



**National African Farmers Union
South Africa**

**RURAL SAFETY SUMMIT 2022,
WOODLANDS,
PARYS,
FREE STATE PROVINCE.**

**STATEMENT BY:
NAFU SOUTH AFRICA
National President: Motsepe Matlala**

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PROTOCOL

Hon. Minister of the South African Police Service: General B. Cele - NTOZI

Deputy Minister of the South African Police Service: Mr C. Mathale: Sebatakomo

National Commissioner of the South African Police Service: General F. Masemola:
Tau Ya Mariri

All Police Top Management & Colleagues at all Levels

All Provincial Police Commissioners.

Acting Civilian Police Secretariat- Secretary & Chief Director MR Benjamin Ntuli &
Colleagues.

President of Afasa: MR J. Mthembu & Colleagues

President of Agri SA, Executive Director Agri Free State & Colleagues

President of Tau SA & Colleagues

National African Farmers Union- South Africa Secretary General: DR Gugulethu
Zondi, Regional Chairperson Limpopo: MK Commissar Cde Phetola Makgate

Farm Workers Representative & leadership Present

Fawu Union Representative & Colleagues

Chairman: National Police Forums & Colleagues

Representatives of Government Departments, Universities, CSIR HSRC
and other Research Institutions.

All Farmers, Farm Workers, Communities and interested parties

Distinguished Mayors & Councilors, Our Esteemed Traditional Leaders & Church
Leaders.

Chairman of AGRICULTURE SECTOR UNITY FORUM ASUF: MR Pitso Sekhoto.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies & Gentlemen, Comrades & Friends.



Hon. Minister,

I am called upon to make an opening statement, to this well-organized Summit, on behalf of the Leadership and members, of the NATIONAL AFRICAN FARMERS UNION of SOUTH AFRICA

We want to take this privileged rare opportunity to thank you, Hon Minister, Deputy Minister, Police Commissioner, Police Management, especially the Civilian Police Secretariat for organising this Summit, in this way & manner.

A few names come to mind, such as Chief Director Benjamin Ntuli, Major General Pienaar, Lt Col Nkwadi, Col Muller and many other officers & colleagues.

On behalf of NAFU SA, our sincerest appreciations & a big thank you, for your commitment and dedication to service delivery.

STATEMENT

In this regard, Hon. Minister, we want to place on record that our country is negatively under siege in all fronts, through crimes like stock thefts, Shebeens & farm killings, on farmers and farm workers, killings in urban & peri-urban, and all sorts of crimes some of which are brought about by some few foreign nationals, especially, in Limpopo, which hopefully our Limpopo leadership may hold bilateral with you in this regard, during the Summit.

Crime unless it is arrested, may lead to a serious threat to state security.



There are unfortunately people or organizations who are, because we are unable to reasonably curtail crime, sell FEAR to make business out of crime, thereby taking advantage of the situation, by politicising crime. Of course we also believe there is a 3rd force which is hellbent to topple Government. Signs are there for all to see. Police must tightened their resolve to confront these matters and if need be to kill. It cannot be business as usual Hon Minister. We are however encouraged by the fact that delegates will participate in commissions to make their valuable contributions especially sustainable solutions on crime,

POSITION

Our view is that CRIME has become extremely and unfairly politicised and blame driven. Government and especially yourself Minister, everything possible is manufactured to make sure we see your back. You must be doing something, which doesn't appeal to criminals. Evidence is for example an individual young farm manager killed in Senegal. You were blamed and attacked by the media without credible reason. We do not think this will stop soon, it is our firm view, it is motivated by ugly but sophisticated politics.

However, crime cannot be the work of Police alone. It starts with families, communities, and the nation. We think blaming the police, for everything like in the E/C tavern disaster is equally unfair. How do parents expect Police to guard their children? A 13-year-old kid going to a tavern, in the late evening. Something is wrong here. Parents need to be arrested as well for negligence. If there is no law, it needs to be established.



RESPECT

Respect is one word, which is ignored nowadays. There is no way we can collectively fight crime if we do not respect one another, if we do not respect Authority, if we do not respect the Law itself, if we do not respect the Police. If we do not respect God, if we do not respect our elders etc.

