



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **MEDIA RELEASE BY SA NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE (SANDF) HEADQUARTERS PRETORIA: SANDF PARTICIPATION DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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The South African National Defence Force (SANDF), as instructed by the Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency, President Kgalema Motlanthe, will form part of the Inauguration ceremony of the incoming President of the Republic of South Africa, His Excellency Mr Jacob Zuma, on Saturday 09 May 2009 at the Union Buildings, Pretoria.

At the start of proceedings, the Chief of the South African National Defence Force, General Godfrey Ngwenya, the Chief of Joint Operations, Lieutenant General Themba Matanzima, the Chief of the SA Army, Lieutenant General Solly Shoke, the Chief of the SA Air Force, Lieutenant General Carlo Gagiano, the Chief of the SA Navy, Vice Admiral Refiloe Mudimu and the Surgeon General, Lieutenant General Vijay Ramlakan, will lead His Excellency, President Kgalema Motlanthe to the podium.

Following the swearing in ceremony of His Excellency, President Jacob Zuma, a National Salute will be sounded consisting of the following simultaneous activities:

- A Guard of Honour by the National Ceremonial Guard
- A 21 Gun Salute by the 88mm Gun Troop from the Artillery Mobilisation Regiment from Potchefstroom
- A Salute Flight by four helicopters of the SA Air Force
- A massed fly past by aircraft of the SA Air Force
- An air display by the Silver Falcons

Following the air display there will be a final National Salute and the National Anthem will be played by the National Ceremonial Guard Band.

**Ends.**

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