



MEDIA ADVISORY

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MEDIA STATEMENT ON THE JOINT OPERATION CARRIED OUT ON A FARM IN WHITE RIVER

Late last week, the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority ("PSiRA") learnt of a security service provider, Milites Dei Security Services (Pty) Ltd (MDSS), registered with PSiRA, which is allegedly conducting military style training for, amongst others, Libyan nationals, on a farm in White River, Mpumalanga.

PSiRA has instructed MDSS to immediately cease all training activities and has deployed its inspectorate to physically inspect the premises to ensure compliance.

PSiRA, together with other government departments, were naturally concerned about these activities and took immediate steps to conduct preliminary investigations and, consequently, PSiRA shut down such training.

Earlier today, PSiRA, together with other state institutions, conducted a raid on the premises resulting in the South African Police Services detaining these Libyan nationals. PSiRA's investigations are ongoing and PSiRA is giving this matter its highest priority. PSiRA takes this matter seriously and will continue to investigate the contravention of the PSiRA Act and the code of conduct, ensuring that all necessary legal actions are taken to address this issue.

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The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) was established in terms of Section 2 of Act 56 of 2001 to effectively regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of security service providers in the public and national interest and in the interest of the private security industry itself.