

FARMS and FREEDOM UNDER FIRE in SOUTH AFRICA

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Farm Confiscations without Compensation

The National Assembly of the South African Parliament sent shock waves around the country by setting in motion a process to change the Constitution so as to allow expropriation of land without compensation. The threat to private ownership of property and the clearly stated intention to remove Constitutional safeguards and protections for private ownership of property has staggered observers. Most land in South Africa is controlled by the ANC government and over 4,000 farms already acquired from white farmers, remain unallocated.

Theft by Majority Vote

The motion was adopted with a vote of 241 in support and only 83 against. The African National Congress (ANC) and Economic Freedom Front (EFF) voted for the motion and the Democratic Alliance (DA), Freedom Front (FF), Congress of the People Party (COPE) and the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) voted against.

Cheap Politics to Win Votes

One time ANC leader, Mosiuoa Lekota, now leader of COPE, condemned the EFF's tactics as *"imbecilic, racist attacks."* and the vote *"misleading our people for cheap popularity just to win votes."*

A False Narrative

"The notion of a "stolen land" is a false narrative. We call on the ANC to pronounce themselves unambiguously as to whether they have now changed historical policy and abandoned the Freedom Charter in favour of the racist rhetoric of both the EFF and the PAC."

Cutting their Throats

EFF leader, Julius Malema declared that he wanted to hit white men hard *"We are cutting the throat of whiteness."*

Madness and Insanity

DA leader, Mmusi Maimane condemned the EFF for its destructive racial policies: *"It is madness. It is insane."*

Economic Suicide

Considering the catastrophic consequences of communist land reform in neighbouring Zimbabwe, it seems inexplicable that the ANC government of South Africa would want to follow in the footsteps of failure by committing Economic Suicide.

Completely in Violation of Law

London Barrister, Malcolm Horne, commented on the planned land grab in South Africa, *"You cannot have land expropriation without compensation. It is illegal under international law. It is contrary to a dozen treaties that South Africa has signed and ratified. As such, it is a principal that is also enshrined in South African domestic law. You cannot change the Constitution, therefore, to make it legal. Treaty Law is superior law. It always applies."*

"To the Law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20

Following in the Footsteps of Failure

When Patrice Lumumba violated the constitution and laws of the Congo with nationalisations, the result was carnage, civil war and total economic collapse. Nationalisation of industries and farms in Zambia and Tanzania brought economic collapse to those countries as well. However, vast amounts of Western foreign aid kept the countries somewhat afloat, although the vast majority of the aid was stolen by corruption from the governments themselves.

From Exporting Food to Starvation

When Mozambique was granted independence by Portugal in 1975, Samora Machel of Frelimo confiscated all private property and completely destroyed what was once a vibrant economy. Before independence, Mozambique exported food. After Frelimo's revolution, more than a million Mozambiquans died of starvation and the country was torn apart by a vicious civil war.

Ignoring Warnings

At independence in Zimbabwe, 1980, Mozambique's Samora Machel and Tanzania's Julius Nyerere, actually warned Robert Mugabe not to make the same mistakes they had done. They urged him to respect property rights and let the Europeans continue to contribute to the economy. When Mugabe began threatening the white farmers, most media comment was, that there should be no concern because Mugabe was "*an intelligent person*" and knew that dispossessing the farmers would be a catastrophe for the country.

Destroying the Economy

Nevertheless, Mugabe's ZANU-PF government did seize over 5,000 commercial farms and evicted the white farmers, who in many cases, were third or fourth generation citizens, who had literally carved the farms out of the wilderness.

Applauding Self-Destructive Insanity

Even as Zimbabwe's economy collapsed and more than half of the total population fled the country – voting with their feet a vote of no confidence in Marxist Mugabe, most African leaders applauded and cheered Mugabe! Previous South African ANC president, Thabo Mbeki, unquestioningly backed Mugabe's disastrous policies in Zimbabwe and helped keep the country from complete bankruptcy through regular aid and electricity from South Africa.

Desperate for Hope

The fall of Jacob Zuma and rise to power of Cyril Ramaphosa, in South Africa, was accompanied by a wave of euphoria and many Christians declaring: "*We are saved!*"; "*A new day is dawning!*"; "*Now we can begin to rebuild our country!*"; "*Our prayers have been answered!*"...

