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**Plaasaanvalle duur voort – CDP**

“Die CDP is opnuut diep getref deur nog plaasaanvalle, waaronder die moord op die 61-jarige Peter Hackland van Ixopo. Hackland sou binnekort aftree,” sê ds Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Daar is al dikwels geskryf oor die ongelooflike wreedheid waarmee plaasaanvalle gepaard gaan. Nou het rowers die 66-jarige Martin Coetsee van Makwassie onder meer aan sy ore van vertrek tot vertrek rondgesleep.

“Ons harte gaan uit aan die families wat deur die aanvalle geraak is.

“Ons doen opnuut ‘n beroep op die regering om plaasaanvalle tot prorioteitsmisdaad te verklaar. Dit sal baie doen om die trauma te help verwerk, as die landbougemeenskap nie nog die gevoel van verwerping deur die regering ervaar nie. Dit sal ook baie doen om versoening in hierdie land te bevorder.”

**Farm attacks continue**

“The CDP once again expresses concern over continued farm attacks, which includes the murder of 61 year old Peter Hackland of Ixopo, who was soon to retire,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP)

“Much has been said and written on the extreme cruelty attached to many of these farm attacks. For example, the attack on 66 year old Martin Coetsee of Makwassie when robbers dragged him around the house, by his ears.

“We express our heartfelt sympathies with the affected families of the victims of these latest farm attacks.

“We call on government with renewed vigour to declare farm attacks as priority crimes. This will go a long way in addressing the perception of the agricultural community, that they are a forgotten group, and will, at the same time do much to promote reconciliation in the country.”