

**South Africa's Military Intervention in Lesotho: The Nature of
Inter-State Conflict, Opposition Struggles and Implication for
Regional Stability**

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ABSTRACT The democratic South Africa's first military intervention, during the second half of 1998, in a neighbouring state (Lesotho) obviously had implications for the invaded country. In this contribution, the author not only points out the aforesaid consequences for Lesotho, but also discusses the impact of the intervention on South Africa's image, role, foreign policy, and on the South African National Defence Force.