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**CDP asks: "Isn't this Exploitation?"**

"The 55c per litre increase in the price of petrol, the huge increase in the electricity bill and the expected Municipality tariff increases, are painting a very bleak picture for South Africa", says Theunis Botha Party, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and interim chairman of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

"Add to this the cut in interest rate, and it is obvious that pensioners are going to suffer most. It is a shame that the elderly have become the latest victims of the ANC's incompetence and greed."

"This government has become an unaffordable monster with an insatiable appetite that is now devouring even the life-savings of the vulnerable amongst us," says Botha.

"This can no longer be accepted with passive submission. Somewhere along the line and soon, the 37% of South African tax payers, who carry the entire nation and pay the exorbitant salaries and bonuses of ANC politicians and parastatal cronies are going to have to say 'thus far and no further'. Ignorance can be the only explanation for the suicide course the country has been placed on. The fuse has been set, the clock is ticking and the implosion of South African's economy is imminent and no Football World Cup tournament is going to avert the inevitable."

**CDP vra: "Is dit nie uitbuiting nie?"**

Die verhoging van 55 sent per liter vir petrol, die groot verhogings in die elektrisiteitsrekening en die verwagte munisipale tariewe, skets 'n baie bleek prentjie vir Suid-Afrika" sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en tussentydse voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

"Voeg hierby dat die rentekoers verlaag is, en dit raak voor die hand liggend dat pensioentrekkers die swaarste getref gaan word. Dit is 'n skande dat die bejaardes nou die jongste slagoffers van die ANC onbevoegdheid en gulsigheid word. "

"Hierdie regering het 'n onbekostigbare monster geword, met 'n grenslose apyt wat nou die lewenslange spaargeld van die mees kwesbares onder ons opslurp," sê Botha. Dit kan nie meer net met passiewe onderdanigheid aanvaar word nie. Binnekort sal die 37% Suid-Afrikaanse belastingbetalers wat die hele nasie en die hoë salarisse en bonusse van ANC politici semi-staatsinstellings dra, die voet dwars moet neersit en sê: 'Tot so ver, maar nie 'n tree verder nie.'"

"Oningeligtheid is die enigste moontlike verduideliking vir die selfmoordkoers waarop die land op geplaas is. Die lont is gestel, en die horlosie tik, en die inploffing van Suid-Afrika se ekonomie is dreigend naby en geen Wêreldsokkertoenooi gaan die onafwendbare voorkom nie."