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### Police arrest 18 suspects in WP which related to election results

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) have arrested 18 suspects in relation to election results in Western Province.

From the 18 suspects arrested 10 suspects were arrested at Aleang village in Shortland Islands on 21 April 2024 while the other eight suspects were arrested at Maravari village in South Vela La Vela on 22 April 2024.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Operations, Ms. Junanita Matanga said the motive behind the issue is on election related matters on the results where those on the losing side were not happy with the result and took the laws in their own hands by doing some unacceptable actions in the community.

DC Matanga said police investigators of the RSIPF in Gizo are investigating the matters and the suspects were bailed to appear in Gizo Magistrates' Court on a later date.

Ms. Matanga urging good people in the country to accept the result of the election. Anyone who wins this joint election will represent us. Do not try to and involve in an action cause difference between each other.

She said we are loving family members. Those election results will come and go but we as family members will remain and stay in our communities.

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