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### **Couple assault a 13-year-old girl with a bamboo stem in Central Province**

Tulagi police have arrested a couple for assaulting a 13-year-old girl with a bamboo stem at Toa village in small Ngella, Central Province, on 11 November 2025.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Central Province, Superintendent David Soakai, said the victim with other friends after church activity was heading back home following a bush road; on their way, they climbed up a betel nut tree, and suddenly the couple attacked the victim.

PPC Soakai said the couple whipped the victim with a live bamboo stem and later grabbed the victim's head and pushed her against the bottom of a ngali nut tree.

Superintendent Soakai said the victim sustained wounds and body bruises and attended the Vuturua clinic for medical attention.

Mr. Soakai said the couple has been arrested and dealt with. The wife was charged with one count of assault causing actual bodily harm, while the husband was charged with aiding contrary to section 21(c) of the penal code.

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