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**Belgiese burger tydens plaasmoord keelaf gesny: CDA/CDA reageer**

Die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA) het sy skok en afgryse oor die reeks van vyf plaasmoorde in Februarie in Limpopo uitgespreek, wat nou ook die barbaarse wrede moord op 'n Belgiese burger, Etienne Cannaearts, ingesluit het. Cannaearts is vasgebind en keelaf gesny.

“Ons harte gaan uit na die naasbestaendes van al die slagoffers, en ook aan die regering en mense van België,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die CDA.

“Ons neem met kommer kennis dat die SANW met verminderde mannekrag op 1 April die grensbeveiliging by die SAPD oorneem, en dat sommige grense soos dié van Lesotho en Botswana eers oor 'n paar jaar aan die beurt kom. Dit stuur 'n heeltiemal gebrekkige boodskap van die land se erns om sy burgers te beskerm uit, omdat baie plaasmoorde deur burgers van buurlande gepleeg word wat onwettig in die land is. Daarbenewens loop Vrystaatse boere nie net onder plaasmoorde deur nie, maar ander misdaad soos vee- en weidingdiefstal.

“Ons herinner dat die swart strikkie in ons mashoof vir nuusverklarings oor misdaad, ons meegevoel en gebede met alle misdaadslagoffers in Suid-Afrika en hul naasbestaendes verteenwoordig.”

**Belgian citizen's throat slit in farm attack: CDP/CDA reacts**

The Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) reacted with shock and horror to the news that five farm murders took place in Limpopo in February, which included the barbaric murder of a Belgian citizen, Etienne Cannaearts. The hands and feet of Cannaearts were tied and his throat slit.

“Our prayers are with the next of kin of all the victims, and also the government and people of Belgium,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic party (CDP) and acting chair of the CDA.

“We note with concern that the SANDF will take over border security from SAPS on 1 April, this year, but with less manpower and resources. Some borders, such as those of Lesotho and Botswana, are only expected to be protected by the SANDF in a few years time. This emphasises the government's lack of commitment to its citizens, as many farm murders are committed by foreigners from other countries who are here, illegally. Farmers in the Free State besides farm murders, also have to contend with cross border crime such as stock theft.

“We remind readers that the black strip in our communications letter head for news releases on crime represents our condolences and prayers for all victims of crime and their next of kin.”