

# POLICE COMMUNIQUE

## Prohibition to fly/operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drone) in the South East part of the Island (Blue Bay, Trois Boutiques & L'Escalier)

The public is hereby informed that a bilateral exercise named 'Phoenix 2022' will be organised between the Mauritius Police Force and the Force Armées de la Zone Sud de L'Océan Indien (FAZSOI) from 05 to 09 December 2022 in the South East part of the island. The exercise will consist of para-jump from helicopters both at sea and inland.

2. The attention of the members of the public is drawn to the provision of the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (GN 139 of 2016), whereby it is strictly prohibited to fly or operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (such as Drones) over a congested area except with the authority granted by the Director of the Civil Aviation Department.

3. With a view to ensuring the safety and security of participants during the exercise, **NO PERSON** shall fly/operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones) where the para-jump and other exercises will be held, unless permission from the Director of Civil Aviation has been obtained.

4. The flying or operating of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones) in the abovementioned regions without the permission of the Director of Civil Aviation will constitute an offence under the Civil Aviation Regulations 2007 (as amended), for which the offender may be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10,000/- and imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

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