

# **POLICE COMMUNIQUÉ**

## **Prohibition to fly/operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drone) in the regions of Pointe-aux-Sables and Bain-Des-Dames**

Following the ship wrecks off Pointe-aux-Sables and Bain-Des-Dames of Taiwanese Fishing vessels, it is reported that drones have been seen flying over the distress areas. Being given that the police helicopters are constantly flying over these regions, the presence of drones represents a potential danger to these helicopters and crews.

2. The public is hereby informed that pursuant to the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (GN 139 of 2016), it is strictly prohibited to fly or operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (such as Drones) except upon an authority granted by the Director of the Civil Aviation Department.

3. The flying or operating of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones) in the given circumstances, without the permission of the Director of Civil Aviation constitutes 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 12 months.

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