



the sandf

Department:
Defence
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: Monday, 03 August 2015

EMBARGO: None

SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE ANNOUNCES THE PASSING ON OF MAJOR GENERAL (RET) ROBERT ZOYISILE MANDITA

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) is saddened by the departure of Major General (Maj Gen) (Ret) Robert Zoyisile Mandita, the former General Officer Commanding of SA Army Support Formation who met his untimely death on the evening of 31 July 2015 at 1 Military Hospital after a short illness.

Maj Gen Mandita was born in Alexandra Township on 31 January 1950 and joined Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) in June 1976 in exile. He underwent military training in the Soviet Union and Ukraine before serving extensively as one of the senior commanders of MK in Angola. He returned from exile in 1991 and was appointed as Personnel Staff Officer to the late Chris Hani.

In 1993 he was appointed as Administrative Secretary in MK Headquarters in Shell House and was later integrated into the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) in 1994 serving as a Colonel.

In 1999 he was promoted and appointed as General Officer Commanding Army Support Formation and promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. On 01 January 2005 he was promoted and appointed and promoted to a Major General as General Officer Commanding SA Army Support Formation.

Maj Gen Mandita retired from the SANDF on 31 January 2010.

Two Memorial Services

- Tuesday 4 August 2015, Alexandra Township, Saint Kopano Hall at 17:30.
- Wednesday 5 August 2015, Pretoria, Thaba-Tshwane Town Hall, at 11:00.

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, the Chief of the South African National Defence Force (C SANDF) General Solly Shoke and the Military Command Council convey their heartfelt condolences to the Mandita family, relatives and friends of Maj Gen Mandita.

Ends

Issued by: Defence Corporate Communication

Enquiries: Brigadier General Xolani Mabanga
083 410 1655