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Good governance and corruption do not mix

“Apparently it is more 'challenging' to be a successful ruling party than an insurgency force,” says Christian Democratic Party leader, Rev. Botha in reaction to the news that a Potchefstroom academic missed the funeral of his mother because he damaged his car in a pothole en route.

“The Free State MEC for roads also admitted that 75 percent of the roads in that province are in a bad state. The reason given is tender corruption.

“It is simply high time that the ANC realises that struggling governance and corruption go hand in hand. No government can dream of being successful and be tolerant, or selectively tolerant to corruption. Competency to do the work is also not negotiable.

“The media is now developing into checklists of what is going awry – be they municipal accounts in chaos, service delivery problems, raw sewerage flowing into rivers, power shortages and many more. To silence the media compares to silencing a heart monitor when a patient suffers a heart attack, rather than addressing the heart attack.

“The longer government proceeds with cadre deployment and selective action against corruption, the larger the gap becomes and the more difficult it is to resolve the situation.”

Goeie regeervermoë en korrupsie onversoenbaar

Dit is skynbaar moeiliker om a suksesvolle regerende party te wees as om ‘n insurgensiemag te wees,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party. Botha het op die nuus gereageer dat ‘n Potchefstroomse akademikus sy ma se begrafnis misgeloop het omdat sy motor onderweg ‘n slaggetref en beskadig is.

“Die Vrystaatse LUR vir paaie het ook erken dat 75 persent van die paaie in daardie provinsie in ‘n haglike toestand is. Die rede wat verskaf word is tenderbedrog.

“Dit is nou eenvoudig hoog tyd dat die ANC besef dat ‘n spartelende regering en korrupsie hand aan hand gaan. Geen regering kan eens droom daarvan om suksesvol te wees én verdraagsaam, of selektief verdraagsaam teenoor korrupsie te staan nie. Bekwaamheid om die werk te doen is nie onderhandelbaar nie.

“Die media lyk of dit nou ontwikkel in kontrolelyste waarin die sake wat verkeerd loop afgemerk word; hetsy of dit munisipale rekenings is wat in chaos verkeer, diensleweringprobleme, rou riool wat in riviere loop, kragtekorte en vele meer. Om die media stil te maak vergelyk daarmee om ‘n hartmonitor se klank af te draai wanneer die die pasiënt ‘n hartaanval kry, in plaas van om die hartaanval aan te spreek.

“Hoe langer die regering met kaderontplooiing volhard and selektief teen korrupsie optree, hoe groter word die agterstande wat ingehaal moet word.”