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Green Paper on land reform reeks of feodalism
"It seems as though government evaluates land ownership for the purposes of the Green Paper on land reform as similar to the feudal systems in place in Russia and China before the communists took over – resulting in ideas severely threatening food security," says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"Ironically, the idea of government owning most land, is closer to feudalism than the present market based land ownership. Fortunately, land grab without compensation is not included in the Green Paper. It remains clear, however, that the stipulations of the Freedom Charter underlying the philosophies of the ANC and the DA are very present in this paper, meaning that other implications of the charter, such as the nationalisation of banks and mines, may not be far off."

"We appeal to government to heed the inputs of experts – farmers who are making a success of farming in the country in spite of a lower than world average rainfall, and some other testing factors such as farm attacks."

Groenskrif oor grondhervorming klink na feodalisme
"Dit kom voor of die regering grondeienaarskap vir die doeleindes van die Groenskrif oor grondhervorming beoordeel as soortgelyk aan die feodale stelsels in Rusland en China voor die kommunistiese oorname – en dit lei tot gedagtes wat ernstige gevaar vir voedselsekuriteit inhou," sê die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha.

"Ironies staan die gedagte dat die staat die meeste grond besit nader aan feodalisme as die huidige markgebaseerde grondbesit. Gelukkig maak die gedagte van grondgryp sonder kompensasie nie deel uit van die groenskrif nie. Dit is egter duidelik dat grondliggende beginsels van die Vryheidsmanifes, onderliggend aan die ANC en die DA se beleid, teenwoordig is, en dit beteken dat ander gedagtes van die manifes, soos die nasionalisering van banke en myne, ook nie lank agterweë kan bly nie."

"Ons doen 'n beroep op die regering om behoorlik insette van die kundiges, soos die boere wat suksesvol boer in 'n land met 'n laer reënval as die wêreldgemiddeld, en onder van die mees uitdagende omstandighede soos plaasaanvalle."