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A SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER SUFFERS MINOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AFTER A SHOOTING INCIDENT IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) confirms that on Friday, 11 March 2016 at around 12h30, a South African Air Force (SAAF) Oryx Helicopter came under unprovoked gunfire from an unidentified ground attacker(s) whilst conducting routine aerial patrols in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The helicopter suffered minor structural damage after being hit by a small arm projectile. The crew and all members on-board at the time of the incident were not injured. The Oryx was able to continue its flight and safely landed at the SANDF Base in Goma.

A Board of Inquiry (BOI) will be convened to determine the extent of the damage inflicted on the Oryx helicopter.

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