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Hate speech and latest farm attacks

“Although the findings of acting Judge Leon Halgryn is only a small step in the process of finally declaring ‘skiet die boer’ as hate speech, his findings, at a glance, is that the song not only constitutes hate speech, but that it serves as incitement to commit murder. This is borne out by the fact that various farm attacks have taken place in the last two days,” says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“Even though one of the victims in one of the attacks, a woman from Joubertina, had been shot in the head, there had been no fatal casualties this time. Judging from the viciousness and cruelty of all the attacks, there could have but for the grace of the Lord been deaths.”

“We find it hard to even imagine another country where a party participating in an election so strongly canvassing for the right to continue singing such a song, can also be an overwhelming favourite to convincingly win,” says Botha.

Haatspraak en jongste plaasaanvalle

“Al is waarnemende regter Leon Halgryn se bevinding slegs ‘n klein stappie in die appèlproses om uiteindelik “Skiet die Boer” tot haatspraak te verklaar, kom sy bevindings met die eerste oogopslag nie net haatspraak is nie, maar dat dit op aanhitsing tot moord neerkom. Dit word onderstreep deur die feit dat verskeie plaasaanvalle oor die laaste twee dae plaasgevind het,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Hoewel die aan slagoffer van een van die aanvalle, ‘n vrou van Joubertina, tydens ‘n plaasaanval in die kop geskiet was, is daar dié keer nie lewensverlies nie. Uit die wreedheid van die aanvalle is dit egter net genade van Bo.”

“Ons kan ons beswaarlik nog ‘n land indink waar ‘n deelnemende party aan ‘n verkiesing so sterk kan beywer vir die voortgesette sing van so ‘n lied én nog die oorweldigende gunsteling is om die verkiesing so loshande te wen,” sê Botha.