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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## MEDIA INVITATION

**DATE:** 13 February 2017

**EMBARGO:** None

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE TO HOST ARMED FORCES DAY 2017 PARADE IN ETHEKWINI ON TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2017

The President of the Republic of South Africa (RSA) and Commander-in-Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) proclaimed that 21 February each year will be observed and commemorated as Armed Forces Day (AFD). The Chief of the South Africa National Defence Force (C SANDF), General Solly Shoke, has authorised the hosting of the Armed Forces Day Celebration 2017 and the Centenary commemoration of the sinking of the SS Mendi to be held concurrently on Tuesday, 21 February 2017 at Moses Mabida Stadium in eThekweni, KwaZulu Natal Province and the English Channel in England respectively. The proceedings are scheduled to commence at 10h00.

President Jacob Zuma, in his capacity as the Commander-in-Chief of the SANDF, will officiate in this 6th segment of Armed Forces Day 2017 celebrations. As the main functionary, the President will take salute of the National and SANDF flags fly-past, as well as of the marching and mechanised columns of the SANDF elements during the parade. A combat Capability Demonstration will follow immediately after the parade.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and or a cameraperson to attend and give coverage to the parade. Only accredited members of the media based in Gauteng will be flown aboard an SA Air Force aircraft in the morning of Tuesday, 21 February 2017 and back to Pretoria in the afternoon of the same day. Reporting time is 05:45 in the morning at Air Force Base Waterkloof, Centurion.

RSVPs must reach Captain Thabo Sello or Major Kuselwa Kutshwa on or before Friday, 17 February 2017 and to include Full name and Surname, ID no, media house and contact details. RSVP's will be treated on a first-response-first seat basis as seating is limited on the aircraft. No exceptions will be made for late RSVPs.

Durban-based media to confirm attendance with Ms Vuyo Ndlovu at (031) 311 4838 or email: [vuyo.ndlovu@durban.gov.za](mailto:vuyo.ndlovu@durban.gov.za).

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