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## **SUBJECT: AZAPO ON THE ALIENATING EFFECT OF OUR LANDLESSNESS**

**AZAPO** witnessed as two government ministers and the premier of Limpopo province sitting forlornly and looking helpless at the Groblersdal Magistrate's court, whilst the bail application of two white farmers was in progress.

Their helplessness was no different from that of the victim of the assault and attempted murder of the Black security officer, allegedly at the hand of the two(2) white farmers.

Outside court, there was a throng of white farmers and a fringe group of white supporters known as "Bittereinders" showing solidarity with the two accused in court.

There was also a group of political formations demonstrating their displeasure at the crime and demanding that the two must not get bail.

**AZAPO** noted how the feudal and landownership of the white group fuelled their arrogance and entitlement whereas the Black group, landless and poor, portrayed helplessness and an appeal to the justice system to come to their rescue.

The scene inside and outside court exposes, in no uncertain terms, the sham freedom of 1994 that cheated Black people of their land and blunted the struggle for the return of the land.

The land ownership patterns are the primary cause why Black people are always the victims especially at the farms.

- The white farmers know the currency of the land and how that assists in giving them the arrogance to do as they please, and in most instances getting away with murder, literally.

An **AZAPO** government will:

- Vest the ownership of the land, including everything below its surface, the air above it and the sea around it, in the hands of the State;
- Convert all title deeds for land earmarked for expropriation into 100 years up to 150 years lease – depending on the investment already made in the land or is required for the productive use of the land;
- Scrap the current land reform that is based on a willing-buyer-willing seller model, and replace it with the expropriation of land without compensation,

which shall primarily be applicable to the land owned and controlled by big landlords and foreign counterparts;

- Redistribute and re-organize land for residential, industrial, agricultural, research and development in science and technology and recreational purposes;
- Redistribute the land with the view to reduce the urban-rural economic divide and reverse the patterns of apartheid spatial planning;
- Grant prospecting and mining rights on the basis of the capacity of the applicant, economic, social and environmental impact on the community, the restorative effect of the proposal;
- Set up an agency of government responsible for the management, prospecting and mining of natural resources, including the beneficiation thereof.

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