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CDP reacts to McBride's constitutional fallout

The CDP is of the opinion that the landmark decision of the Constitutional Court today on the McBride-affair is an important decision in the sense:

- that it does not exonerate blame on atrocities committed by political revolutionaries on innocent citizens of this country, and;
- that it puts a moral obligation on the media to portray incidents, events and even the actions of revolutionaries in a proper and objective perspective.

According to the CDP's constitutional spokesperson, Dr. Christo Landman, McBride was afforded political immunity on atrocities committed, but his record will always reflect what under normal circumstances would be regarded as serious crimes.

"While the CDP supports freedom of the media to report factually and objectively, the CDP nevertheless feels that the media is often involved in propaganda rather than objective reporting."

CDP reageer op MvBride se grondwetlike teenspoed

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) meen die belangwekkende uitspraak van die Grondwetlike Hof oor die McBride-aangeleentheid is belangrik in die sin van:

- dat dit nie die wandade deur wat politieke revolusionêre teen onskuldige burgers van die land gepleeg is in die niet laat verdwyn nie;
- dat dit 'n morele verpligting op die media plaas om voorvalle, gebeurtenisse en selfs die aksies van revolusionêre in 'n behoorlike en objektiewe perspektief moet plaas.

Dr. Christo Landman, Grondwetwoordvoerder van die CDP, sê volgens die CDP het McBride politieke immunititeit vir wandade gekry, maar sy rekord sal altyd aantoon dat hy dade gepleeg het wat onder normale omstandighede as ernstige misdade beskou sou wees.

"Die CDP ondersteun persvryheid om feitelik en objektief te rapporteer, maar meen tog dat die media dikwels in propaganda eerder as objektiewe verslaggewing verstrengel raak.