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Premier Mahumapelo condemns farmer's brutal killing

Mahikeng: Premier Supra Mahumapelo of Bokone Bophirima Province has learned with shock and dismay of the brutal killing of a man (46), by three unknown males on Friday night at Habernia Farm near Lichtenburg, Ditsobotla Local Municipality.

According to the police reports, three men entered the house and they found the victim's 75year old mother, whom they tied her hands with an electric wire and demanded money. It is alleged that before fleeing, the perpetrators shot the 46 year old man, killing him on the spot.

Calling for speedy investigation by the police, Premier Mahumapelo said no amount of justification can provide a better explanation as to why people must resort to such criminality.

Premier Mahumapelo who sent his heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased, said it is sickening to know that our people continue to get involved in such violent barbaric acts.

"We must never allow these criminal acts to define how we should live in our province. We call on our police to hunt and capture these criminals, so as the deceased's family can find closure", charged Premier Mahumapelo, who urged the community to also help the police with information that could lead to the arrest of the perpetrators.

After the killing, it is alleged that the mother managed to call for help and one of the workers untied her and they called the police. At this stage the police have not been able to confirm what was stolen, and the investigations are continuing.

“We also call on our people to support the Reconciliation, Healing and Renewal - RHR programme of the province which amongst others is intended to bring all communities together, including farmers and farm workers, to deal with the injustices of the past, this in an effort to reconcile and instil peace among the residents of Bokone Bophirima” added Mahumapelo.

The programme also provides platforms for everyone to commit to provincial plans to eradicate moral decay and the restoration of the birth right of all the people of the province, to establish a society based on the democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights as espoused in our founding constitution.

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