

Dead soldiers are heros – ombud

Military ombud Themba Matanzima yesterday sent his condolences to the families of three South African National Defence Force soldiers who died on Friday during a freak accident at the Durban Naval Base.

Retired lieutenant-general Matanzima commended the military personnel for their courage and bravery in trying to save the lives of civilians, the primary responsibility of all soldiers.

The three South African Navy soldiers died when they rushed to help three construction workers from the department of public works who had been overcome by toxic fumes while working in a sewer pit at the naval base.

The three soldiers were then also overcome by the fumes and died. – ANA