

Right-wing seeks revenge for farm murders

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A right-wing leader says the general consensus of a "nood volksvergadering", or emergency meeting of the nation, on the issue of farm murders and the killing of white people in urban areas, was revenge attacks on black people.

The Mail & Guardian reports that about 100 people gathered for the meeting in Bloemfontein yesterday.

Andre Visagie, leader of Geloftevolk Republikeine (Covenant People Republicans), said people were upset and wanted action.

"They want to prepare for war. They want to set an ultimatum: for every single one of our people who is killed by a black person, 30 black people should be killed, because we are 30 times fewer than they are."

Visagie for a short while led the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging after the death of Eugene Terre'Blanche, and is best known for the "don't touch me on my studio" incident that followed.

He said there were people who were tired of politics and legal avenues and who believed there was no other way to respond but to retaliate.

Visagie said those present at the meeting had come from all over the country and could have presented a more radical grouping, adding that he was worried about the threat of violence that had emanated from the meeting.

Should there be a wave of murders of white people by black people now, there would be corresponding outbreak of violence, he said.

People needed some kind of outlet for their anger and frustration, possibly by organising protest marches.

Visagie said he was worried about people forming small groups and wreaking their own vengeance.

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