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UPDATE 01:

NAMES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE SOLDIERS WHO WERE INJURED AND KILLED IN ACTION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) announces the names of the three (3) peacekeepers who were involved in a gun fight with rebels in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on Monday, 19 December 2016. One (1) member was killed in action and two (2) others suffered minor to critical injuries.

a. **The deceased member:**

- Rifleman Moalosi Albert Mokhothu (27 years)
Marital Status: Single
Dependents: None
Unit: 1 Parachute Battalion (Bloemfontein)
Home Town: Botshabelo, Free State Province

b. **The injured members:**

- Rifleman Sidumo Simon Mbhamali (25 years)
Injury type: Critical injury (neck wound)
Unit: 4 South African Infantry Battalion (Middelburg)
Home Town: Jozini, KwaZulu Natal Province
- Corporal Bonginkosi David Phakathi (42 years)
Injury type: Minor injury (hand wound)
Unit: Mpumalanga Signal Unit,
Home Town: Kwamashu, KwaZulu Natal Province

Details on the repatriation of the mortal remains of the deceased will be announced as soon as all the required processes and procedures have been completed.

The injured members are currently receiving medical treatment in Goma.

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