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CDP comments on black April
The Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) Rev Theunis Botha said that the people of South Africa are groaning under the weight of a tax burden which is becoming progressively more unbearable. "One of the most frustrating things confronting us in the country is that there is so much corruption, excessive bonuses for non-performance, bribery, maladministration and incompetence, that one automatically suspects wrong doing even in the most noble projects proposed by the government and its agents.

"E-Tag tolls, exorbitant increases in electricity tariffs and the price of petrol, proposed massive increases in water tariffs and continual increases in food prices have all led to April 2012 fast becoming known as 'black April'.

"The CDP wants to know how long the government thinks it can the milk middle class before it completely dries up and collapses. The fact that the government tries to ensure the poor that they will not be affected is absolute nonsense. It is in fact the poorest of the poor who are seeking to eke out an existence by being employed by and having their wares purchased and their government subsides financed by the middle class, that are going to suffer the most.

"The CDP appeals to the government, on behalf of the middle class, to get its act in order and to show some integrity, if it is at all capable of doing so, in the handling of its responsibilities."

CDP reageer op swart April
Die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha, sê dat die mense van Suid-Afrika swaar gebuk gaan onder 'n belastinglas wat net al hoe swaarder druk. "Een van die mees hinderlike aspekte wat ons in Suid-Afrika beleef is dat daar soveel korrupsie, buitensporige bonusse vir wanprestasie, omkopery, wanadministrasie en onbevoegdheid is dat 'n mens outomaties 'n lont ruik selfs wanneer die regering en sy agente die mees edele projekte voorstel.

"E-tol, die buitensporige verhogings in elktrisiteitstariewe en die petrolprys, reuse voorgestelde verhogings in die waterprys en die immer stygende kospryse dra alles daartoe by dat April vanjaar vinnig besig is om as swart April bekend te word.

"Die CDP wil graag weet hoe lank die regering nog dink die middelklas kan drooggemelk word voor dit heeltemal inmekaar tuimel? Die versekerings aan die armes dat hulle nie geraak gaan word nie is wolhaarstories. Dit is duidelik dat die armstes van die armes wat 'n potjie probeer krap deur in diens geneem te word, of op staatstoelaes staatmaak wat deur die middelklas befonds word, diegene is wat die swaarste getref gaan word.

"Die CDP doen 'n beroep op die regering om ter wille van die middelklas sy sake agtermekaar te kry en integriteit aan die dag te lê en sy verpligtinge na te kom – indien dit hoegenaamd daartoe in staat is."