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### **Commissioner Mangau and DC Vaevaso Honoured for Exemplary Service**

The Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) is proud to announce that several of its executive members have been formally recognized in the 2025 Solomon Islands King's Birthday Honours, highlighting their outstanding contributions to national security and law enforcement.

RSIPF Commissioner Mostyn Mangau BEM has been awarded the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his distinguished leadership, dedication, and long-standing service to policing and public safety in the Solomon Islands.

His commitment to strengthening the RSIPF and leading through complex national and regional security challenges has reinforced public trust and advanced policing standards across the country.

Commissioner Mangau extended his gratitude, saying, "I am deeply honored by this recognition. This award reflects the dedication and hard work of all RSIPF officers. It is a privilege to serve alongside such committed professionals."

Mr. Mangau said, "It's all about team building with my RSIPF executive and the whole organization. I am just taking the leading role to ensure we follow the right direction in terms of providing services to the good people of the Solomon Islands."

Deputy Commissioner (DC), National Security and Operation Support (NSOS) Mr. Ian Vaevaso was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE), recognizing his tireless efforts to enhance operational effectiveness, develop leadership within the force, and support strategic policing initiatives.

His leadership continues to be instrumental in building a more capable and community-focused police force that gives trust and confidence.

The awards reflect the RSIPF's unwavering commitment to professionalism, integrity, and community service and reiterate the strength of the RSIPF's leadership at a critical time for national and regional security.

The recognition of these achievements highlights the vital role that effective leadership plays in collaboration between the police and the communities they serve.

As the RSIPF continues to adapt to evolving challenges, its dedication to excellence will undoubtedly pave the way for a safer and more secure future for all citizens.

The RSIPF also congratulates its colleagues who were recognized for their contributions, including Director of the National Traffic Department, Superintendent William Foufaka, and Provincial Police Commander, Honiara City, Chief Superintendent Jimson Robo, who received the King's Police Medal (KPM) for distinguished service.

The King's Birthday Parade featured a ceremonial display by the RSIPF and Correctional Services of Solomon Islands, with musical performances by the RSIPF Police Band and the Australian Defence Force Brass Band, celebrating a proud day for national law enforcement.

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**Photo captions:**

Image 1: RSIPF Commissioner Mostyn Mangau BEM was awarded the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his distinguished leadership and commitment to the RSIPF and national security.

Image 2: Deputy Commissioner (DC) of National Security and Operation Support (NSOS) Mr. Ian Vaevaso awarded with MBE for his dedicated service.

Image 3: Assistant Commissioner (AC) National Capital and Crime Prevention (NCCP) Mr. Simpson Pogeava awarded with MBE for his dedicated service

Image 4: RSIPF male platoons march past during the official King's Birthday parade.

Image 5: The Governor General HE Sir David Tiva Kapu fronts the inspection of the parade during the King's Birthday.

Image 6: RSIPF and ADF Brass Band perform during the King's Birthday.

Image 7: The RSIPF and ADF brass bands provide entertainment during the King's Birthday.

Image 8: CSSI male platoon slow march during the King's Birthday parade

Image 9: CSSI female platoon slow march during the King's Birthday parade

Image 10: Color party of the RSIPF

Image 11: Female platoon of the RSIPF during the parade on the King's birthday

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