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Power station unrest

“While especially the middle-class, is reeling under increases for electricity, it has been reported that striking workers have caused extensive damage to two Eskom Power Stations,” says the Christian Democratic Party Leader Rev Theunis Botha.

“Apparently strikers returning to work at the Kusile power station in Mpumalanga went on a rampage when they were told that the system ‘no work, no pay’ would apply. Damage amounting to R60m was evidently caused, when the offices of two construction firms were burned down and a giant mobile crane and many vehicles were damaged. Chaos also broke out at the Metupi power station in Ellisras, that is still under construction, when 15,000 workers in support of strikers at the Kusile power station, turned to violence causing extensive damaged.”

With their continual strikes for above inflation rate salary increases the economy is placed under enormous pressure and someone has to foot the bill. The CDP is still convinced that unions should be held responsible for damage caused by members.”

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“Terwyl veral die middelklas noustrop trek onder die verhoogde elektrisiteitstarie, is berig dat stakende werkers grootskaalse skade by twee Eskom-kragentrales aangerig het,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha’ leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Blykbaar het werkers by die Kusile-kragstasie in Mpumalanga, toe hulle terugkeer werk toe, op ‘n orgie van vandalisme gegaan toe hulle meegedeel is dat die beginsel van ‘geen werk, geen betaling’ sal geld. Skade van sowat R60 miljoen is glo aangerig toe die kantore van twee konstruksie-maatskappye afgebrand is en ‘n reuse hyskraan en baie ander voertuie beskadig is. Chaos het ook by die Metupi-kragstasie uitgebreek toe sowat 15 000 werkers uit simpatie met die stakers by Kusile gewelddadig geraak het, en omvattende skade aangerig het.”

“Met hul voortdurende stakings vir lone bo die inflasiekoers word die ekonomie onder uiterste druk geplaas, en iemand byt die spit af. Die CDP hou by sy standpunt dat vakbonde moet pa staan vir die skade wat hul lede aanrig.”