

Kwaso was believed to be introduced in Honiara and then in other parts of the country in the mid-1990s. Since its introduction, it is One of the main causes of anti-social behaviour in society. It has contributed to most problems experienced in communities such as disturbances and criminal offences such as fighting, swearing, domestic violence, stealing, and the destruction of property and so forth.

It is also believed to be a cause of health problems to those who consume it. It is a hazardous product.

These problems would be avoided if people do not produce this illegal liquor. It can be easily assumed that those who produce this illegal liquor do not care about the health and social problems associated with the consumption of this illegal liquor but only care about how much money they can make from their sales.

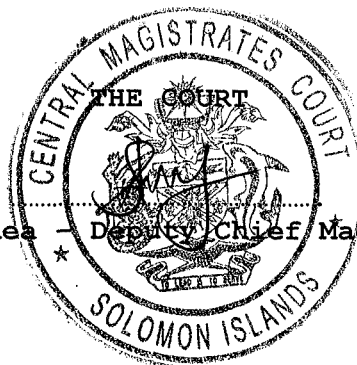
The Court has a responsibility to stop the illegal production of kwaso and therefore, will impose punitive and deterrent sentences to send the message clear to the public that kwaso productions is an illegal activity that the courts will not tolerate.

The defendant says that she was not the producer. I do not accept this as the utensils or implements were discovered in her possession at her residence.

Having considered the facts, the plea of guilty, the seriousness of the offending, the factors put in mitigation and importantly, the need for deterrence, I impose a fine of \$3,000.00 against the accused. In default, six months imprisonment.

Payable by 4:30 pm on 14th August 2018.

I order that the all the items or utensils confiscated during the search be forfeited to the RSIPF and be destroyed.



Ricky Iomea - Deputy Chief Magistrate