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RSIPF EOD to Conduct Bomb Blast Operations in Western and Choiseul Provinces

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Department will conduct planned bomb blast operations in Western and Choiseul Provinces as part of ongoing efforts to safely dispose of unexploded ordnance (UXO).

In Western Province, the UXO operations will be carried out in Munda and the surrounding communities and the islands of Rendova and Kolombangara, respectively. The dates will be from Saturday 15 August to Thursday 27 August 2026. The activities will take place daily between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

In Choiseul Province, the bomb blast operations will be conducted at Tarekukure, Taro and the surrounding communities from Wednesday, 19 August, to Monday, 24 August 2026, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm each day.

Further to that, the EOD team will conduct another bomb blast operation in Shortlands, Nila, Lofung and surrounding communities from Tuesday 25 August to Monday 31 August 2026. The timings will be from 8am to 4pm, respectively.

Director of EOD Department Inspector Clifford Tunuki emphasises that communities within these areas and islands are strongly advised to keep clear of the operational sites while the bomb-blast activities are in progress. Safe evacuations and road blocks will be enforced during the stated times to ensure public safety.

Affected communities will be duly informed of the specific operational sites, and the RSIPF kindly calls on all residents to cooperate with EOD officers on the ground, as the safety of the public and officers remains the highest priority, says Mr Clifford Tunuki.

The RSIPF further urges communities in Western and Choiseul Provinces to continue reporting any sightings of unexploded ordnance. Reports can be made directly to the RSIPF EOD via phone number 7495215 or to the nearest police station so that these hazards can be safely addressed while EOD teams are deployed in the area.

The RSIPF thanks the public for their cooperation and continued support in keeping communities safe.

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