It is important to note that even elected leaders, at least some of them, do not show respect. Their actions, is not exemplary. Leadership of Government including the executive is not respected in certain quarters. Police are not respected. That is why they are attacked and killed. The question is why is this happening? How do we hope to fight crime while we are so divided? While we hate one another like this?

SUGGESTION

Those who sell fear were successful in changing the mind-set of our people, to believe Government is led by crooks, thieves and corrupt people. This, we want to argue is or may be true however it is certainly not entirely true. Government have left this matter, which was promoted in the media over many years. Even when Government was taking corrective remedies, people did not believe the remedy were genuine.

This Summit therefore must be used to prove the genuine intention of Government, to curb crime. To bring its Constitutional side, and we as citizens must also bring our side. Our job cannot only be to come here to criticize, to show how smart we are and how stupid others are.



We have to go down to work. Because crime do not know colour, or political party. It is a NATIONAL CONCERN. Those who intentionally undermine authority of Government are against God Himself, Refer to Roman 13. The ANC Government which you and me, may hate, dismiss, undermine, wish it crumbled, is God's Government, like all other Governments. We look forward to a robust evidence based engagements over the next 2 days, to defeat crime even amongst us but especially amongst the poor communities.

SOLUTIONS

We must work together. We must put our shameful history behind; only taking what could serve our collective future. Respecting authority as per Roman 13, Bringing in Research as a tool to fight crime, One vision based crime fighting, Rejection of organizations which sell and promote fear. Bring in credible MK, Apla and former defence force soldiers on farms and/or every street in SA. Consider reviews on police laws such as Criminal Procedure Act to allow police to should to kill in self-defence. Look at welfare of police given that their job is extremely stressful.

Ensure all departments participate in the crime activities. Route out evil poisonous political vendettas, which orchestrate divisions in the police. Work with home affairs on immigration issues. Report in the media the activities and crime related committed by undocumented foreign nationals, and report to their countries of origins. Expose all crimes and those involved publicly, including parents of miners, to even jail parents who neglect their children. We have got be tough. Ntate Mangope was successful in bringing about law & order in Bophuthatswana. We are certain we can do it today, even better than him.



CONCLUSION

This Summit is convened not to please the Police Leadership, or to sing their praises, it is convened because there is a NATIONAL CRISIS, which need urgent solution from all of us. Good Farmers and farm workers are being killed, running the risk of food security for the country. We are forced to deal decisively with this matter as citizens of this country even if we hate one another with a passion. NAFU SA calls on all of us, especially Farmers to vigorously, make contribution, in this Summit because it is us who suffer the most, after township violence, in our businesses. It is us who are not able to talk to Minister or HE the President, when we want to talk them, like many countries agriculture always take the back seat in terms of Budgets, policy development and Research. That is why other well-resourced farmer go outside for Research.

Together with our workers, we are generally the undermined communities. We need to improve our relations with ourselves, and the Police to be even better than it is, to avoid getting worse, in which we may have to be guarded with R4 rifles by the Police or SANDF during planting times.

It is important notwithstanding, to acknowledge the good results the Carolina Mpumalanga Presidential Imbizo has produced. The Mtshweni family, who our Union was helping, is being assisted by the Police, Department of Rural Development and Land Reform and other Government departments in the problem, which the family directly reported to the Honourable Police Minister Cele himself and HE President Ramaphosa, during the Imbizo. On behalf of the Family, we would like to thank and appreciate the promises kept by Government to the family.



NAFU SA believes this country belong to all of us. We are duty bound to protect it together. This can happen if all of us adequately work together. To achieve all this, can only be through positive contribution and solid action, this will results in:

***A UNITED PROSPEROUS, FREE FROM EVIL & MINIMISED OR
TREMENDOUSLY REDUCED CRIME ENVIRONMENT, IN WHICH THE
PROSPERITY OF ALL SECTORS CAN BE GUARANTEED.***

This, in many ways, will produce fair competition in our Business lives, resulting in the creation of jobs, never experienced, confidence will come back in terms of investment attraction .Local and international investments opportunities will emerge, thereby creating a peaceful, stable and improved food security for all.

The National African Farmers Union of South Africa wishes distinguished delegates and represented organisations, everything of the best in the summit deliberations that lie ahead.

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