Ominous Announcement

Yet, in his opening State of the Nation address to Parliament, Cyril Ramaphosa announced: "*We will seize land without compensation!*" This was greeted with the loudest and most sustained applause of his address. Considering that South Africa provides sanctuary to more than 10 million refugees who have fled endemic misrule to the North, imploding food security in South Africa will affect far more than our own population.

Disastrous Decline of Agriculture

In 1994 when Nelson Mandela became president of South Africa, we had 70,000 white commercial farmers who were feeding over 100 million people throughout Africa. Today, we have barely 28,000 farmers left who are able to feed 40 million people. However, South Africa's population is already in excess of 50 million. Even as the population of the country has doubled since 1994, our food production is less than 40% of what it was in 1994.

Economic Disaster

The food crisis in Africa is about to get much worse. So is the refugee crisis. The ANC government has been a complete failure on every level. In 1994, the Rand was close to R2 to the Dollar. Today it is around R12 to the Dollar. Unemployment in 1994 was under 3 million. Today unemployment in South Africa is closer to 30 million. For every year the ANC has been in power, they have added another million unemployed people to the ranks of the unemployed. Power failures, water restrictions, rampant crime, rape and murder have become every day realities for the long-suffering people of South Africa.

Smokescreens to Distract from Corruption and Failure

To distract citizens from the disastrous failure and catastrophic corruption of the ANC government, lies, distortions, disinformation, fabrications, misleading statistics and campaigns of guilt manipulation have been manufactured to create a smoke screen to cover the rampant corruption and incompetence of the ANC. To enable the looting of the country, whites have been demonised and made scapegoats for every problem in the country. Even after more than 23 years of ANC rule, nothing is accepted as their fault. Instead irresponsible politicians have engaged in the most reckless rabble-rousing and hate-mongering which threaten to subvert the very fabric of society.

Racist Policies Undermine the Country

At his presidential inauguration in 1994, Nelson Mandela declared: *“Never, never, never again will any South African be discriminated against on the basis of their race.”* This was immediately followed by Affirmative Action, Black Economic Empowerment and racial quotas, which only succeeded in chasing away investors, employers, entrepreneurs and tourists, which caused increasing unemployment.

Hell-Bent on Destroying the Country

Instead of redressing their failed policies, the ANC has continued to throw good money after bad, hell-bent on promoting immoral, unwise and counter-productive policies on every level. Now, heedless to the warning of the catastrophic *dekulakisation* land reform policy of Josef Stalin in the Ukraine and Soviet Union in the 1930s, the holocaust in Rwanda of 1994 and catastrophic land reform policies of Zimbabwe, the ANC now want to remove Constitutional protections on private ownership of property. They want to be able to expropriate farms without even compensation for the farmers who have poured generations of sacrifice and hard work into cultivating the wilderness and turning them into productive farms.

How to Chase Away Investors

If they go ahead with this ill-advised policy, it will not only undermine the food security of South Africa, but greatly increase unemployment and chase away investors, employers, entrepreneurs and tourists. The economic consequences and social catastrophe that would result from such a racist and lawless policy would be incalculable. It would represent the final breaking of faith with the reconciliation settlement made in 1994. Violating solemn international agreements and destroying the very Bill of Rights, which was meant to be the foundation for prosperity and progress in this country, will have catastrophic repercussions. One cannot violate private ownership of property without destroying the essential foundation for all effective economies.

Blind Hatred will Have Disastrous Consequences

It would appear that insane hatred will destroy this great country and the last chance for Africa to show a viable and successful working economy to the world. The disgrace that this would be to Africa as a whole and the disillusionment it would create amongst those who have poured their hearts and souls into building Africa up, would be catastrophic. South Africa would join the long list of failed African states. Yet another warning to outsiders to not even try to invest in a continent that cannot respect private ownership of property, nor honour solemn agreements, bills or rights and international treaties.

Raising Questions

So, is emotion to replace reason?
Are slogans to overwhelm debate?
Is expropriation to supercede economics?
Are *toi toi* zombie dances to replace work?
Is race hatred to replace good neighbourliness?

If settlers who came centuries ago and cultivated the wilderness are to be called colonists and invaders, are black migrants to Europe, America, Australia and South Africa, also to be called invaders and colonialists?

