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UNFORTUNATE INSINUATIONS BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE UNION ON THE ISSUE OF THE SUSPENDED SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE SOLDIERS

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) takes note of the unfortunate insinuations made by the South African National Defence Union (SANDU) on Tuesday, 26 April 2016 on the issue of the on-going court case against members of the SANDF that took part in the illegal and violent march at the Union Building in August 2009.

SANDU is free to exercise its Constitutional right to exist and should also allow the SANDF's command structure to exercise its Constitutional responsibility to command the SANDF as a disciplined force as ordered by the Constitution, the White Paper on Defence and the Defence act. SANDU's leadership must allow the SANDF's legal services an avenue to satisfy all its internal legal processes to interrogate available legal recourses as permitted and encapsulated in the legal statutes of the country prior to making devious calls.

It can be appreciated if Mr Pikkie Greef, the secretary general of SANDU and the author of the media statement in question, can respect the command structure of the SANDF under the democratic government of the RSA as he respected the command structure of the SADF under the apartheid government. Unlike other freedom loving white compatriots who refused to be enlisted and chose instead to rather be jailed than to serve in the then South African Defence Force (SADF), Mr Greef steadfastly chose to serve the SADF so dearly until his resignation when the former non-statutory forces members ascended to the command position of the SANDF.

It is intriguing that he pretends to be a progressive person who cares for the members of the SANDF.

If SANDU meets all the requirements to exercise its responsibility then it will do so and if it does not, it will continue using the media platform as a tool to make noise and seek popularity whilst misleading the people of South Africa.

ENDS.

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