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Farewell to 4SAI Battalion leaves for exercise

The Executive Mayor Mike Masina addressed the farewell parade on 16 September 2013, of 4 SAI Battalion who left to partake in Exercise Seboka. The unit, which is based in Middleburg is attending a combined exercise with all arms of the defense force to evaluate the operational capability of SANDF, with the aim of determining the gaps, as well as the strong points that must be addressed and maintained.

“It has been 10 years since we gathered here to grant you freedom of the city and today it is my pleasure to bid you farewell as you embark on “*Exercise Seboka*” in Lohatla, Northern Cape. I am sure that 4 SAI is one of the best units in the country and coming from Steve Tshwete it could only mean one thing, excellence and nothing else.”

Mayor Masina expressed his assurance that the relevant authorities within SANDF will be satisfied with the battalion’s capabilities especially with regard to armaments that include the Gripon fighter jets.

The farewell and welcoming parades are old traditions that have been revived by 4 SAI Battalion and Steve Tshwete Municipality with the last farewell being executed in 2005 when the unit was leaving for peacekeeping operations in the DRC.

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Yours faithfully

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