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**Suspend Nyanda for now – CDA**

“We call on Pres. Jacob Zuma to temporarily suspend Gen. Sipiwe Nyanda from Cabinet until matters related to private business deals have been cleared up satisfactorily,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Theunis Botha, who is also the acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

Botha’s call follows another report in Business Report implicating the Minister in a Transnet gravy train deal apparently gone sour. “Simply too many reports surface about the alleged involvement of the Minister”, says Botha. “The new draft legislation, which will give effective SABC control to the minister and thus Cabinet and the ANC, clearly indicates that there are question marks around the general’s suitability to serve as minister. The alarm bells should have sounded when Nyanda was quick out of the blocks to come to the defense of suspended Siyabonga Gama, Transnet’s Freight boss, after Gama allegedly saw to the R55 million contract awarded in the first place. Despite Gama’s suspension in a lesser position, Nyanda favoured him to become the new Transnet CEO.”

“It is unacceptable that such a controversial minister should be kept intact, especially after he wasted no time in appointing a new SABC CEO who immediately pledged his obedience to the minister, rather than the Board and Parliament as the current legislation require. Freedom of the media can not be under suspicion ahead of the all important country wide municipal elections.”

**Skors Nyanda voorlopig – CDA**

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op pres. Jacob Zuma om genl. Sipiwe Nyanda voorlopig uit die kabinet te skors tot die sake rondom private sake-transaksies bevestigend opgeklaar is,” aldus die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha, wat ook die waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA) is.

Botha se beroep volg op nog ‘n berig in die Business Report wat die minister by ‘n Transnet-soustreintransaksie betrek wat suur geword het. “Daar is doodeenvoudig net te veel berigte wat die minister se beweerde betrokkenheid,” sê Botha. Die nuwe wetsontwerp, wat effektiewe beheer van die SABC aan die minister en die kabinet, en dus die ANC sal besorg, dui duidelik op vragetekens oor die minister se geskiktheid om as minister te dien.”

“Die rooi ligte moes reeds geflits het toe Nyanda so vinnig tot die ondersteuning van die geskorste Transnet-vraghoof, Siyabonga Gama, gekom het na Gama glo toegesien het dat ‘n kontrak van R55 miljoen aan Nyanda se firma toegestaan word. Ten spyte daarvan dat Gama in ‘n laer posisie geskors was, het Nyanda hom steeds beywer dat Gama die nuwe Transnet-grootbaas moes word.”

“Dit is onaanvaarbaar dat so ‘n omstrede minister se posisie onaantasbaar moet wees, veral nadat hy nie gras onder sy voete laat groei het om ‘n nuwe SABC-baas aan te wys nie, en dié hom weer gehaas het om onderdanigheid aan Nyanda te beloop, in plaas van aan die Raad en parlement soos bestaande wetgewing vereis. ‘n Getorring met mediavryheid is onaanvaarbaar, te meer in die aanloop tot die belangrike nasionale plaaslike regeringsverkiesings.”