

Mandisa Mfeka is **South** Africa's first black female fighter pilot. She serves as a combat pilot in the South African Air Force (SAAF), flying aircraft such as the **Hawk** Mk 120. She's also an aeronautical engineer by training and a motivational speaker.

- Mandisa was born in Ntuzuma in KwaZulu-Natal.
- she Joined African Air Force in **2008** and underwent training at Central Flying School in Langebaan.
- She earned her wings in **2011**, becoming South Africa's first black female **combat fighter pilot**.
- She flew the **Hawk Mk 120** with No. 85 Combat Flying School at AFB Makhado and participated in the high-profile flypast at President Cyril Ramaphosa's inauguration in May 2019.

This tells you to never give up on your dreams and if you work hard they will come true.

She changed what was "normal" in aviation and the military.

She represents excellence, resilience, and discipline.

She inspires future leaders to dream bigger — especially girls from non fortunate communities.

She stands as a living example of what post-apartheid transformation can achieve when talent is given a chance.

Her quote is

Yes, I am a Pilot!

