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Samestelling van 'n piesangrepubliek? - CDA
Pres. Jacob Zuma se vergrote Kabinet is maar ongeveer 'n jaar in die stoel, maar in plaas van meer vertroue in te boesem neem ontsteltenis oor uitsprake en optredes net toe:

- 'n Minister in die presidensie wat die stryd teen korrupsie moet lei word self betrap vir die misbruik van 'n amptelike kredietkaart. (Collins Chabne)
- Die minister verantwoordelik vir plaaslike regering se eie munisipale rekening was tienduisende rande in die rooi. (Sicelo Shiceka)
- Die minister wat vir grondsake verantwoordelik is sê in 'n TV-onderhoud hy self steun nasionalisering, nadat hy dit kort tevore nog ontken het. (Gugile Nkwinti).

Voeg hierby verskeie ministers wat skynbaar in onvermoë is om parlementêre navrae te beantwoord, en dit is duidelik dat die huidige kabinet op 'n rekord-druipsyfer afstuur. Die Kabinet word boonop gelei deur 'n president wat, onder die dekmantel van 'n etiek-debat – etiek so wil herdefinieer dat belangebotsings en ander aspekte wat deur die grondwet verbied word, gewettig word.

Persvryheid en die media se waghondfunksie beteken min as die regering nie ag slaan op die goggas wat oopgekrap word nie, maar as sake wél te warm word, word die media verkwalik.

Dit is boonop onduidelik of die land vanuit die Uniegebou of Lethulihuis geregeer word, en dit lyk of ANC-ampsdraers net so lekker op staatskoste in poste ontplooi word sodat die ANC self nie hul salarisse hoef te betaal nie. So is die ANC-sekretaris op die Vrystaatse Goudveld as kommunikasiebeampte van Lejweleputswa Distriksmunisipaliteit aangestel, maar het 14 maande lank nie vir werk opgedaag nie, en nogtans R32 000 salaris elke maand ontvang.

Compilation of a banana republic? - CDA
Pres. Jacob Zuma's enlarged Cabinet has been in the chair for approximately a year now, but rather than gaining in the public's confidence, more and more alarms are ringing as a result of irresponsible statements or actions:

- A minister in the Presidency is tasked to lead the battle against corruption, but is found to have misused his official credit card. (Collins Chabne)
- The Minister responsible for municipal government was found to be in the red with tens of thousands of Rands with his own municipal bill. (Sicelo Shiceka)
- The minister responsible for land affairs states in a TV interview that he himself is in favour of nationalisation, after denying this shortly before. (Gugile Nkwinti).

Add to this that several ministers are apparently unable to properly respond to parliamentary questions and it is clear that the Cabinet is heading for a record failure point. The Cabinet is lead by a president who, under the pretext of a debate on ethics, wants to redefine ethics in such a way that conflicts of interests and other aspects banned by the Constitution, are legalised.

Freedom of the press and the media's watch dog functions mean very little when government ignores the bugs uncovered, or when the matter becomes too heated, threatens the media.

It is also not clear whether the country is ruled from the Union Buildings or Lethuli House, and it seems as though ANC officials are deployed in government positions merely to ensure that tax payers, and not the ANC, pay the salaries. It recently came to light that the ANC's secretary on the Free State Gold Fields was appointed communication's officer of the Lejweleputswa District Municipality. Despite not pitching for work for 14 months, he received a salary of R32 000 monthly!