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CDP condemns untimely union strike actions
"Uncontrolled strikes and demonstrations are becoming an every day occurrence in South Africa. Unions which have previously promised not to, are now using the World Cup to demand outlandish wage increases of more than twice the current inflation rate." Says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party, and Deputy Chairman of the Christian Democratic Alliance.

"These people seem intent on damaging the international image of the country and destroying its already fragile economy. The fact that COSATU is part of the Tripartite Alliance has meant that the ANC has for years made concessions to them which is now biting them in the heel. It would appear that it is far-left Communist inspired unions, that are now putting the World Cup in jeopardy and not some fabricated far-right plot.

"It is obvious that those who head-up these unions do not have the interests of South Africa at heart, but rather seem intent on destabilising the country and creating chaos.

"An ANC government that has shown itself weak and incapable of dealing with any major crisis without making unrealistic concessions, is going to find it increasingly more difficult to control the unruly actions of these people.

"Democracy does not afford unchecked rights to irresponsible reactionaries but calls for all rights to be exercised responsibly and in the interest of all citizens of the country."
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CDP veroordeel ontydige vakbondstakings
"Onbeheerde stakings en betogings word 'n alledaagse verskynsel in Suid-Afrika. Vakbonde wat voorheen beloof het om die komende Wêreldbekertoernooi as hefboom vir buitensporige verhogings te gebruik nie, doen dit nou wel. Van die eise beloop meer dubbel die huidige inflasiekoers." So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

"Hierdie mense skep die indruk dat hulle vasbeslote is om die land se beeld te skaad en die die reeds brose ekonomie te verongeluk. Die feit dat COSATU deel van die regerende alliansie is, het beteken die ANC het jare lank konsessies gedoen wat hom nou aan die hakskene byt. Dit lyk of dit eerder die linkse, kommunisties-geïnspireerde vakbonde, eerder as 'n gefabriseerde ver-regse komplot, 'n bedreiging vir die Wêreldbekertoernooi inhou.

"Dit is duidelik dat hulle wat hierdie vakbonde rig, nie die belange van die land op die hart dra nie, meer eerder daarop gerig is om die land te destabiliseer en chaos te veroorsaak.

"Die ANC, wat homself as onbekwaam bewys het om enige beduidende krisis die hoof te bied sonder om surrealistiese konsessies te maak, gaan dit toenemend moeilik vind om hierdie belhamels te beheer.

"Demokrasie beteken nie onbeperkte regte aan onverantwoordelike reaksionêre nie, maar dat regte verantwoordelik en in die belang van al die burgers van die land uitgeoefen sal word.