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RESPONSE TO THE ALLEGATIONS OF LOW MORALE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE (SANDF)

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Yesterday, boisterous as ever Mr David Maynier quoted a sentence from a purportedly leaked interim report of the Interim Defence Force Service Commission. The sentence allegedly states that a number of measures need to be undertaken to address the low morale of soldiers. The low morale of soldiers poses a threat to national security.

The Minister has noted these attention seeking comments. However, she has far important issues and responsibilities to attend to, than to stoop to his level by engaging him in his obsession. We are intrigued however that Mr Maynier never tires to his short-sightedness on Defence matters.

It doesn't take much to expose Mr Maynier's little knowledge about the Defence Force. Here are the obvious facts. Our soldiers delivered a sterling performance to deliver a secure and peaceful FIFA world Cup. The precision with which they executed logistical arrangements makes nonsense of Maynier. Evidently, the notion of low morale is a figment of his imagination.

Maynier wants us to believe that 'the de-motivated' went out of their way to provide security, and to man the hospitals, and did whatever it took to save, protect life, limb and property during the recent public sector strike. what gobbledeygook.

Also, if they were as demoralized as Maynier claims, they could have heeded calls to join the public servants strike. Instead they did the opposite.

Members of the SANDF have arisen to the challenge here and abroad. They are the most preferred to work on peace-keeping in the continent. When the doctors in the public service went on strike, it was the same 'demoralised soldiers' who wasted no time in manning our hospitals.

Maynier is so obsessed with attacking the minister that he has become a prisoner of his own hallucinations.

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