**POLICE COMMUNIQUE**

**Prohibition to fly/operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drone)**

**in the regions of Port Louis on Saturday 29 August 2020**

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) over an organised open-air assembly of more than 500 persons except upon an authority granted by the Director of the Civil Aviation Department.

2. With a view to ensuring the safety and security of persons taking part in the public procession on Saturday 29 August 2020, **no** **person** shall fly/operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones) in Port Louis, unless permission has been obtained from the Director of Civil Aviation.

3. The flying or operating of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones) in Port Louis on that date 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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