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De Doorns jobs protest turns into looting

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UNEMPLOYMENT in De Doorns was at the centre of protest action which turned into a looting spree in the Breede Valley town yesterday.

Residents – most of them disgruntled former farmworkers – took to the street, claiming that farmers were hiring for-

eign nationals instead of them.

Early yesterday, protesters attacked two trucks and made off with plasma TVs and liquor. In a video shared widely on social media, looters were seen carrying off at least 12 smart TVs.

Nosey Pieterse, president of the Black Association of the Agriculture Sector, said tensions had been simmering for months. And as the festive season was

now fast approaching, unemployment issues had reached boiling point.

The association represents rural farmworkers across the province.

“People are angry and hungry, and that is a recipe for disaster.

“Things might erupt again like they did in 2012,” Pieterse said.

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