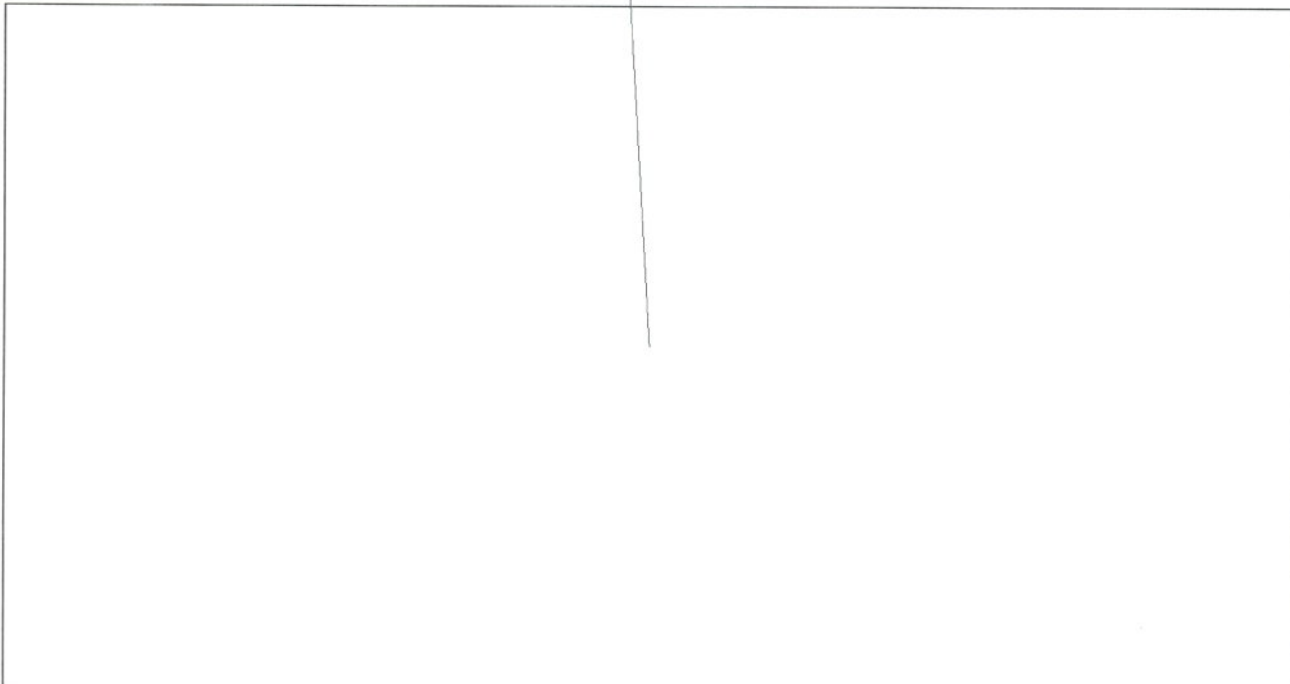


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SUBJ: PRESIDENT AUTHORIZES 40,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ASSIST POLICE (U)

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B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "BUSINESS DAY", JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 960621, (U), IN ENGLISH. NEWSPAPER IS INDEPENDENT, POLITICALLY MODERATE, AND INFLUENTIAL IN BUSINESS CIRCLES.

SUMMARY: (U) AS PART OF ITS NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT 40,000 SANDF PERSONNEL SHOULD ASSIST THE POLICE.

TEXT: 1. (U) PRESIDENT ((MANDELA)) ANNOUNCED TO THE PARLIAMENT ON 960620 THAT HE WAS ORDERING 40,000 SANDF PERSONNEL INTO SERVICE TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE (SAPS). IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SENATE, PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA)) SAID THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SANDF TO UPHOLD LAW AND ORDER THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE BEING DEPLOYED BECAUSE THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE (SAPS) DOES NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER OR RESOURCES TO EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGE ITS DUTIES THROUGHOUT THE NINE PROVINCES OF THE COUNTRY. THE SANDF WILL ASSIST THE SAPS IN CORDON-AND-SEARCH

