



# Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

## Media Release

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### **15 police officers graduate as PRD operators**

Fifteen police officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) graduated as Police Response Department (PRD) operators at the Rove police club on 2 May 2025.

During the graduation ceremony, RSIPF Commissioner Mr. Mangau said, it is with great pride and deep appreciation that I stand before you today to mark the successful completion of the PRD Basic Operators Course 1/2025—a course that represents not only a milestone in training excellence but also a significant investment in the future capability and professionalism of the RSIPF.

Commissioner Mangau said, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the government and people of Australia, our key strategic partner, for their unwavering support to the RSIPF, particularly the PRD. Your enduring commitment to our national security and institutional strengthening continues to shape our law enforcement development path. Australian assistance from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) has been instrumental throughout this comprehensive program's planning, implementation, and delivery.

Mr. Mangau said this program, built on five structured phases—from marketing and preparatory fitness to barrier testing, selection, and a rigorous 13-week operators' course—was nothing short of transformative. Each phase was designed with purpose and precision to ensure we selected only the most capable and resilient individuals.

He said, “We witnessed the testing of mental strength, physical endurance, and team cohesion, culminating in a course that involved advanced weapon handling, public order management, combat casualty care, and tactical response training. Our newly graduated operators have earned their place in the RSIPF-PRD through courage, commitment, and character.”

The police chief said, let us also acknowledge the two female and 13 male officers who have completed this demanding journey. You are a testament to our future and a symbol of RSIPF's growing capability and inclusivity. We are especially proud to see the increased participation of our female officers, reflecting our shared commitment to gender diversity within the National Operations Portfolio.

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The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) was established in 1954. Its mission is 'To provide a safe and peaceful Solomon Islands by strengthening relationships with the community'. The RSIPF strive to provide efficient and effective policing services for the Solomon Islands and expect RSIPF officers to adhere to the RSIPF values.

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