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## **RAMSI BOSS STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF LAW AND ORDER**

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RAMSI Special Coordinator, Graeme Wilson, yesterday praised the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIP) for their bravery and hard work during the recent floods on Guadalcanal.

Speaking as the special guest at the RSIP's regular parade, Mr Wilson said he was delighted to address the parade and see first-hand such a strong display of discipline and unity by the RSIP.

"The relationship between RAMSI and the RSIP is one of the most important ones in the Solomon Islands-RAMSI partnership and central to our goal of helping Solomon Islanders build a peaceful, prosperous and well-governed nation," he said.

"Law and order are crucial to this. Without good law and order economic development is jeopardised and investors will be reluctant to come."

Mr Wilson said that such parades were an important part of building and sustaining good morale within the force.

"It's impressive to see the presentation of the RSIP and the obvious pride with which you all wear your uniform and I would like to congratulate you all on such a professional display."

Mr Wilson also congratulated the RSIP leadership on the excellent role they were playing and welcomed the current high level of cooperation between the Participating Police Force (PPF) and RSIP.

He said that he also wanted to acknowledge those officers involved in the operations during the recent floods on Guadalcanal.

"I know the RSIP played a leading and important round-the-clock role in both the rescue and relief work. These are the sorts of actions that earn you the respect you deserve in the community."

He said that it was being professional and disciplined at all times that the respect and confidence of the community in the RSIP can be rebuilt and that this in turn will pave the way for a strong future for the RSIP.

“We all know there is much hard work to be done and many challenges ahead but RAMSI, through the PPF, will stand by the RSIP as it grows in stature and confidence,” he said.

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