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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**DATE:** Tuesday, 18 March 2014

**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT: SANDF ASKS MR PIKKIE GREEF TO TELL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT HIS ROLE REGARDING THE ILLEGAL MARCH TO THE UNION BUILDINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE SANDF**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) is not surprised by misleading statements issued or made by Mr Pikkie Greef of the South African National Defence Union (SANDU) regarding the military court proceedings of the SANDF members who illegally marched to the Union Buildings in August 2009. It is mischievous and highly irresponsibly of Mr Pikkie Greef to misinform the public about the SANDF not having money to proceed with the military court case against the members who illegally marched to the Union Buildings when he in particular is the one who is behind all the delays experienced in the process. It will be appreciated if Mr Pikkie Greef can tell the members of the public the role he played as a person and as an official of SANDU in planning, organising and orchestrating the march to the Union Buildings by members of the SANDF. Subsequently to the march he must also explain his role in the process of disciplining the members by the SANDF authorities.

Mr Pikkie Greef must tell the people of South Africa how can a loyal and patriotic citizen influence and assist members of his or her national defence force to plan, organise and stage a march to the seat of government, which is the government that they, as members of the national defence force, are supposed to defend.

The SANDF urges Mr Pikkie Greef to stop misleading the public about the SANDF affairs and portrays himself as the most patriotic person in this country and/or the person who can speak about the SANDF matters. Maybe Mr Pikkie Greef needs to tell the people of South Africa why he left the SANDF if it was not to engage in matters aimed at discrediting and/or destabilising the SANDF or to undermine gains and achievements made by the SANDF post 1994. Mr Pikkie Greef must demonstrate to the people of South Africa that he did not leave the SANDF because of his bitterness about or he is not in favour of the transformation in the SANDF.

The SANDF would like to inform the people of South Africa that there are two (2) groups currently emanating from the members of the SANDF who were involved in an illegal march to the Union Buildings.

1. The first group being those members who, when they were called to report to their home units or bases through an instruction by Chief of the South African National Defence Force (C SANDF), did report to their units. These are the members who are currently appearing before the military court at the SA Army Gymnasium in Heidelberg. This is the case that is before the military court and will resume on 20 May 2014 and the court will decide.
2. The second group are those members who defied the instruction by the C SANDF and decided to stay at home. These members are facing being administratively discharged from the SANDF.

Mr Pikkie Greef must have the courage to take responsibility for whatever happens to the members mentioned above as well take responsibility of trying to encourage acts of ill-discipline within the SANDF.

Mr Pikkie Greef must understand that the SANDF is an organisation that respects and observes the laws of the RSA. The SANDF was waiting for the order to be issued by the North Gauteng High Court which was issued on Monday 17 March 2014 and upon receipt of that order, the SANDF authorities acted on it immediately. On 18 March 2014 the SANDF authorities decided that 20 May 2014 is the suitable date to resume with the case in order to give all parties involved enough time to prepare.

**Ends**

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