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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**DATE:** 16 February 2018

**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE COMMAND COUNCIL ADDRESSES SOLDIERS ON CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE DURING THE EXECUTION OF THE ARMED FORCES DAY 2018 CELEBRATIONS**

The Chief of the South Africa National Defence Force (C SANDF), General Solly Shoke and the Military Command (MC) addressed the members of the SANDF taking part in the Armed Forces Day 2018 celebrations in Kimberley, Northern Cape. The event is aimed at celebrating the steadfastness and bravery displayed by former and current serving men and women of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) as well as to commemorate the sinking of the *SS Mendi* on 21 February 1917.

The MC visited all military members in Kimberley with the intention of asserting the purpose of the Armed Forces Day deployment and state of readiness. Various issues that were emphasised by the MC included Military discipline and the adherence to the SANDF's Code of Conduct during the execution of the Armed Forces Day 2018 celebrations. Members of the SANDF were reminded that they are above politics and are non-partisan and that they must endeavour at all times to uphold the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

**ENDS.**

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