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Name changes: Transformation more important than reconciliation and the constitution?

“The remark by Arts and culture minister Paul Mashatile that name changes play a critical role in the ANC’s transformation agenda, flies in the face of the preamble of the constitution stating that we believe that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, united in our diversity.” So says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) reacting to the minister’s remark at a business breakfast.

“Should we now accept that the ANC has torn up the peace accord, and that a dictatorship of the majority is being introduced under the pretext of transformation?”

“According to recent media reports the ANC is concerned about why it is receiving so little support from minorities. The answer is simple Minorities are made the victims of neo apartheid this cannot be sugar coated with words such as transformation or on- going revolution, or by disfiguring the meaning of democracy. It still boils down to naked racism.”

Naamsveranderinge: Transformasie belangriker as versoening en grondwet?

“Die opmerking van die minister van kuns en kultuur, Paul Mashatile, tydens ‘n sake-ontbyt. dat naamsveranderinge ‘n kritieke rol in die ANC se transformasie-agenda speel, druis lynreg in teen die ideaal in die aanhef van die grondwet dat die land aan almal wat daarin woon, behoort, verenig in hul verskeidenheid.” So reageer die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha.

“Moet ons nou bloot aanvaar dat die ANC hom aan die nasionale vredesakkoord onttrek het, en ‘n meerderheidsdiktatuur onder die vaandel van transformasie invoer?”

“Volgens mediaberigte is die ANC baie bekommerd oor hoekom dit so min steun van minderheidsgroepe kry. Die antwoord is eenvoudig: Minderhede word die slagoffer gemaak van neo-apartheid, en geen plaasvervangende woorde soos transformasie of voortgesette rewolusie, of die verminking van die begrip demokrasie, gaan dié rassisme verdoesel nie.”