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**RE: NPA TO EXHUME HUMAN REMAINS SUSPECTED TO BE MK
MEMBERS KILLED BY SADF IN 1983**

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On Monday, 27 October 2008, the National Prosecuting Authority's Missing Persons Task Team will be conducting exhumations at Tshikota cemetery, near Makhado in Limpopo, of four African National Congress's uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK) members who were shot dead in an encounter with the former South African Defence Force (SADF) on 10 November 1983 near Alldays in Limpopo Province. The four were buried at Tshikota cemetery by a local undertaker as unidentified paupers.

The exhumation will be attended by family members of the deceased as well as government and political representatives from the Province.

The identities of the three deceased will only be finally confirmed following DNA testing after the exhumation. However, investigations indicate that the following three were among the deceased:

1. Leslie Moatshe (MK Vusi)
2. Joseph Ditaba Tshinga (MK Stoney or Thabo Mopedi)
3. Geoffrey Tholi Ramokopelo (MK Daniel April)

The identity of the fourth deceased will be confirmed at a later stage.

After the exhumation, the remains will undergo forensic examination by forensic anthropologists and DNA testing at the DNA laboratory at the University of the Western Cape (UWC). This process will take several months to complete. This will establish the cause of death and provide scientific confirmation of the identities of the deceased persons.

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