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## MEDIA STATEMENT

**DATE:** 11 July 2018

**EMBARGO:** None

**SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE CHIEF APPARENTLY SUSPENDED – NO COMMENT FROM SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE**

The article “South African Air Force Chief apparently suspended – no comment from South African National Defence Force” published on Defence Web by Kim Helfrich on 10 July 2018 has reference.

It is mind-boggling that the poorly researched and speculative article, which is factually incorrect, seeks to set agenda on a hearsay. The article quoted faceless sources who are not even members of the SANDF neither do they speak on behalf of the SANDF. This is deemed poor journalism and rumour-mongering.

The Chief of the South African Air Force, Lieutenant General Fabian Zimpande Msimang is not on suspension. The SANDF has no knowledge of the investigations alleged in the article.

**ENDS.**

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