



Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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Auki police arrest six suspects for brewing kwaso during Christmas operation

Auki police have arrested six suspects in their 20s and 30s for brewing kwaso (homebrew) in Malaita Province during the Christmas operation.

The suspects have been arrested during the raid at Fiu village in Central Kwaraáe and at Gounaruú in West Kwaea'ae.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Malaita Province Chief Superintendent Tex Tafoa said all apparatus for cooking kwaso, including a large quantity of finished kwaso products, were confiscated and taken to Auki police station as exhibits.

PPC Tafoa said police dealt with the suspects and processed their court documents for their trial at a later date.

Chief Superintendent Tafoa said, "Find other ways to make money. Brewing of kwaso in our communities will cause trouble and lead up to serious crimes."

Mr. Tafoa thanked the community chiefs for coming forward and assisting Auki police for a successful police operation and appealed to leaders, parents, and our good people to come forward and report to police anybody who continues to be involved in kwaso or illegal sales of beer.

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