



**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS**  
Republic of South Africa

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT: MINISTER MAPISA-NQAKULA SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON DEFENCE AND DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITH THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN FEDERAL MINISTER FOR DEFENCE**

On the invitation extended by Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister for Defence, Honorable Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Republic of South Africa accompanied by a high level delegation is visiting Pakistan from 26-29 March, 2017. During the visit both countries signed an MoU on "Defence and Defence Industrial Cooperation". The MoU which establishes a Joint Defence Committee will pave the way for strengthening and diversifying through formal structures, collaborative programmes, exchange of information and training of the armed forces officers / soldiers. Acquisition of defence equipment as well as cooperation in Research and Development (R&D), Transfer of Technology, Coproduction/Joint Ventures in public as well as private sector, also fall within the domain of the signed MoU.

Being the first ever visit of a Defence Minister from Democratic Republic of South Africa, the visiting dignitary called on Minister of Defence, Minister of Defence Production and Chief of Army Staff, wherein issues of bilateral interest were discussed.

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans expressed appreciation at the warm welcome and reception by her counterparts, Minister of Defence and Minister for Defence Production respectively and looks forward to further cooperation in the letter and spirit of the signed MoU on Defence and Defence Industrial Cooperation.

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