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SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE (SANDF) SENDS OFF DEPLOYING SOLDIERS IN HIGH SPIRITS

The SANDF is hosting a function for the Goodwill Parcel Project together with a Farewell Parade for soldiers deploying outside South Africa on Tuesday, 23 October 2012 at Department of Defence Mobilization Centre, Bloemfontein.

A Farewell Parade is always held for members of SANDF prior their departure for peace support missions throughout Africa. Among others reasons the aim of such parades is to send off members in high spirits, epitomize the significance of their contribution in the country's outcome of creating a better Africa and also afford their families and loved ones an opportunity to bid them farewell.

This year's parade coincides with the Goodwill Parcel Project Function. Goodwill Parcel Project is a joint venture between the SANDF and the private sector where parcels are donated for distribution to all deployed soldiers over the festive season annually. Then representatives from the project visits deployed soldiers at mission areas to hand over parcels. The aim of the Project is to show appreciation and support to deployed members and their families over the festive season by means of goodwill token and hamper packs.

Due to the unstable security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) the Goodwill Parcel Visiting Group will not be able to visit the troops in the DRC over the festive season, hence the decision was made to hand over parcels in a function at the Farewell Parade.

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