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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

DATE: 16 June 2015

EMBARGO: None

SUBJECT: **ALLEGATIONS OF RSA TROOPS BEING HELD HOSTAGE IN SUDAN**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) has noted with utter dismay the reports in various media alleging that SANDF troops are being held hostage in Sudan. There is no iota of truth in these allegations. There is equally no substance to support these allegations.

The SANDF did not come under any threat during this period.

The SANDF troops continued with normal operational duties in the area of responsibility as stipulated in the tasking from the United Nations appointed Force Commander. No extraordinary operational preparedness was done by the SANDF in view of the reported situation in South Africa. No additional instructions, with regard to higher alert levels, were issued.

The security situation in Darfur is calm where our troops are deployed.

The SANDF commander in the Kutum region conducts regular meetings with the Government of Sudan (GOS) Commanders in the area of responsibility, with the last meeting held on Monday 15 June 2015. Good working relationships between the GOS and other forces is the order of the day.

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