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Zuma stretches truth in State of the Nation address

“One has not come to expect too much from a State of the Nation Address by Pres. Jacob Zuma. And as usual we were not disappointed. His recent address was a blatant dishonest boasting exercise focussing on some measurable, achievements, whilst ignoring the qualitative aspects as pointed out annually by the Auditor General,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“Zuma acknowledged that he had listed achievements over five, and even twenty years in order to compile his address, and then evaded commitment to future strategies by stating that these would be dealt with after the election by the incoming government. Meanwhile, he expects the electorate to hand the ANC a blank cheque.

“We welcome his condemnation of anarchistic methods employed by protestors, but as usual blamed the violence on Apartheid, and that after twenty years of ANC rule. He further offered no clear commitment to ways in which to handle the protestors.

“To summarise, the speech did not meet with international criteria for a state of the nation address, but rather sounded like a desperate boasting attempt leading up to the election.

“We are not impressed.”

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Zuma Blatant oneerlik in staatsrede

“Ons is al gewoond daarom om nie veel van pres. Jacob Zuma se staatsrede te verwag nie, en daarin het hy ons weer reg bewys. Sy staatsrede was ‘n blatante oneerlike gespoggerij oor sekere kwantitatiewe sogenaamde prestasies, waardeur die kwalitatiewe aspekte soos jaarliks deur die ouditeur-generaal uitgewys word, geïgnoreer is,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Zuma het selfs erken dat hy prestasies oor vyf, en selfs twintig jaar bymekaar gehark het om te noem, en toe ontduik hy ‘n verbintenis tot strategieë deur te sê dit sal deur die inkomende regering na die verkiesing hanteer word. In die proses verwag hy van die kiesers om ‘n blanko tjek aan die ANC te oorhandig.

“Ons verwelkom die kritiek op anargie as metode wat deur betogers ingespan word, maar soos gebruikelik et hy die skuld daarvoor weer op apartheid gepak – na 20 jaar van ANC-regering! Hy het ook nie ‘n genoegsame verbintenis geopenbaar oor metodes om die situasie te hanteer nie.

“Om op te som, die toespraak het nie aan die internasionale kriteria vir ‘n staatsrede voldoen nie, maar het eerder soos ‘n desperate gespoggerij voor ‘n verkiesing geklink.

“Ons is glad nie beïndruk nie.”