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### Police charges 17 suspects during a Traffic operation recently

Officers of the National Traffic Department (NTD) of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) with the support of Solomon Islands Assistance Force (SIAF) mounted a traffic operation recently and arrested 17 suspects for traffic related offenses.

A total of 380 plus vehicles have been checked during the operation which happened at City Council roundabout.

The operation is part of the implementation of the Safe and Green Games strategy that police are currently rolling out.

The operation is a reminder to all drivers and vehicle owners to respect and understand the rules of the road (Traffic Regulation).

NTD officers have detained 17 vehicles and charged 17 individuals for several offences.

The offenses committed during operation are presence of alcohol in a person's blood, driving unlicensed motor vehicle, driving without valid driver's license and permitting unlicensed driver.

Road regulations or traffic regulations are there to help guide us when using our roads. Abide to it to avoid being charged with our traffic laws or worst taking someone's life

All suspects arrested during the operation will appear at Honiara Central Magistrates' Court on a later date.

Traffic officers will continue with this kind of operation as part of the preparation for the Pacific Games 2023.

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