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MEDIA STATEMENT

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A SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE MEMBER FATALLY SHOOTS TWO CIVILIANS AND INJURES A SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE MEMBER IN NTUZUMA, KWAZULU NATAL

The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) confirms that on Tuesday, 31 January 2017, a member of SANDF from 8 South African Infantry Battalion (8 SAI) in Upington, Northern Cape, in possession of an R4 Assault Rifle, fatally shot two civilian females and wounded a third civilian (female) and a policeman in the Ntuzuma area in the KwaZulu Natal Province.

He allegedly fatally shot two (02) civilians (his girlfriend and her female friend) and shot and wounded a third civilian (female). His fourth victim, a member of the South African Police Service (SAPS) who went to investigate the shooting incident, was allegedly shot and wounded by the SANDF member.

The SAPS has activated the Tactical Response Team (TRT) to track and locate the SANDF member. The Military Police have been dispatched to the scenes of the shootings. The SANDF will cooperate with the law enforcement agencies to ensure that the law takes its course.

The SANDF will not tolerate, condone nor dismiss any type or form of ill-discipline committed by any of its members regardless of rank, status or position held no matter the circumstances and or situation under which the transgression(s) are committed.

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