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**CDP ontsteld oor optoggeweld**

“Ons is baie teleurgesteld, maar nie verbaas nie, oor die geweld wat tussen die DA en Cosatu tydens vandag se DA-optog na Cosatu-huis plaasgevind het.”

So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Ons wil nie ‘n vinger wys na provokasie nie, maar ons is baie bekommerd dat rasgebaseerde instansies in die ANC-dampkring blykbaar niks ontsien nie om daardie magsbasis te behou.

“Dit verskans rasgebaseerde politiek waar rasgebaseerde meerderheidsoorheersing effektief verskans word, en kiesers die geleentheid misgun word om vir hul beginsels te stem.

“Ons is duidelik nog ligjare verwyder van genormaliseerde politiek, en die kiesers van hierdie land verdien veel beter as die korrupte en Mafia-agtige elite wat die kiesers as vloerlappe inspan.”

**CDP upset by violence at protest march**

“We are extremely disappointed, but not surprised, at the violence that erupted between the DA and Cosatu during the DA’s march on Cosatu House.”

So says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“We do not wish to pick sides on who cast the first cucumber or stone, but we are extremely concerned that race based groupings aligned with the ANC will apparently stop at nothing to entrench that power base. That entrenches race based politics where race based majority supremacy is effectively entrenched, and voters are effectively stripped of their right to vote for their own principles.

“We are apparently light years removed from normalised politics, and the people of this country deserve much better than a corrupt and mob orientated elite using voters as political tools.”