

# More than pyramids and sphinxes

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The Chief Defence Corporate Communication, Maj Gen Dan Mofokeng, went on an official staff visit to Egypt over the period 11 to 17 September 2004. The military ties between South

Africa and Egypt can be attributed to the fact that both are African countries that pride themselves on striving for efficient, well-trained and informed militaries.

The visit, which was focused on benchmarking with the Egyptian Department of Defence, sought to compare and analyse methods used by both countries to formulate a system or communication structure that will best promote good communication within the department and also empower communication functionaries in the process of achieving a favourable end product. No department can afford not to communicate and

that communication has to be of a level acceptable to the sender and the user. When the two countries combine experiences and lessons learned in the communication environment, the departments stand to gain a lot from each other and this cannot but fail to ensure that the Department of Defence will deliver a tried, tested and

successful communication service as is required by the Government. Service delivery is the winner when visits like this one are encouraged - thus the saying: "Two heads are better than one". Maj Gen Mofokeng said after the visit that Directorate Corporate Communication was on a par with other military forces. 



The Senior Officer in Charge of Print House No 1, explained to Maj Gen Dan Mofokeng, the Chief Defence Corporate Communication, and Gen Samir Abdel Wahab, Director Print and Publication Department, how the printing house in Red House Mountain, Egypt, operates.

## Celebrating Arbor Week in Bloemspruit

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Every year Bloemspruit AFB celebrates Arbor Week in an effort to promote environmental awareness among its members. This year's celebration was a special occasion with the opening of the Garden of Democracy to celebrate ten years of freedom on 3 September 2004.

An area was selected on the base where the Officer Commanding, Col

R.C. Jonsson, along with the Officers Commanding of 16 Squadron, 87 Helicopter Flying School, 6 ASU and 506 Squadron unveiled a monument and planted ten trees in a circle to commemorate the ten years of democracy. Tree adoption certificates were handed out to these officers for custodianship.

The trees were obtained from the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry. Hiccupnut and White Seringa do not grow in Bloemfontein, hence only trees indigenous to the Free

State, namely the Wild Olive, White Karee, Common Karee and the River Bush Willow were planted.

Mr J. Joubert, Acting Director Human Resources Department of Education, was invited to AFB Bloemspruit Pre-Primary School, Bloempieland, to plant a tree to create environmental awareness among the children. The children were actively involved in planting four trees in commemoration of Arbor Day and tree adoption certificates were handed out to the children. 