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RSIPF Armoury Strengthened Through RAPPP and ADF Support

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Armoury Logistics Team (ARMLOT) has received a major upgrade through the RSIPF and AFP Policing Partnership Program (RAPPP), with additional support from the Australian Defence Force (ADF). The improvements make the armoury safer, more organised, and better equipped to support police operations.

The upgraded facility now includes better work areas, secure storage, updated systems, and new tools that help officers manage weapons safely and efficiently.

Assistant Commissioner National Operations, Chief Superintendent Francis Ramoni, said the upgrade is an important step forward for the RSIPF

“These upgrades not only improve the physical infrastructure, but they also strengthen the systems and processes that help RSIPF maintain high standards of professionalism and accountability,” Assistant Commissioner Ramoni said.

Commander RAPPP, Hall O’Meagher, said the partnership between RSIPF and RAPPP continues to focus on long-term capability.

“Through RAPPP, we have worked closely with the RSIPF to enhance armed policing capability and introduce modern systems that meet today’s security challenges. These improvements ensure the RSIPF can manage weapons safely, professionally, and independently,” Commander O’Meagher said.

The Australian Defence Force also played a key role in supporting the upgrade. South West Pacific Defence Advisor, CAPT Emma Griffiths, and Warrant Officer Class Two Jo Rounds, ADF Logistics Training Advisor, have been working with RSIPF to strengthen logistics and armoury skills.

The ADF has delivered logistics courses through Coastwatchers Training to help ARMLOT officers build the basic skills they need. The first RSIPF officer has also travelled to Australia to train at the ADF Logistics Training College, with more officers expected to attend in 2026. The ADF donated new uniforms for ARMLOT officers and assisted in improving the storage areas. Working together with the AFP, the ADF also plans to install individual secure storage spaces for Police Response Department officers.

Further ADF support is planned, including specialist training in administration, IT, and weapons maintenance. Both CAPT Griffiths and WO2 Rounds reaffirmed the ADF’s commitment to working closely with RSIPF and supporting the continued development of ARMLOT.

The upgrades follow a detailed review carried out by RSIPF, RAPPP, and AFP National Armoury. The new improvements provide safer facilities, stronger systems, and better procedures to support RSIPF’s long-term capability.

RSIPF, RAPPP, and the ADF remain committed to working together to strengthen national security, support frontline officers, and ensure the safe and professional management of police equipment across Solomon Islands.

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