

## **South African Air Force Agusta A 109 Light Helicopter involved in fatal Air crash**

On Saturday, 30 March 2013 at approximately 19h00 a South African Air Force (SAAF) Agusta A109 Light Utility Helicopter crashed in the Kruger National Park claiming the lives of five (5) members on board including the crew.

The helicopter was on a scheduled aerial patrol of the Kruger National park as part of Operation Rhino, the anti-rhino poaching operations, in the Kruger National Park. Preliminary Investigations are currently underway to establish the cause that led to the fatal crash of the helicopter.

Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula; Chief of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), General Solly Shoke; Chief of the South African Air Force, Lieutenant General Zimpande Msimang and Chief of Defence Reserves, Major General Roy Andersen express their condolences to the member's families, loved ones, and friends of the deceased members.

Name of the fallen heroes are:

1. Captain Jacobus Andries Van Rensburg
2. Captain M.P. Chabalala
3. Sergeant Paulus Shongela Ndishishi
4. Sergeant G.P. Ruiters
5. Lance Corporal Bheki Petros Cele

