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Agri Wes-Cape highly upset about farm attack in Malmesbury

Agri Wes-Cape is highly upset about the cruel attack on a farmer and his girlfriend on their farm in Malmesbury.

“We strongly condemn this attack. Each person in this country has a right to a safe environment, especially in your own home,” says Carl Oppermann, CEO of Agri Wes-Cape.

When a Stellenbosch farmer was murdered on his farm earlier this year, Agri Wes-Cape stated that safety, security and lawlessness in our country needed urgent attention.

According to Opperman “We are experiencing an increasing decay of moral values in our country and the rural areas in particular is a huge problem”. He reminded farmers to make sure that safety measures on their farms are checked and improved and to make sure the farm protocol is in place.

According to Uys van der Westhuijzen, chairman of the Malmesbury Agricultural Association, the Police are working around the clock to follow up on leads. “I am in continuous contact with the Police and trust that arrests will soon be made” Farmers in the area can contact Uys if they have any questions or information.

Background

The farmer, Pieter Loubser and his girlfriend, Brenda van der Westhuizen, was attacked in the early hours of the morning on 18 November 2011 while they were sleeping in their room. Both have been taken to hospital due to the severity of their injuries and Loubser has been transferred to Paarl Medi-Clinic because of the critical nature of his injuries. Both are recovering well under the circumstances and Van der Westhuizen has already been released from hospital. The attackers are still on the loose.

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