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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE MEMBER WHO FOUGHT GALLANTLY IN THE DEADLY AMBUSH IN SUDAN REGION OF DAFUR

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) can confirm that the hero who displayed unflinching gallantry when members of the SANDF repelled a deadly ambush by the heavily armed rebels in Sudan on Sunday morning of 27 September 2015, is Private Toto Tom Malashe who was based at 8 South African Infantry Battalion in Upington. Private Malashe was a Mechanic by profession in the SANDF when he met his untimely death.

Private Malashe was born in Allenridge in Welkom and is survived by four children and a wife. On a sadder note, Private Malashe would have turned thirty-two (32) years today.

The SANDF, United Nations and African Union Mission in Sudan (UNAMIS) and Sudanese government officials are ensuring that smooth processes of repatriating the mortal remains of Private Malashe are completed. Upon completion of this, the SANDF commits to informing the public about reception ceremony of the mortal remains, memorial service and funeral arrangements of this fallen hero.

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