The Victim Card Has Been Overplayed

Villifying the victims and villains playing the victim card may work for a time, but ultimately it will come back to destroy the one playing this dangerous game.

National Suicide

The malicious destruction of so many historic places, monuments, graves, churches, homes and even entire forests, is the path of national suicide. Destruction for the sake of it, envy, greed, hatred and jealousy do not build the kind of society any of us would want to live in. ***“Hate evil, love good; establish justice in the gate.... let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.”*** Amos 5:15,24

Questions which Must be Asked

This ill-advised policy of expropriating land without compensation is based upon a broad propaganda narrative of *righting the wrongs of long ago* and *taking back that which was stolen*. In a word, restitution. But who stole the land? Where was it stolen? From whom was it stolen? When was it stolen? How was it stolen?

Facts Ruin a Good Story

The Fact is that the Dutch settlers and Voortrekkers **purchased** their land and settled and **developed** the wilderness at great personal sacrifice. Truth does not fear investigation. Facts can ruin a good story. Marxist Revolutionaries and agitators use propaganda to whip up hatred for their political ends.

The Real Theft

However, if we were to consider the real theft taking place in our time, we would recognise that no one has stolen more from us than our own government has. **The greatest theft is from inflation, taxation and corruption.** The African Union calculates that over 25% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Africa is stolen every year by governments in Africa. That is more than 10 times (1000%) of all the foreign aid received by Africa every year. ***“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption...”*** 2 Peter 2:19

Eradicating Corruption Would Enrich Everyone

If we could cut corruption down by just 10%, it would equal all the foreign aid poured into Africa each year. Imagine if we could eradicate 50% of the corruption! Imagine eradicating over 90% of the corruption!

Taxation, Corruption and Inflation Steals from Everyone

Inflation has devalued the South African Rand to one five hundredth what it was back in 1980. The theft of so much of our hard work and ingenuity by exorbitant taxation and rampant corruption by the ANC government is vastly greater than all other causes of poverty combined. Over R1 Trillion is

lost to corruption in South Africa - every year. ***“Shall I count pure those with the wicked scales and with the bag of deceitful weights? For her rich men are full of violence, her inhabitants have spoken lies and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.”*** Micah 6:11-12

Reject the Distractions

How long are we going to accept the smoke-screens, scape-goats, distractions and disinformation of the criminals who are ruining this country? The middle letters of Cancer are ANC.

Incompetence Subverts our Economy

Power cuts by Eskom, between 2008 and 2015, cost the South African economy over R300 Billion. The additional diesel costs of Eskom to run their power stations due to their *“human error”* at Koeberg Nuclear Power Station in 2015, was estimated to be over R250 million per week! Stage 3 *load shedding* was estimated to cost the South African economy R80 Billion per month!

Water Restrictions Chase Away Tourists

The severe water restrictions in Cape Town have led to a drastic decrease in the number of international tourists visiting the city. Last year tourism accounted for 9% of South Africa's economy (USD\$35 Billion). 87% of small business in Cape Town have reported losing half their revenue due to water restrictions. Water Resource Partners (WRP) estimated that 30% of South Africa's water in urban areas is wasted through leakages. Soweto residents have reported that major water delivery pipes have been leaking for years, without the municipality repairing them!

Dysfunctional Schools

With the catastrophic failure of government in education, there has been a dramatic increase in private and independent schools which do not receive any tax rebates, despite taking an enormous amount of pressure and expense off state budgets. Hence, parents supporting private schools and home schooling still have to pay through their taxes for state education without receiving any kind of tax rebate for not making use of the state facilities.

War Against Whites

The war on whites in South Africa is also seen in economics through Black Economic Empowerment/Affirmative Action job reservation, racial quotas. All of which are designed to keep whites and particularly white males out of government and commercial employment. But the violent, vicious and brutally sadistic tortures and murders of farmers and their family members defies description. Farm attacks in South Africa are 700% higher than in any other country in the world.

The Most Dangerous Job in the World

Farmers are being murdered at a rate that is over 4 times more than the murder of police. White South African farmers are experiencing the highest rates of violent crime anywhere in the world. AfriForum has noted that the term *“farm murders”* is misleading and the term *“farm terror”* and *“farm tortures”* are more suitable. Farmers in South Africa are being murdered at a rate of 220 per 100,000 per year. The average murder ratio per 100,000 of the population worldwide is 9. Any form of justice is incredibly rare. The criminal justice system is failing spectacularly to effectively prosecute most of the perpetrators of these attacks.

