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### **Three SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC) soldiers killed and three injured in Eastern DRC**

**08th April, 2024, Gaborone, Botswana:** The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC) sincerely regrets to inform the public of the passing on of three soldiers and three that got injured, all from the United Republic of Tanzania. This unfortunate incident happened after a hostile mortar round had fallen near the camp they were staying. The soldiers were/are deployed under the auspices of SADC as part of a regional response to address the unstable and deteriorating security situation prevailing in the Eastern DRC.

SADC family expresses its heartfelt condolences to the beloved families and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania on this irreplaceable loss of the deceased soldiers and the same time would like to wish the three injured soldiers' speedy recovery.

The SAMIDRC remains focus in carrying out its mandate in accordance with the principle of collective self-defence and collective action outlined in the SADC Mutual Defence Pact (2003).

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and the world economy. Member States are Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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