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Motief vir klag teen SABC bevraagteken

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het die motief vir klag wat die ANC teen die SABC oor die uitsending van beeldmateriaal oor die onluste by Ficksburg bevraagteken.

“Dit lyk as of die ANC ongelukkig is omdat die SABC skei gebreek het en onafhanklik verslag gedoen het oor iets wat vir die ANC ‘n yslike verleentheid is, as dat die gemeenskap gedien word,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Die SABC het immers voor die vertoon van die beeldmateriaal gewaarsku dat die uitsending daarvan sensitiewe kykers mag ontstel. Boonop was dit kinderspeletjies teen die soort geweld wat baie dikwels op kinderprogramme te siene is, en waaroor die ANC nou nie ‘n woord rep nie.

“Ons vra dat die SABC as openbare uitsaaier die belang van demokrasie dien, en nie onder druk swig om ‘n verlengstuk van die ANC se verkiesingspropaganda word nie. Ons steun oproepe dat die voorval wat tot die dood van ‘n betoger gelei het, behoorlik ondersoek word.”

Motive for complaint against SABC questioned

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) questioned the motive for the complaint laid by the ANC against the SABC after the broadcasting of material covering the unrest at Ficksburg.

“It appears that the ANC is unhappy because the SABC gave independent coverage of something which is of major embarresment to the party, rather than attempting to serve the interest of the people,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP.

“The SABC, in all fairness, warned sensitive viewers that they might be upset by the contents of the programme. The material contained nothing in comparison with the levels of violence in children’s programs, on which the ANC is silent.

“We urge the SABC not to succumb to pressure from the ANC and become a party lap dog, but to continued to serve multi party democracy with objective coverage. We support the call for the incident in which a protester was killed, to be investigated.”