

Farm Murder Was Ethnic Cleansing: Agric Union

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The attack on an elderly Pretoria couple was politically motivated and was an example of "ethnic cleansing", said the Transvaal Agricultural Union on Saturday.

"Once again the impression is left that ordinary crime is the motive for barbaric murders. In this case the farmer was first murdered while he was milking in the shed, and thereafter his wife was murdered in the house. This is the pattern of ethnic cleansing," president Ben Marais said.

The 63-year-old farmer and his 60-year-old wife were found dead in their farm in Boschkop, outside Pretoria on Friday.

"He sustained a big wound on his head. His wife had several wounds on her upper body. They both died at the scene," said Jaftha.

Their son made the discovery on Friday morning, police spokesman Johannes Jaftha said on Friday.

The farmer was found with a "big wound on his head, while his wife had several wounds on her upper body, Jaftha said.

Marais ruled out robbery, saying it was "hard to believe that elderly defenceless people are being murdered only for a cellphone".

"What used to be a day of celebration for Christian believers, was turned into a day of mourning by these barbaric murders. We do not have the right words to express our condolences with the Van den Bosch family and we pray that God will help them through this," he said.

He called on the farming community to "stay alert and protect themselves where possible."

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