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SUBJECT: AZAPO STATEMENT ON THE HUMAN REMAINS FOUND ON FREE STATE FARM

The discovery of human remains in a Free State farm is evidence that the land that was stolen from and which belongs to the people of Azania, is a collective of potential crime scenes.

The incidents that occur in the density of the farms and the abuse experienced by farm labourers employed in the farms, is a matter that needs concerted efforts of investigation and monitoring.

Many members of farming communities have gone missing and never found or found dead, even after their families and fellow community members had provided information on their last known whereabouts. The discovery of two bodies in August 2024, is yet another example of what happens in farms. The two women, Maria Makgato and Lucia Ndlovu were shot and killed in the Limpopo farm and their bodies fed to pigs.

AZAPO states that these incidents are racially based and the incidents take place in farms owned by racist white farmers.

AZAPO urges the Department of Labour and Employment to normalize making unscheduled inspections of farms, in order to break the trend of farmers murdering their staff.

AZAPO further states that farms are employment spaces, and should not be left out of inspections and fact finding visits. Employment conditions in farms are no different from sweat shops run by foreign nationals. If there are concerted efforts to make surprise visits to sweat shops and counterfeit products manufacturing plants - why does the department not apply the same efforts on farms.

AZAPO states that farms are used for cheap labour employment, especially of illegal immigrants. These individuals further become subjected to abusive labour practices and treatment. They usually also live under horrific conditions.

Farms are also known to be used as housing locations for receiving, accommodating and the movement of people for human trafficking purposes. These are all reasons enough for unscheduled inspections.

If the departments responsible for the inspection, monitoring and investigation of activities in farms continue to fail to effect their mandates, we shall every day wake up to news of farm workers, community members who seek relief but end up being murdered and disposed of in the farms.

AZAPO demands that joint operations by the SAPS and the Department of Labour and Employment be established to curb more loss of lives in white owned farms.

We further make a call to the prosecution and justice processes to take full effect and ensure that the 80 year old accused faces the full might of the law.

AZAPO also commends the progressive actions of the community members that raised an alarm on the matter, which led to the arrest of the perpetrator. Their actions are proof that when communities are working together, crime activities can be exposed and perpetrators be arrested.

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