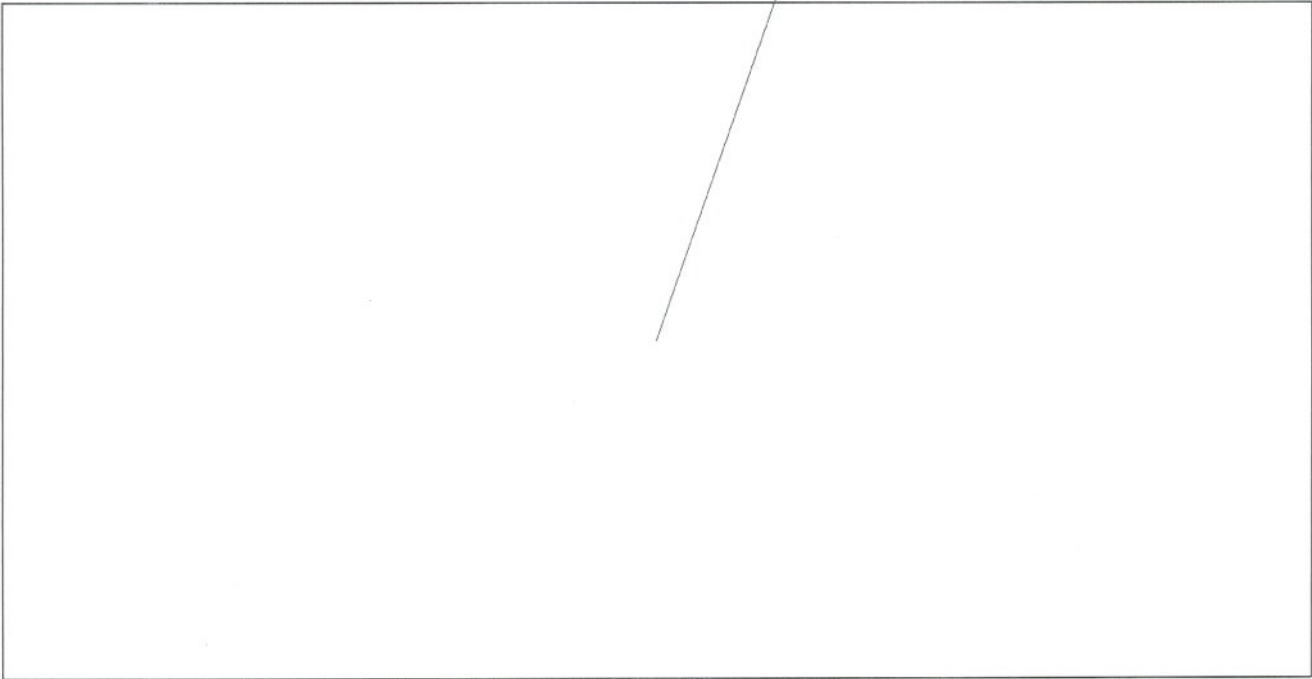


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COUNTRY OR NONSTATE ENTITY: (U) South Africa (ZAF).

SUBJECT: (U) [Redacted] South African Military Involvement in Nelson Mandela Memorial and Burial Events

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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

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TEXT: 1. (S/ [Redacted]) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. The South African National Defence Force is involved in all aspects of the Nelson Mandela memorial service, lying in state, and burial.

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2. (S/ [Redacted]) The South African National Defence Force (SANDF) shifted into gear hours after Nelson Mandela died on Thursday, 5 December 2013. The First into action was the South African Military Health Service (SAMHS), which had been responsible for the former president's health care since admitted to a Pretoria

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hospital in June 2013 with a recurrent lung infection.

3. (S// [redacted]) A SAMHS detail collected Mr. Mandela's body and moved it by road convoy to 1 Military Hospital in Thaba Tshwane in the first SANDF involvement in arrangements for the various functions before the final interment at Qunu in the Eastern Cape on Sunday, 15 December 2013.

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4. (S// [redacted]) The involvement of the South African military in all events around Mandela's death has been planned under the code name Operation Imbeko. When it became reality it was changed to Operation Uxolo. SANDF Chief General Solly ((Shoke)) canceled a medal parade set for 13 December 2013 and ordered all soldiers on leave to return to their bases and units immediately.

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5. (S// [redacted]) Beginning 8 December 2013 at least six SAAB JAS 39 Gripens from 2 Squadron have been based at AFB Waterkloof flying regularly along the Johannesburg/Pretoria corridor on aerial surveillance and security missions. One Gripen was carrying a Thales Digital Joint Reconnaissance Pod (DJRP). At least two Agusta A109 light utility helicopters were also doing surveillance on the route at various times during 8 and 9 December 2013.

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6. (S// [redacted]) SANDF Snipers and electronic jammers are working in and around the Soweto area for the memorial service with Gripens overhead to ensure security at FNB stadium and a similar situation is expected to be in place starting 11 December when Mandela's body is moved along a heavily secured route from 1 Military Hospital to the Union Buildings in Pretoria, South Africa where he will lie in state for three days.

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7. (S// [redacted]) Indications are the Presidential Guard and its accompanying VIP Protection Unit will be heavily involved in the national commemoration. Snipers, both military and from the South African Police Service task force, will also be deployed at strategic sites along the route the cortege will follow daily. There are also indications that approximately 15,000 SANDF members will take part in all events around Mandela's burial and a Valour Class frigate will be deployed along the coastline to provide further security.

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