



# **OPERATION PROSPER – JULY 2021 BRIEFING TO JSCD**

**18 JULY 2021**





# AIM



**TO PROVIDE THE JOINT  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
DEFENCE  
WITH AN OVERVIEW ON  
OPERATION PROSPER**



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**COOPERATION WITH THE SAPS TO ASSIST IN  
MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER**

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- ❖ In the late evening (22:00) on 11 July 2021, the CSANDF gave an order to CJ Ops to deploy SANDF Force Structure Elements (FSEs) in cooperation with the SAPS to support the SAPS in maintaining law and order and to bring stability in response to the widespread riotous behaviour, looting and destruction taking place in various places in the country
- ❖ Planning commenced at 23:00 on 11 July 2021 until 03:30 on 12 July 2021 to deploy FSEs for Op Prosper in all provinces. The priority provinces being KZN and GP as informed by the insecurity situation on the ground
- ❖ On 12 July 2021 at around 11:00 the first elements were deployed on the ground in KZN (Pmb, Pongola, Mtubatuba) and later in the afternoon in Gauteng (SOWETO, Alex, Johannesburg)



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## APPROACH (1/2)

- ❖ The initial approach was to deploy for protection of the National Key Points, government buildings, facilities/areas of critical economic impact to relieve the SAPS from that function so they can increase capacity in the law enforcement response to the riots. The situation gravitated to requiring military deployment to the malls and other infrastructure under attack in the community areas and cities
- ❖ The initial plan was to deploy 2500 personnel, which later was increased to 10 000 due to the escalating insecurity situation



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## APPROACH 2/

Following the initial deployment on on Monday 12 July 2021 further forces were deployed and placed on standby

- ❖ 1 X Sub-unit in each province on standby (FS, NC, NW, EC, WC, Limpopo, Mpumalanga)
- ❖ 3 x Sub-units each in GP and KZN
- ❖ Total number of 2500 was initially authorised
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## DEPLOYMENTS

- ❖ As on 10:00 on 18 July 2021 a **total of 21 525 members were deployed in this operation with 6 993 members in Gauteng and 4 947 members in KwaZulu Natal**
- ❖ The units on standby in the other provinces which are not yet experiencing protest actions will commence with pro-active deployments positioning in key areas, (NKPs, govt facilities/infrastructure as well as protecting the major road freight industry routes





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## TASKINGS (1/2)

- ❖ Protection of National Key Points
  - ❖ Harbours and Airports
  - ❖ Fuel Refineries
  - ❖ Eskom Power Generating Plants
  - ❖ Union Buildings and Parliament

(Other National Key Points will be added to the list as Intelligence will dictate)



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## TASKINGS (2/2)

- ❖ Guarding and Protecting Road Freight Industry
- ❖ Foot and Vehicle patrols
- ❖ Vehicle Control Points
- ❖ Roadblocks
- ❖ Enforcing Disaster Management Act Regulations
- ❖ Ensure a robust and continuous communication effort directed at communities being affected



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## CODE OF CONDUCT

- ❖ The Code of Conduct is in place and it has been published in the Government Gazette Vol 673, 14 July 2021 No 44849



**THANK YOU!!**