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Sabotaging the Fifa World Cup tournament through protest actions not the solution

“The smoke from tyres burning in the streets bears witness to the orchestrated and escalating violent protests taking place all over the country. It would appear that there are portentous and extreme forces at work that are determined to use the 2010 world cup tournament to hold, not only the ANC government, but the entire country to ransom,” says Rev Theunis Botha leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and Acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“These power hungry people have been playing the waiting game for years. It however appears, that they are finally running out of patience and are openly beginning to show their hand. Using the frustrations felt by the masses that have become weary of the empty and unfulfilled promises of the ANC and their total lack of service delivery, these elements are intent on inciting violence and lawlessness in order to create chaos, the very soil in which they purpose to plant their sinister seeds of dissention and discontent.”

“Detecting vulnerability in an impotent government whose head has been wounded and that lacks the will to act decisively, they are beginning to test the boundaries,” says Botha.

“The CDP has consistently warned against unbridled powers given to unions, and has expressed its opposition to the unionisation of essential services such as the armed forces, the police, fire-fighting services and those involved in the medical field. Now is not the time for vacillation. Now is not the time for appeasement. Now is not the time for cheap political games. Now is not the time for a weak government. It is time to be resolute and to confront these serious threats to our democracy and deal with them without fear or favour. It is now time for the South African electorate to decide whether the ANC government is able to rule the country, or whether the plight of the masses is left to deteriorate with the elite embarking on luxurious lifestyles, whilst preparing to again vamp the masses with election promises.”

“The worse the conditions are, the easier it is to promise improvements, and any token project seems like progress. This is a cold blooded approach where the masses are simply exploited as voting cannon fodder. One can no longer say this is the perception of whites trying to cause a stir.”

“Seldom has anyone portrayed such a bleak picture of the current conditions in this country as Barney Mthombothi, editor of the Financial Mail. He writes about: ‘about a young Soweto man who can no longer take his date to the movies or do window shopping in the CBD. Now one is confronted with display windows covered with security barricades, and risks becoming yet another crime statistic. This deterioration has come amidst numerous promises of improvement. Yet, the number of pot holes increase, more and more sewerage end up in water streams, the income gap between the rich and the poor increases while the middle class is fast becoming extinct and unemployment remains widespread. “

“The local government elections next year offer the best opportunity to rid municipal governments of saboteurs of progress, crooks and incompetent cronies. Sabotaging the coming World Soccer Cup tournament through protests, will not improve anything but will only cause more hardship.”

Om die Fifa-wêreldbekertoernooi deur protesaksies te saboteer, los niks op nie - CDP/CDA

“Die rook van brandende motorbande is die bewys van ‘n georkestreerde en eskalerende protes wat nou landswyd ontbrand het. Dit lyk asof radikale magte saamspan om die komende Fifa-toernooi te gebruik om die regering gyselaar te hou om konsessies af te dwing,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Hierdie magte wat jare geduldig gewag het kruip nou uit hul gate en benut die frustrasies van die massas, en buit die jarelange leë beloftes van die regering uit. Die regering tree soos ‘n hulpelose gekwete dier op, en hierdeur toets die radikale magte die grense al hoe meer.”

“Die CDP het dikwels gewaarsku teen die onbeperkte magte waarmee vakbonde toevertrou word, veral in sleuteldienste soos die polisie, gewapende magte en gesondheidsdienste. Nou moet die kiesers besluit of hulle nog langer as stemvee ingespan gaan word terwyl die elite se luukse lewenswyses geen perke ken nie, en die armes se dienste so swak bly dat beloftes vir beterskap tog so al te maklik gemaak kan word. Niemand kan nou meer daarvan beskuldig word dat dit ‘n wit persepsie is nie.”

“Onlangs het mnr. Barney Mthomboti, redakteur van die Financial Mail, skerp onder dié toestande ingevlieg, en verwys na die agteruitgang wat te midde van strome beloftes van beterskap plaasvind. “

“Die munisipale verkiesings aanstaande jaar bied die geleentheid om munisipale regerings van hierdie saboteurs van vooruitgang, skelms en onbevoegde maatjies te reinig. Om die komende sokkertoernooi deur protes te saboteer, sal niks ten goede gebeur nie en swaarkry net toeneem.”