

## Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Media Release

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## Kitchen burnt down in Choiseul province, suspect arrested

Taro police have arrested a 32-year-old male suspect for burning down a kitchen house at Tangibangara village in northeast Choiseul.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Choiseul Province, Superintendent Barry Pogesopa, said, "It was alleged that on 9 April 2025, a male suspect, without any reason, went armed with a knife and threatened the entire village and burnt down the kitchen."

PPC Pogesopa said, "The community members attempted to stop him; however, they could not manage to do so due to his threat and aggressiveness."

Superintendent Pogesopa said, "The motive behind the suspect's action was still unclear and subject to investigation. Urging anyone at Tangibangara village to assist police with more information on this matter."

"I appeal to the good people at Tangibangara village to seek help when an issue arises in our communities," said PPC Pogesopa.

He said, "We have our community leaders who can assist us in different situations. Our church leaders are there to help us with our challenges," said PPC Pogesopa.

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