

Media Release

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RSIPF to conduct UXO Operations in the Western Province

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Department (EODD) of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) will conduct unexploded ordnance (UXOs) operation in the Western Province this week.

Acting Director of EODD Inspector Clifford Tunuki said the UXO operation will start tomorrow 20 February and will conclude on 2 March 2024.

Inspector Tunuki said the operation will be conducted in Munda, Noro on the New Georgia Island and other areas of Kolombangara Island.

Director Tunuki said bomb blasting operations will be conducted in Munda from 8am to 4pm within those mentioned dates from 20 February to 2 March 2024 respectively.

"It is advisable that our surrounding communities within those areas work together with our Police during bomb blasting days to ensure safety and the operation progresses as anticipated," said Inspector Tunuki.

Mr. Tunuki said roadblocks and evacuations of people will be carried out during blasting days and concerned communities will be notified.

He said it is also advisable to report any sightings of UXOs to the EODD team whilst on the ground on mobile contacts 7495215 or 7495214 or to your nearest Police stations so that those explosive remnants from World War II can be dealt with straight away.

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