



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS
Republic of South Africa

MEDIA ADVISORY

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SUBJECT: BE WARNED OF FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS WHICH CLAIM TO BE THAT OF MINISTER MAPISA-NQAKULA

The Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans has noted with concern fake Facebook, LinkedIn and other social media accounts purporting to be that of Minister Mapisa-Nqakula, and wishes to unequivocally distance itself from these rogue social media pages and profiles.

The fraudsters solicit cash or funding in exchange for tenders, job opportunities and business related favours at both the Departments of Defence and Military Veterans. This is nothing but a trick to scam people out of their hard-earned money.

The public is therefore advised not to respond to online pages that are fraudulently impersonating Minister Mapisa-Nqakula, or even pay anything if requested.

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans does not have social media accounts, does not communicate with members of the public through social media nor does she conduct business transactions of any kind on social media platforms. For official communication and sharing of information on policies and government programmes, she uses reputable mainstream media platforms.

Members of the public are warned against falling prey to this ongoing scam. The Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans does not expect any form payment or funding from anyone that is interested in available opportunities at both the Departments of Defence and Military Veterans.

If one comes across these hoax profiles using the minister's names and pictures, they are advised to block them. Alternatively, report the page to the website that it is posted on or contact the Spokesperson for the Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Joy Nonzukiso Peter on 0829900407 or joy.peter@dod.mil.za.

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