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**CDA reageer op die moord van nog 'n buitelanders**

Die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA) het met afgryse gereageer op die moord van nog 'n buitelanders tydens 'n plaasaanval in Suid-Afrika.

“Nie alleen is daar 'n halsstarrige swye aan die kant van die regering oor plaasmoorde in die besonder en moorde in die algemeen nie, daar is ook geen teken dat Suid-Afrika protokol volg om deur diplomatieke notas simpatie met die regerings en mense van die lande van herkoms van die slagoffers te simpatiseer nie. Is die skyn van utopie met die oog op die komende sokkertoernooi werklik vir die regering belangriker as sy eie mense en besoekers se veiligheid?” vra ds. Theunis Botha, Leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en die waarnemende voorsitter van die CDA.

Hy het gereageer op die nuus dat die lyk van 'n Kanadese burger, die 70-jarige mnr. Ron Smith, vasgebind en met 'n skietwond aan sy knie op sy kleinhoewe by BelaBela aangetref is.

“Dit is die derde plaasmoord in vier dae in Limpopo,” sê Botha. “Deurdat die regering nie sy diplomatieke protokol uitvoer nie, of andersins swyg dat die prosesse wel gevolg word, word die indruk geskep dat die regering harteloos teenoor die moorde staan, soos ook teenoor die slagting waaraan sy eie burgers blootgestel word.”

**CDA reacts to murder of yet another foreigner**

The Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) reacted with horror and dismay to yet another murder of a foreign national during a South African farm attack.

“Not only does government pigheadedly resist condemning farm murders in particular, but murder in general, one has no indication that South Africa adheres to diplomatic protocol by exchanging diplomatic notes to express condolences to the governments and people of the countries of origin of the victims. Is creating an illusion of a utopia ahead of the coming soccer tournament really more important than the safety of citizens or visitors?” asks Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party and acting chair of the CDA.

He reacted to the news that the body of a Canadian citizen, the 70 year old Ron Smith, was found bound and with a bullet wound in the knee on his small holding near BelaBela.

“This is the third farm murder in four days in Limpopo,” says Botha. “By either not fulfilling its diplomatic commitments, or by being silent on its efforts, the impression is created that government is heartless towards foreign nationals, same as its approach to its own nationals.”