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**CDP verwelkom die stilswe wat Malema opgelê is**

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het die stilswe oor die sing van die liedjie, Skiet die Boere, wat pres. Jacob Zuma en die ANC die organisasie se jeugleier, Julius Malema opgelê het, verwelkom. “Ek wens ‘n mens kon sê ‘liewer laat as nooit,’ maar dit is dalk nou ‘n geval van reeds te laat,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“As Zuma iets wys geword het is dit dat sy adviseurs wat hom tot by hierdie punt gebring het, dringend en in landsbelang die trekpas moet kry. Sonder pakkette. Dat die land se mense gister, meer as 350 jaar na Van Riebeeck se aankoms in die Kaap, nog met doringdraad uitmekaar gehou moes word om die vrede te bewaar, is ‘n skandvlek op diegene wat die land se heterogeniteit en polarisasie moes bestuur.”

“So gefokus was die land en die wêreld op die gebeurde in Ventersdorp, dat die voorval in Mpumalanga waar ‘n betoger teen swak munisipale dienslewering deur die polisie doodgeskiet is, feitlik ongesiens verbygegaan het.”

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op Malema en die land se leiers om verantwoordelik op te tree en dat hul uitsprake nie verdere konflik sal aanblaas nie.”

**CDP welcomes Malema’s silencing**

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) welcomed the steps taken by Pres. Jacob Zuma and the ANC to prevent the ANC’s youth leader, Julius Malema from singing the song ‘kill the boer’. “I wish one could say: ‘Rather late than never,’ but I am afraid the delay may have made it too late already,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“If Zuma has learned one lesson, it should be that his advisors who have guided him on these matters need to be sacked immediately, and without golden handshakes. It is a crying shame that the police, yesterday, more than 350 years after Jan van Riebeeck set foot in the Cape, had to separate racial groups in Ventersdorp with rolls of barbed wire to ensure peace. This reflects poorly on those who are entrusted with managing polarisation in a heterogeneous population. ‘

“The eyes of the country and the world were so focussed on Ventersdorp that an incident in Mupumalanga, where a man protesting against poor service delivery was shot dead by the police, was hardly noticed.”

“We call on Malema and the leaders of the country to act responsibly by ensuring that their statements do not kindle the flames of conflict.”