



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

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**SUBJECT: MINISTER MAPISA-NQAKULA ATTENDS THE 75<sup>th</sup> COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF EL ALAMEIN IN EGYPT**

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms. Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will represent South Africa at the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations of the Battle of El Alamein, fought in the northwestern coast of Egypt in 1942.

The Battle of El Alamein was a significant battle of the Second World War, and marked the peak of the North African campaign between the forces of the British Empire and the German-Italian army.

As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Egypt will host various memorial activities including a ceremony to honour those who died in the battle and an official unveiling of Alamein City, a new eco-city mega project expected to boost the Egyptian economy.

A number of defence ministers and senior officials, particularly from countries that participated in the battle are expected to join President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi in the Diamond Jubilee revelries.

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