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Subject: Outstanding payments for Reserve Force members.

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Good day.

July 2021, riots in KwaZulu-Natal are out of control and the President issues a order that all reserve force members and veterans must be called up to assist the SANDF and SAPF and inlistment instructions are given.

815 veterans arrive at Umzimvubu Regiment based within 14 Sai in Umtata to enroll.

Documentation process starts, 11 page document including medical, police clearance and background checks.

This takes weeks as the Umzimvubu Regiment has no A4 paper, no ink for printing.

Lt Blom , logistics Officer personally finances A4 paper, ink and other suppliers needed to speed up the process.

All members 815 are instructed not to leave the base until all documents are completed.

There are no beds, mattresses, blankets , eating utensils etc for 80^ of the members arriving.

The moral lowers, tensions start running high, questions are been asked.

Payment is promised in form of cash, then due to transport and logistics payment is postponed.

Members are told that money Will be paid into their accounts and they must leave base as Ops Prosper is drawing to an end.

It takes 2 weeks to get bus tickets, drive members to nearby towns to empty the camp.

HQ staff start leaving, logistics Officer and some officers remain to wrap up a total chaotic situation and are exhausted.

To this day, members remain UNPAID.

5 members have died since.

Promises are made, I attended the BOI in December 2021.

I have spoken to most of the General's, only to be told its receiving attention.

Please revert as this is a disgrace.

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Thank you
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