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**Gyselaarsituasie**

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het die polisie geluk gewens met die ontsetting van 'n boer wat deurnag naby Bloemfontein deur plaasaanvallers gyselaar gehou is.

“Ons is baie verlig dat hierdie voorval sonder die bloedvergieting van slagoffers afgehandel kon word,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP en ondervoorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie.

“Ons doen 'n beroep op die regering om hierdie voorval te gebruik om die boodskap duidelik te maak dat plaasaanvalle nie met die stilswyende instemming van die regering plaasvind nie. Te veel opruiende uitsprake van mense in die regering kan hierdie indruk help skep.

“Dit is jammer dat daar lewensverlies was. Die CDA is egter oortuig daarvan dat die gyselaarsituasie en die aanvallers se optrede die afloop onvermydelik gemaak het. Teen die agtergrond dat die slagoffers van plaasaanvalle in die ooreenstemmende tydperk veel hoër was as die aantal Britse soldate wat in die oorlog in Afganistan omgekom het, is dit duidelik dat hierdie nie 'n lukrake geval van 'shoot to kill' was nie.”

**Hostage situation**

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) congratulated the police with ending a hostage situation where a farmer was held by farm attackers near Bloemfontein.

“We are extremely relieved that this incident was resolved without any innocent bloodshed,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP and deputy chair of the Christian democratic Alliance.

“We call on government to use this opportunity to strongly communicate the message that farm attacks are not carried out with the silent consent of government. Too many members of government have in the past made remarks that could have created such an impression.

“It is a tragedy that there was loss of life. The CDA is convinced, however, that the hostage situation could not have been resolved in any other way. Considering the fact that the murder rate of farmers is much higher than the rate at which British soldiers die in the Afghan war, it is clear that this was not simply a case of shoot to kill.”