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### **THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE MEMBER TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE AFTER SHOOTING HIS ALLEGED GIRLFRIEND TO DEATH IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)**

At approximately 8:45 (South African Time) on Friday, 27 October 2017, a member of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) based in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) tried to commit suicide, after allegedly shooting his girlfriend who is also a member of the SANDF based in the DRC. His alleged girlfriend died on arrival in hospital in Goma. The man is in a critical condition in hospital in Goma. The motive behind the shooting is not yet known.

The name of the deceased will be released once the next- of kin has been formally informed.

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon Nosiviwe Mapisa- Nqakula, the Secretary for Defence, Dr Sam Gulube and the Chief of the South African National Defence Force, Gen Solly Shoke express their heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of the deceased member.

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