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Ondersteun landelike veiligheidsplan ook polities

"Saam met die bekendstelling van die nuwe Landelike Veiligheidsplan op Bethlehem, is 'n boer van dieselfde distrik deur aanvallers in die been gewond en 'n plaas beset, en sedertdien is 'n polisieman deur vermeende veediewe vermoor, en 'n bejaarde boer van Noordwes in die nek gewond. Daar sal druk op landelike veiligheid bly so lank as wat politici 'n persepsie help vorm dat boere vrybuit, en selfs misdadigers is," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese party (CDP).

"Volgens die 2002 landbousensus het Suid-Afrikaanse boere bykans R4,5 miljard se skade in een jaar weens veediefstal, die diefstal van gereedskap en implemente, oesdiefstal en inbrake gely. Baie boere moet buitelandse valuta deur uitvoere probeer verdien sonder dat hulle die subsidies van baie buitelandse boere kry, en boonop voedselsekuriteit vir die land verdien. "

"Ons doen weer eens 'n beroep op die regering om 'n wag voor die mond te plaas met populistiese uitsprake."

Support Rural safety plan politically as well

"When the new rural safety plan was recently launched at Bethlehem, a farmer was shot in the leg in the same district and a case of land grap occurred, and since then a policeman was killed by suspected stock thieves, and an elderly farmer in Northwest was shot in the neck. Pressure will remain on rural safety as long as politicians assist in creating a perception that farmers are free bait and even criminals," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP)

"According to the 2002 agricultural census farmers in one year lost approximately R4,5 billion to stock theft, burglaries, the theft of tools and implements and crop theft. Many farmers need to earn an income by earning foreign currency by competing against farmers abroad who receive government subsidies. "

"We call on government to guard against populist statements."