

**FARMERS-MALEMA**  
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**FARMERS TO LAY 351 MALEMA COMPLAINTS**

The DA plans to lay 351 complaints against ANC youth leader Julius Malema with the SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) for singing "shoot the boers".

The names of 351 farmers were gathered by the Democratic Alliance in the North West, and their complaints are expected to be handed over to the SAHRC on Thursday at 11am.

"The people who are working in the agriculture sector and identify with the term 'boere', are not really interested in politics -- so to get such an emotional reaction from them is very irregular," said DA provincial director Leandi Erasmus.

"We were contacted by lots of farmers concerned for their farms and their families... We decided the SAHRC would be the best way to go. The number of complaints just expanded and expanded," said Erasmus.

The DA drafted the complaints and by 2pm on Wednesday, 351 farmers had signed their names to it.

"We are a largely agricultural province... the attacks against farmers are a threat against the well being of our province and of the country," said Erasmus.

The opposition party plans to lay 351 individual complaints, all stating: "Mr Malema stated that 'boere' should be 'shot' as they are 'rapists'. A statement like that of Mr. Malema endangers my personal safety, incites violence against me on the basis of my race and profession.

"Furthermore it states that I am a rapist. I have never in my life been accused of rape, nor found guilty of this offence...If comments like that of Mr. Malema are allowed, I am no longer free to practice my profession of farming as that endangers my personal safety."

The Sowetan newspaper reported that Malema sang "kill the boere, they are rapists" while addressing students at the University of

Johannesburg recently.

The complaints say that Malema's singing of the song -- which happened at least three times in public places in the past weeks --

infringed upon their human rights and incited hatred.

"As said in Chapter 16 of the Bill of Rights... No citizen's right extends to advocacy of hatred that is based on race, ethnicity, gender or religion, and that constitutes incitement to cause harm," the complaints read.

Malema is also facing several cases before the Equality Court for singing the song.

The African National Congress Youth League and AfriForum Youth were involved in an altercation last week when AfriForum tried to hand over to Malema a list of 1600 people killed in farm attacks.

The lists were thrown in the gutter outside the ANC's Luthuli House headquarters in Johannesburg.

The SA Chamber of Commerce and Industry last week said every farm murder in South Africa cost the economy R1.93 million a year.

It based its figure on the annual contribution of the agricultural sector to the country's gross domestic product (GDP).