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Slagting onder polisielede
"Dit is baie duidelik dat 'n groot deel van die publiek hul respek vir die polisie verloor het," sê ds. Theunis Botha teen die agtergrond van 'n ontstellende voorkoms in moorde op polisielede. Die afgelope week alleen is ses polisiebeamptes vermoor.

"Ons weet die polisie se werk is gevaarlik, maar te veel gevalle kom nou voor waar dit lyk of die polisie weens disrespek, of selfs om hul wapens te bekom, vermoor word. Dit is duidelik dat die respek in die polisie herstel moet word, maar respek moet verdien word. Dit beteken dat daar geen plek behoort te wees vir loodswaaiers, skelms of selfs wreedaards nie – van heel bo tot heel onder."

"Ons het die grootste waardering vir daardie lede wat hul werk met 'n passie en eerbaar verrig. Ons harte gaan uit na die naasbestaandes van die wat die hoogste offer gebring het."

Police killing fields
"It is amply clear that a large section of the public have lost respect for the police," says Rev. Theunis Botha reacting to the escalation in police members being murdered. Six members have been killed in the past week alone.

"We understand that the police do dangerous work, but too many incidents now occur where it appears as if disrespect played a role, or even to obtain the firearms of the murdered members. It is clear that respect needs to be restored, but respect must be deserved. This means that there should be no place for lazy bones, criminals or cruelty – from the highest level to the lowest."

"We have the highest regard for the efforts of dedicated members. We sympathise with the next of kin of those who paid the highest price."