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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: THE CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE, GENERAL SOLLY SHOCKE INVITES THE COMMUNITY OF MANGAUNG TO CELEBRATE ARMED FORCES DAY ON 21 FEBRUARY 2014**

General Solly Shoke, the Chief of the South African National Defence Force invites the community of Mangaung to take to the streets on Friday, 21 February 2014 as we celebrate Armed Forces Day. The event is aimed at honouring men and women in uniform who serve the nation.

The SANDF will display a wide range of specialised military vehicles and equipment, such as Olifant Combat Tanks, Rooikat Armoured Cars, G 6 Self Propelled Guns, Ratel Infantry Combat Vehicles and many other specialist vehicles. The convoy of approximately 70 vehicles will move from the Air Force Base Bloemspruit on a route through Mangaung, while being escorted by various military aircraft. The convoy will, amongst others, move through Heidedal, Rocklands, Bochabela, Fleurdal, Fichardtpark, Bloemfontein CBD and end in Tempe Military Base. The detailed route is as follows:

- N8 West from AFB BSP (Start).
- McGregor Ave South.
- Dr Belcher Road South.
- George Lubbe St West.
- Rasane Rd North.
- Tsoai Rd West.
- Maphisa Rd North
- Vooruitsig Road West.
- Church St North.
- Monument Road South.
- Vereniging Road North West.
- Castelyn Road West.
- Olive Grinter St East.
- Curie Ave North.
- Kolbe Ave North.
- Nelson Mandela Ave West.
- Furstenburg Road North to Tempe (End).

The 2014 Armed Forces Day coincides with the country's celebration of the 20 Years of Freedom. This day will also mark 20 Years of Defence for the SANDF since its establishment in 1994. Armed Forces Day allows the nation to pay tribute to the selfless service of our men and women in uniform at home and abroad.

**Armed Forces Day was implemented to achieve several objectives:**

- to unite all South Africans behind our military,
- to allow the SANDF to interact with communities,
- to expand public understanding of the military and its purpose to society,
- to showcase the latest equipment and technologies that protect the public,
- to demonstrate that the military is ready for any threat or challenge,

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