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#### MINISTER DIDIZA CONDEMNS THE BRUTAL KILLING OF FARM OWNERS IN THE NORTH OF KZN

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Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development minister, Ms Thoko Didiza (MP), has learnt with shock the news of the brutal killing of a couple in their farm in Newcastle north of KwaZulu-Natal.

According to media reports, unknown attackers allegedly shot and killed the farm owner and his wife last night (30 August 2020).

The minister condemns this barbaric act with the contempt it deserves. She calls upon law enforcement agencies to leave no stone unturned in apprehending and arresting the perpetrators of this senseless act.

“Farmers play a very vital role in the agricultural sector and in agro processing value chain, to ensure sustainable food production and food security for the country and the continent at large,” said Minister Didiza.

The minister calls on all stakeholders involved in the government’s rural safety strategy to double their efforts in ensuring the safety of farmers and farm workers.

She would also like to call on members of the public who might have seen, heard, or have some information regarding this incident, to contact the police with immediate effect.

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