

Minister van Justitie in Zweden treedt op tegen dierenrechten activisten

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Animal Front protesting in front of a fur shop. The group has become the centre of attention from both police and politicians after Swedish reporters have revealed an organisation seeking animal liberation with violent methods.

The Swedish Minister of Justice Morgan Johansson has publicly stated he wants to beef up legislation on trespassing and demonstrations on animal farms, and provide the police with better tools to go after criminal animal rights activities. It happens after investigative journalists from regional newspaper Göteborg-Posten have uncovered how animal farmers have been methodologically harassed by radical animal rights activists over a long period of time.

“We cannot accept harassment of farmers to the extent they consider leaving their business. People must be able to do their work without being exposed to treats, property damage or other criminal acts,” the Minister said in a debate in the Swedish parliament last Friday.

The journalistic investigation revealed at least 200 animal rights related crimes against Swedish farmers including fur farmers the past three years – a number on the rise lately. Amongst the crimes were arson, trespassing and death threats, even aimed at children of animal farmers.

The crimes particularly origins from a group called Animal Front lead by 37-year old animal rights activist Richii Klinsmeister, who has previously been sentenced to prison for vandalism and threats against fur businesses. In extension of the renewed focus on animal rights terror in Sweden Klinsmeister has been charged with issuing death threats.

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