



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS
Republic of South Africa

***‘The return of the SANDF to support other law enforcement agencies will enhance our efforts to stop cross border crimes and other illegal activities’
Minister Sisulu***

MEDIA RELEASE

SANDF JOURNEY TO THE BORDERS HAS BEGUN

Pretoria, Following a briefing by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans is certified with the process being implemented to redeploy the SANDF to support other law enforcement agencies currently patrolling and managing South African borders.

The Minister was informed that the advance technical teams consisting of engineers, communication experts and logistics are currently on the borders finalising the establishment of headquarters and all other necessary infrastructure for the full return of soldiers.

The SANDF is deploying from different bases across the country and troops have been mobilised and are currently being briefed and prepared for the journey back to the border from April 12, 2010. The SANDF is deploying on the borders of South Africa and Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

Speaking of the return of the SANDF to the borders, the Minister said the SANDF will support and compliment other law enforcement agencies that are there, over time more soldiers will patrol the borders and members of the South African Police Service would be deployed in other areas.

“We are going back to the border under the South African Border Management Agency that was approved by Cabinet, we will compliment and work closely with other law enforcement agencies, when Cabinet approved the SANDF redeployment to the border they said working with other law enforcement agencies we must bring a stop to all illegal activities at our borders, from cross border crimes, criminal syndicates, abuse of poor people and stock thefts, and we are ready for the task” Sisulu said.

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