



## Abridged CV of Brig Gen (Ret) V. J. S. Radebe

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### THE ABRIDGED CURRICULLUM VITAE OF BRIG GEN VJS RADEBE, SA Army St C, psc (j), SDSP

Brigadier General Vuyisile January Solomon Radebe was born in Bophelong, Vanderbylpark on 21 August 1963. He currently resides in Wolmer, Pretoria North with his wife Mrs Nokukhanya Radebe and family. The General has no criminal record and has a **Top Secret Security Clearance** from Defence Intelligence which expires in 2027.

#### Educational Background

The General completed his secondary education at Orozo Technical College, Abuja, Nigeria while he was in exile. He earned a **National Diploma in Business Management** from Polytechnic Nasarawa, Plateau State in 1993. Upon his return to South Africa after democratic elections in 1994, he enrolled for an **Advanced Diploma in Business Management** with the SA Institute of Management. In 2017 he completed his **Postgraduate Diploma in the Field of Security** at WITS University and in 2024 completed a **Master's Degree in Military Science** at Stellenbosch University.

#### Military Background

General Radebe received his basic military training in 1985 in Angola at Barney Molokoane Military Camp of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Mk), the military wing of the African National Congress (ANC). He specialised in Air Defence Artillery and further went to Ukraine (USSR) in 1987 to complete the Air Defence Artillery Battery Commanders' Course. Upon his return to Barney Molokoane Camp he was appointed an Air Defence instructor and later the Second-in-Command (2IC) of an Air Defence Base, *Malya Zemlya*, 'The Little Land'. Upon the withdrawal of Mk from Angola to Tanzania in 1989, the General was appointed the Head of Department of Information and Publicity (DIP) at the new military camp in Mikumi.

General Radebe integrated into the SANDF in 1995 and went on to complete all the prescribed functional and developmental courses including the Joint Senior Command and Staff Duties Program (JSCSP) at the War College in 2006 and the Security and Defence Studies Program (SDSP) at the National Defence College in 2016. The SDSP is the highest military qualification in the SANDF pitched at the military strategic level and is designed to augment the military operational art with academics in order to produce officers capable of providing advice on National Security issues.

The General served in the Human Resources environment from 1995 at the SA Army Office and the Logistic Division HQ in various appointments from career management to responsibility for Logistic ETD. He later served in the Defence Intelligence Division as Senior Staff Officer Overt Collection and deployed in Angola as Defence Attaché from 2010 to 2013. He was subsequently appointed **Chief Defence Foreign Relations** and later **Chief Defence Intelligence Support** to end up as **Director Strategic Intelligence** in 2016, the post he held until retirement on 31 August 2023.

Directorate Strategic Intelligence is responsible for strategic intelligence on the African continent and international security developments. The Directorate is also responsible to monitor international terrorism and support SANDF/Defence Intelligence aspects on the various multilateral forums where South Africa is represented internationally. However, the main focus of Directorate Strategic Intelligence is on security developments on the African continent.

### **Other Experience**

In 2017 the General was appointed the **Deputy Chair of the SADC Oversight Committee** established to help the Lesotho government implement constitutional, governance and security sector reforms in support of the then SADC Facilitator, Pres Cyril Ramaphosa. The work was done in close coordination and cooperation with other national stakeholders and multilateral organisations such as the UN and EU.

As part of reskilling to prepare military personnel to reintegrate into society, the SANDF provides officers opportunities to train in any field of interest for a period of three (3) months. General Radebe opted to spend the period from September – December 2023 with the **Institute of Strategic Studies (ISS)** where he learnt a lot about how

think tanks are formed and operated. He received a certificate upon completion of the three (3) months spent with the ISS.

In the month of September 2024, the General formed the think tank **Africa Global Security Institute (AGSI) [Reg No: 2024/451217/08]**, with the aim to “Enhance human security, socio-economic development, and shape the geostrategic agenda of the continent of Africa”. Although the development has elicited some interest among political observers, academics and analysts alike, the General remains a soldier at heart and is willing to deploy in any conflict and/or post-conflict country on the continent to represent South Africa and work towards the realisation of the ‘Africa we want’ as reflected in the **Africa Agenda 2063**.

### **Medals and Decorations**

Gen Radebe received the following medals and decorations:

UNITAS Medal

SA Medal (Internal Operations)

SA Medal (External Operations)

Good Service Medal (10 Years)

Good Service Medal (20 Years)

Good Service Medal (30 Years)

Chief of SA Army Commendation Certificate (2020)

Chief of SA Army Commendation Certificate (2021)

### **Hobbies**

General Radebe likes reading, writing and listening to music

### **References**

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