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Freedom Day abused – CDP

"The passing of the secrecy bill through parliament two days before Freedom Day, is merely the tip of the iceberg of Luthuli House's onslaught against the constitution and freedom," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

"The recent Con Court judgement on the expropriation of mineral rights, without compensation, has drawn wide spread criticism and reaffirms a flaw in the constitution, which makes it possible for the president to make political appointments to this court.

"The signs that the Con Court is becoming the political enemy of the constitution rather than protecting it, is a matter of grave concern.

"South Africans are learning the hard lesson that Kwame Nkrumah once had to learn, which is that political freedom does not automatically bring wealth and prosperity – especially in a cleptocracy – and if freedom is not properly nurtured, it disappears long before socio-economic freedoms are achieved.

"We encourage those celebrating Freedom Day with the releasing of balloons, to remember to tie a black ribbon to the string and by so doing mourn Luthuli House's attempts to pull off a constitutional coup."

Vryheidsdag verkwansel – CDP

"Die aanvaarding van die snoerwet deur die parlement slegs twee dae voor Vryheidsdag gevier word, is bloot die oortjies van die seekoei van Luthuli-huis se aanslag teen die grondwet en vryheid," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP)

"Die onlangse uitspraak van die Grondwetlike hof oor die onteiening van mineraleregte sonder kompensasie, het wye kritiek ontlok en bevestig 'n leemte in die grondwet wat dit vir die president moontlik maak om politieke aanstellings in die grondwetlik hof te maak.

"Tekens dat die grondwetlike hof die politieke vyand van die grondwet, eerder as die beskermer daasrvan word, is baie verontrustend.

"Suid-A frikaners leer die harde les wat Kwame Nkrumah eens geleer het dat politieke vryheid nie vanselfsprekend welvaart en vooruitgang bring nie – nie in 'n kleptokrasie nie – en dat as vryheid nie gekoester word nie, dit verdwyn voor die sosio-ekonomiese vryhede volg.

"Ons moedig diegene wat vryheidsdag met die opstuur van ballonne vier, om 'n swart strikkie aan die toutjies te bind om te rou oor Luthuli-huis se pogings om 'n grondwetlike staatsgreep uit te voer."