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CLAIMS OF RSA SPECIAL FORCES BEING SENT TO NIGERIA

The Chief of the South African National Defence Force (C SANDF), General Solly Shoke, has noted with great concern some media reports suggesting that the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) is planning to send Special Forces to Nigeria in a combat support role to that country's military against known militia group(s). These reports are reckless and unfortunate.

The C SANDF confirms that bi-lateral discussions took place between the South African Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula and her Nigerian counterpart Mr Mansur Dan Ali, on Monday, 07 March 2016 in Abuja, Nigeria. These bi-lateral discussions took place as part of the Minister of Defence and Military Veteran's defence diplomacy initiatives with various countries in the region, the continent and the rest of the world. South Arica has military-to-military relations across the Continent and beyond.

Once again, the C SANDF wishes to strongly reiterate that there is no such a decision to send any military elements by the RSA to assist with the fight against Boko Haram.

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