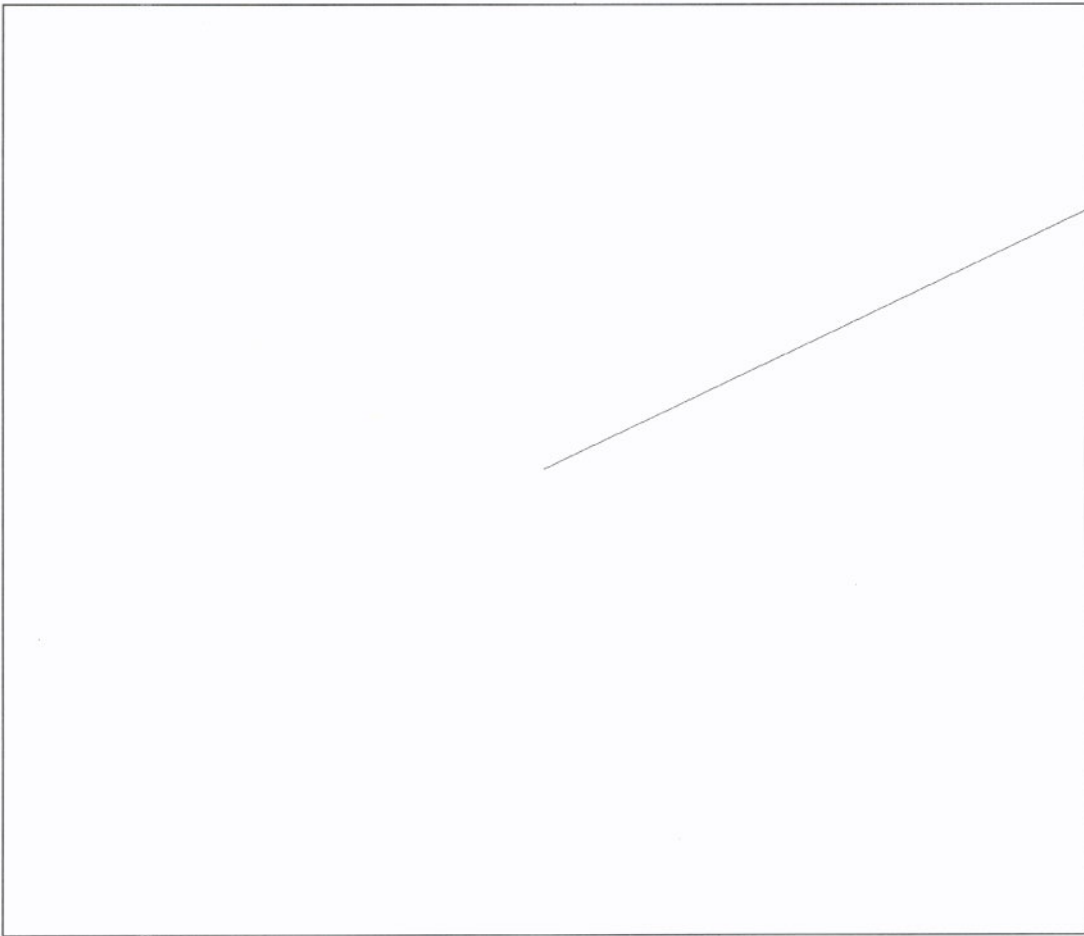
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OPERATIONS, ROADBLOCKS, PATROLS, BORDER PROTECTION, SAFEGUARDING FARMS AND OTHER PROPERTY, AND SPECIAL EXERCISES SUCH AS ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS AND FISHERIES PATROLS.

2. (U) FORTY THOUSAND SANDF MEMBERS WILL SUPPORT THE POLICE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY, MANDELA SAID. MORE THAN 7,700 PERSONNEL WILL BE EMPLOYED IN KWAZULU-NATAL; 7,434 IN GAUTENG; 4,929 IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE; AND 4,017 IN THE EASTERN CAPE. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SANDF PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING THE SAPS INCLUDES PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE TROOPS ACTUALLY DEPLOYED, I.E., THE MECHANICS, HEADQUARTERS STAFF, LOGISTICS PERSONEL. ALTHOUGH THE ARMY WILL DEPLOY THE LARGEST NUMBER, THE 40,000 INCLUDE SAAF AIR AND GROUND CREWS, NAVAL PERSONNEL ON SHIPS AND ASHORE, AND MEDICAL STAFF FROM THE SA MEDICAL SERVICE. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR THE SANDF HAS DEPLOYED NATIONWIDE MORE THAN 7,500 FULL-TIME FORCE PERSONNEL ON A DAILY BASIS IN SUPPORT OF THE SAPS. DAILY DEPLOYMENTS OF PART-TIME FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN 475. SINCE JANUARY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE HAS LOGGED 171 FLYIN G HOURS IN CRIME PREVENTION OPERATIONS AND AN ADDITIONAL 730 HOURS TO CURB ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS.



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