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Five suspects nabbed after a spate of robberies

Rustenburg – Five suspects, one female and four males, were arrested and detained on Friday 8 June by members of the Rustenburg cluster crime combatting unit, for the robbery of foreign national-owned shops in Phokeng, Boitekong and Rustenburg. According to captain Elsabe Augoustides, police spokesperson, the suspects aged between 28 and 48, appeared before the Rustenburg Magistrates' Court on Monday 11 June to face charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. Based on intelligence received, the police followed a charcoal Ford Ranger double cab to

the Stoomhuis 2 residential area. The suspects expertly manoeuvred out of sight. Nevertheless, the police relented and continued to search for the suspects. They eventually found the bakkie parked next to one of the corrugated iron structures in the early hours of Friday morning. The police searched the bakkie, occupants and the structure and confiscated three hand guns, an air gun and 83 rounds of ammunition. These five suspects were positively linked to a spate of armed robbery cases in and around Rustenburg, as well as in Virginia, Free State.



A Ford Ranger were searched by police who found three handguns, an air gun and 43 rounds of ammunition.



Rounds of ammunition that police found upon searching the car used by the five suspects.

More than 200 suspects brought to book

Rustenburg – Of the 236 provincial arrests made by police on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 June; 62 arrests emanated from the Rustenburg Cluster. According to colonel Adèle Myburgh, police spokesperson, the statistics show that 100 suspects were held for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm (GBH) and common assault. The other arrests included 14 for common robbery,

nine for rape, 12 for malicious damage to property, seven for contravention of protection order, and 18 for theft. Out of the 236 arrests, 35 were for crimes against women and children. The North West provincial commissioner, lieutenant general Baile Motswenyane commended the detectives for the arrests.

Plaasaanvalle neem toe – AfriForum

Onlangs bewerings dat plaasaanvalle die laagste in 20 jaar is, wys AfriForum se geverifieerde statistiek dat daar oor die afgelope vier jaar 'n toename was.

Slegs in 2018 was daar al amper 200 aanvalle en ons is nog nie in die helfte van die jaar nie. Die huidige moordtendens dui ook aan dat ons meer mense gaan verloor op plase as oor die afgelope drie jaar as elke jaar afsonderlik gemeet word.

“Ons getalle wys duidelik dat daar 'n toename is in plaasaanvalle dwarsdeur die land; om te sê dat dit laag is of selfs die laagste in twee dekades, is 'n wanindruk wat by die publiek geskep word,” sê Ian Cameron, AfriForum se hoof van gemeenskapsveiligheid.

Volgens georganiseerde landbou was daar in 2017 amper 54 meer plaasaanvalle as in 2016. AfriForum, die TLU SA en die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens (SAPD) se gekonsolideerde getalle wys 'n definitiewe toename die afgelope vier jaar. Dit is onwenslik om getalle slegs oor 20 jaar te vergelyk omdat dit verander weens die drastiese tendensverskille wat plaasvind wanneer politieke leierskap, polisiebestuur en algemene misdaadtendense verander.

“Daar moet veral in ag geneem word dat die Suid-Afrikaanse publiek se fokus op plaasaanvalle oor die afgelope paar jaar toegeneem het. Deur op staatsdepartemente druk toe te pas gedurende hierdie tydperk, is die rapporteringsproses van plaasaanvalle deur die SAPD opgeskerp en kan die syfers van die laaste vyf jaar gesien word as 'n akkurate weerspieëling van die tipes misdade,” meen Lorraine Claasen, misdaadanalisis by die AfriForum Navorsingsinstituut (ANI).

Claasen voeg by dat die huidige situasie ten opsigte van gevalle wat gerapporteer word, aandag moet kry aangesien die situasie en konteks in ons land oor die afgelope 20 jaar drasties verander het. “Daar moet eerder bewustelike pogings aangewend word om huidige syfers te gebruik wat tendense kan bepaal ten einde proaktief op te tree en plaasaanvalle sodoende te verminder,” sê sy.

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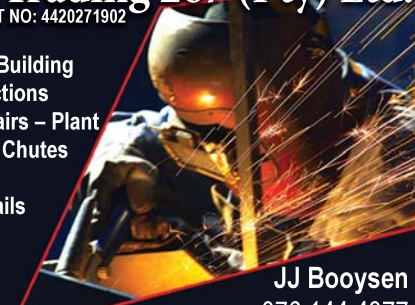
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