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CDP veroordeel jongste plaasaanvalle

“Ons veroordeel die jongste plaasaanvalle – een by Hertzogville en een naby Pretoria-Noord, maar is ook baie dankbaar dat dit sonder lewensverlies plaasgevind het.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) in reaksie op die wrede aanval op die 74-jarige mnr. Manie van Zyl van Hertzogville, en die aanval op ‘n hoewe noord van Pretoria.

“Dit is nie die eerste keer dat ‘n bejaarde boer tydens ‘n plaasaanval wreed met ‘n ysterstaaf aangerand is nie, en ongelukkig is daar ook deurlopend gevalle waar aanvallers van buite op plaasmense in hul huise skiet, soos wat nou by Pretoria gebeur het.”

“Dit toon bloot weer die kwesbaarheid van mense wat afgesonder woon, en hoe belangrik dit is dat die regering hom nie net periodiek teen plaasaanvalle moet uitspreek nie. Dié aanvalle volg boonop kort na die minister van Landbou, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Agri SA se kongres verseker het die ANC beskou nou nie meer die boere as die vyand nie. “Ons is ook dankbaar dat die verdagte in die aanval op Van Zyl so spoedig aangekeer is.”

CDP condemns latest farm attacks

“We condemn the latest farm attacks – an attack at Hertzogville and another at Pretoria North - but we are also thankful that there was no loss of life.” So says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) reacting to the attack on 74 year old Manie van Zyl of Hertzogville, and the attack on a small holding north of Pretoria.

“It is not the first farm attack in which an elderly person was beaten with an iron rod, and neither the first in which a farmer was shot from outside his house, as now happened in the Pretoria case.

“It again demonstrates how vulnerable people are who live in isolated areas, and how important is that government should condemn these attacks as they occur. These attacks follow shortly after the minister of Agriculture, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, assured the Agri SA conference that the ANC no longer regard the commercial farmers as the enemy.

“We are also thankful that the suspect in the Van Zyl attack was so soon apprehended.”