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CDA REACTS TO ZUMA'S E-TV INTERVIEW

"If one has to summarise Jacob Zuma's interview on e-tv after the 98th birthday celebrations of the ANC in Kimberley, two words immediately spring to mind 'un-presidential' and 'inadequate'." Says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and acting Chairman of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

"Coming across as indecisive he employed vagaries and generalisations to answer questions of National importance. Addressing the independence of the NPA, nationalisation and its affects on foreign investment, the poor education results, the creation of employment and of course the pardon for his pal Shabir Shaik, he used his usual platform dance steps to skirt the issues and so avoid direct answers, leaving South African none the wiser as to exactly what his views are on these matters.

"It was once again a matter of blaming the past for ANC failures, pointing to the future for solutions and leaving the present to decay in the corridors of the short memories of the people." Botha said.

"According to Zuma it has taken eight months to reconstruct the new cabinet and that performance will now be required of all. With the local government elections little more than a year away, however, very little seems to have been done at local level and it would appear that the whole process will have to be started all over again. The purpose of an assembly line is not to recycle or redesign, completed products but rather to produce durable quality products.

"Zuma also referred to the severe shortage of skills in the civil service. He, as well as the ANC, have been served with good advice over the past 16 years as to how to handle this. With approximately a million well-qualified South Africans working abroad, it is obvious why they have not been able to address this question adequately.

"Is this the quality of leadership South Africans will have to look forward to in future?" Botha asked.

CDA reageer op Zuma se beloftes

"Dit is eintlik pateties hoe pres. Jacob Zuma, na afloop na die ANC se 98ste verjaarsdagvoeringe in Kimberley, steeds soveel van die toekomstige regruk van sake moet maak en dat sy party min, behalwe swak dienslewering, 'n skrikwekkende misdaadkoers, matriekstandaarde wat by lande soos Zimbabwe afsteek en beloftes van verbetering, kan toon.

"Vandat die ANC aan bewind gekom het, moet alles in die toekoms reggeruk word, terwyl die geskiedenis die toekoms onverbiddelik inhaal en erodeer," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en die waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

Onder Zuma se beloftes tel die skep van vier miljoen poste oor die volgende paar jaar. Hoe dit te versoen is met 'n yslike kabinet wat reeds in die vorm van peperduur vuurwaens en die gevolglike uitvloeï van kapitaal, weet nugter. Normaalweg geld die beginsel van eers presteer, dan beloon. Met die ANC word egter nie gewag om bekwaamheid te bepaal voor die luukses soos vuurwaens, oorsese reise, peperduur hotelverblyf, van munisipale tot nasionale vlak, uitgedeel word nie. "Dit het, volgens Zuma, agt maande geneem om die nuwe regering saam te stel en dat prestasie nou aan die beurt gaan kom. Op munisipale vlak is egter nog bitter min reggeruk, en ons hou in die komende jaar weer verkiesing wanneer die proses van voor af begin word. Die bedoeling van 'n monteerbaan is dat voltooide produkte gelewer word, nie hersirkuleer en net herontwerp word nie. "Pres. Zuma wys op die nypende tekort aan vaardigheid in die staatsdiens. Hy en die ANC word die afgelope 16 jaar van goeie raad bedien oor hoe om die probleem aan te spreek, en ook wat om nie te doen nie. Met ongeveer 'n miljoen kundige Suid-Afrikaners in die buiteland is die grondslag van brouwerk voor die hand liggend."