Sadistic Savagery

Farming family victims are often tied up, cut with machetes and pitchforks, burned with boiling water or hot irons, dragged behind vehicles, raped and mutilated in incomprehensible savagery. The South African Agricultural Union recorded 10,151 farm attacks and 1,541 murders between 1994 and 2008. The Transvaal Agricultural Union recorded 2,070 attacks and 1,266 murders between 1991 and 2009. The South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry calculated that every farm

murder, or attack cost the South African economy over R2 million annually. (This figure was based on the annual contribution of the Agricultural sector to the country's Gross Domestic Product.)

“Bury Them Alive!”

When Freedom Front member of parliament, Peter Groenewald, reported on the horrific tortures being inflicted on white farmers in South Africa today, an ANC member of parliament jeered and shouted *“Bury them alive!”* ***“Destruction is in its midst; oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.”*** Psalm 55:11

Hate Speech

AfriForum has documented multiple cases of incitement to genocide and other menacing threats against whites on social media, including: ANC councillor, Bhekinkosi Mvelase: *“Kill the Boer, kill the farmer!”* Velaphi Khumalo of the Gauteng Arts and Culture Department: *“I want to cleanse this country of all white people. White people in South Africa deserve to be hacked and killed. You must be bushed alive and skinned and your offspring be used as garden fertilizer.”* Luvuyo Maxmenziwa: *“I hate white people... just get me a bazooka or AK47 so I can do the right thing and kill these demon possessed humans.”*

“Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set.” Proverbs 22:28

Propaganda Kills

Here follows a compilation of quotes and policies from ANC leaders: *“All white people are criminals and should be treated as such. We need to take their property, deny them job opportunities and treat them as second class citizens. White people are rapists, dogs and cowards. We need to sing songs about how they should be mowed down and murdered. White people are in the minority and that means they must have fewer rights than the rest of us. Absolutely, that is how democracy works and if they dare to protest against these views, we must tell them to keep their mouths shut because they are racists who are simply getting what they deserve.”*

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil... who justify the wicked for a bribe and take away justice from the righteous man!” Isaiah 5:20-23

So What Can We Do?

We need to do something. This is first and foremost an information war. We need to **be informed**. ***“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...”*** Hosea 4:6.

Resources to Set the Record Straight

Obtain and read [Sketches from South African History](#), [Biblical Principles for Africa, Renaissance or Reformation](#) and obtain the [Agenda 2](#) and [Bitter Harvest](#) DVDs. Good audio MP3 resources, include: [South African History Boxset](#) and [War Against God MP3](#). Visit the [Henry Morton Stanley School of Christian Journalism](#) website and [Facebook](#) page and [Africa Christian Action](#) website and [Facebook](#) page and [Young Reformers Out to Change the World](#) Facebook page. ***“Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.”*** Proverbs 3:25-26

Information, Intercession, Involvements and Investment

We need to **be interceding**. We need to **be involved** in practical action. We need to **invest** in workable solutions and we need to implement workable strategies for security and survival. ***“A prudent man foresees evil...”*** Proverbs 27:12

Be Prepared

Pray. Publish. Prepare. Protest. We need to stand up, speak out and step out. We need to be armed and alert. Stock up supplies. Have back up plans. Secure your home and farm, church and mission. Prepare for lawlessness, power failures, water mains being cut, know your neighbours, help one another, as there is strength in unity. ***“Watch, stand fast in the Faith, be brave, be strong.”*** 1 Corinthians 16:13

Practical Steps Each One of Us Can Take

We need to speak up on community radio phone-in programmes, write letters and articles for your local community newspapers, contribute to, or set up websites, blogs and social media that will deal with these issues. Organise public meetings and film screenings, such as [Agenda 2](#) and [Bitter Harvest](#). Obtain the [Security and Survival Handbook](#) and implement its practical solutions.

Rescue, Redeem, Restore, Reform and Revive

We need to rescue, redeem, restore, reform and revive. Help build community support structures. Support civic defence, neighbourhood watch organisations. Get networked. Work for decentralisation. Support Independence for the Cape movement. Contact Die Suidlanders. Find groups in your area that you can network with for both information and mutual support.

“...Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses.” Nehemiah 4:14

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