) is encouraging the media to report with a sense of responsibility when reporting on matters that will cause fear among our people.

This comes about when an article published on Solomon Star newspaper with the title 'Plot to assassinate Sogavare' today (9 April 2022) by Alfred Sasako.

Commissioner of Police Mr. Mostyn Mangau said the article is very dangerous and I appeal to the author to rethink before publishing such a story. The right place for this information to go to is RSIPF and not media.

Commissioner Mangau said the RSIPF is a neutral organisation. We have the responsibility to look after each citizen of this country. Police see this kind of reporting is not good enough for public consumption.

Mr Mangau said the article totally undermined the national security of this country. To make it worse the author does not have good judgement to contact RSIPF or my media team to verify or give the police side of the story.

"By doing this, it would be helpful for the readers to have a balanced side of the story. Good to be responsible when reporting on matters of national interest and security. This is our country. We must try as much as possible to be responsible enough," he said.

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