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SUBJECT: THE RESPONSE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES UNION (SASFU) STATEMENT AND OR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE (SANDF)

The Military Command of the South Africa National Defence Force (SANDF) takes note with exception of the South African Security Forces Union (SASFU) Statement and or Christmas message to our members and the allegations contained herein, insinuating that the SANDF is not properly managed.

It must be restated that the South African National Defence Force is managed by a single command structure under the leadership and command of the Chief of the South African National Defence Force (C SANDF) who is enjoined by the Constitution to manage the SANDF as structured and disciplined military force.

The behaviour of the 47 members who were dismissed did not in any way behave in the manner as expected of them by the Constitution and their very own Code of Conduct. In fact they trashed their Oath of Service in the manner they behaved whilst on a very serious mission abroad.

Such behaviour is a serious security breach which could have put the rest of the members' lives in serious danger as the area in which they were in an operational area. This kind of behaviour exposed the rest of the members to possible attacks from the enemy which could have led to fatalities and serious injuries.

The SANDF will not hesitate to take drastic action against ill-discipline of any member and that shall not be tolerated in the defence force.

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