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PRD enhance capability in preparation for PIFL meeting next month

The Police Response Department (PRD) of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF), with support from the RSIPF-Australian Federal Police (AFP) Policing Partnership Program (RAPPP), enhances its capability in Public Order Management (POM) demonstration at Hells Point and Tenaru firing base on 22 August 2025.

The capability demonstration is part of the operational readiness for the upcoming Pacific Islands Forum Leaders (PIFL) meeting in Honiara next month.

The demonstration capability was attended by the Acting Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, Hon. Frederick Kologeto, with some members of parliament and Australia's High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands, His Excellency Rod Hilton.

During the capability demonstration, the PRD officers showcase POM in various situation scenarios. The demonstration showcases both non-lethal and lethal capability, highlighting response in POM.

During the demonstration, RAPPP handed over two new all-terrain vehicles for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Department and PlataTac Jungle Green Tropic MultiCam uniforms for PRD.

AFP Commander RAPPP, Commander Hall O'Meagher, in his remarks, said Solomon Islands and Australia are more than neighbors—we are family. We share a region, an ocean, and a history of partnership that has shaped our past and continues to guide our future.

Commander Hall O'Meagher said Australia is proud to be Solomon Islands' partner of choice in the security sector. Together, we continue to build on our long-lasting and enduring relationship—one built on friendship and grounded in mutual respect, trust, and open dialogue.

"Our commitment is clear: we stand with Solomon Islands in advancing its evolving security priorities, in line with the three-tier security framework. This commitment comes to life through the RAPPP and through our 42-year Defence Cooperation Program, said Commander O'Meagher.

Supervising Commissioner of RSIPF Mr. Ian Vaevaso said, "I am happy to see our police force keep enhancing its capability with the support from the Australian government and its people.

Supervising Commissioner Mr. Vaevaso said, "This partnership not only strengthens the capabilities of the RSIPF but also fosters greater stability and safety in the region.

Supervising Commissioner Vaevaso said, "As both nations work together, we pave the way for a more secure future and enhanced cooperation in terms of security, seeing that we are now prepared for the PIFL meeting in Honiara next month."

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Photo captions

Image 1: Acting Commissioner RSIPF Mr. Ian Vaevaso welcomes Acting Prime Minister Hon. Frederick Kologeto before the capability demonstration at Hells Point.

Image 2: The Minister of Police shakes hands with the Acting Prime Minister, Hon. Frederick Kologeto.

Image 3: The POM team contains a certain situation during the demonstration at Hells Point.

Image 4: How the PRD Lima team attached to POM during the demonstration

Image 5: Group photo at Hells Point after the POM demonstration

Image 6: RAPPP Commander Hall O’Meagher gave his remarks during the handing-over program at Hells Point.

Image 7: Handing over document after the gifting of two new vehicles and PRD uniform

Image 8: The PRD's new uniform is explained after the demonstration.

Image 9: Group photo at Tenaru Firing Range after the POM demonstration

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