

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SUBJECT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE CLAMPS DOWN ON CONTRABAND GOODS**

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) is mandated to protect the territorial integrity of the RSA, its sovereignty and people of South Africa. In order to fulfill this mandate the SANDF deploys units to conduct internal operation in order to curb cross-border crime.

ALPHA Company (A Coy) from 1 Artillery Regiment (1 Art Regt) is currently deployed along the South Africa and Lesotho border for borderline protection which includes activities to intercept counterfeit goods that continue to bedevil the same border. On 25 August 2014, at Holstein, at the vicinity of 02h40 the members of A Coy found narcotics, six hundred and nineteen kilograms (619kg) of dagga with an estimated street value of six hundred and nineteen thousand rands (R619 000). The dagga was handed over to Ficksburg SAPS.

As part of the bigger vision, the SANDF in collaboration with other state departments as well as role players, is working tirelessly to ensure that all the South African citizens are safe and feel safe.

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