

'Farmers treat us like ants'

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THEY came in all shapes and sizes, with walking sticks and in pyjamas, for a peaceful march to Mooi-nooi cop shop on Wednesday.

The residents of Majakaneng, near Brits, North West were led by missing youth Tebogo Ndlovu's mum, Martha.

Tebogo (24) was allegedly shot by a farmer for attempted theft on 2 August, but has been missing since, and is presumed dead.

In the past two weeks, angry residents have blocked the busy N4 highway leading to Rustenburg, stoning cars and even setting two alight.

Martha said cops had not done anything, even though bloodstains were found at the farm.

Addressing the marchers, Cosatu's provincial secretary Job Dliiso said they wanted to see an end to "killings by boers".

Packet Seaketso from the SA Na-

tional Civic Organisation said 22 days was plenty of time to find Tebogo's body.

He called for the release of community members arrested for protesting, and for the case to be handled by a different police station.

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"In Coligny it was about stealing sunflowers and in Majakaneng, it's all about oranges," Seaketso said.

Mpho Motlhabane, North West MEC for safety and transport, accepted the memorandum and promised residents he would meet the provincial police.

He said Tebogo's case would be transferred to national police.

The memorandum would be immediately delivered to the Minister of Police, Fikile Mbalula, he assured them.

He said the blood samples found on the farm have been taken to a lab for testing.

Residents expect a response within a week.