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Western Cape not up for forceful grabs - CDP

“Although the CDP does not agree with the DA on many policy matters, notably those on abortion and same-sex ‘marriages’, we nevertheless condemn the violence in the Western Cape in the strongest terms. We see this as a direct attack on our democracy” So says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party and Acting Chairman of the Christian Democratic Alliance.

“These attacks appear to have come about as the direct result of threats by some in the ANC that they would render the Western Cape, under the DA, ungovernable. The ANC has a history of using coercion and intimidation in order to advance their political ambitions. The feeble condemnations by the ANC Provincial leaders of the Youth League’s undemocratic actions, does not convince anyone. Claiming to be a democratic movement and then after sixteen years in government to once again revert to ‘liberation’ tactics, is a clear indication that the ANC has not yet come to terms with the South African constitution and with civilised norms and standards,” says Botha.

“The CDP insists that the ANC and the government in particular, address this serious breach in the proper procedures pertaining to the settling of disputes and, should it still have any control over its Youth League, call the perpetrators to book. It is time that the ANC accepts the outcome of elections that they themselves have called ‘free and fair.’”

Wes-Kaap kan nie met geweld vir ANC opgeëis word nie - CDP

“Hoewel die CDP in baie opsigte nie met die DA se beleid saamstem nie, soos die kwessies rondom aborsie en ‘huwelike’ van dieselfde geslag, veroordeel die party nietemin die geweldpleging in die Wes-Kaap ten sterkste. Ons beskou dit as ‘n regstreekse aanslag teen die demokrasie.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Hierdie aanvalle is skynbaar die regstreekse gevolg van sommige ANC-heethoofde se dreigemente om die Wes-Kaap onder die DA, onregeerbaar te maak. Die ANC het ‘n geskiedenis om afdreiging en intimidasie in te span om hul politieke ambisies te laat realiseer. Die veroordelings deur die ANC se provinsiale leiers van die jeugliga se ondemokratiese optredes was maar effentjies, en draai niemand ‘n rat voor die oë nie. Om aanspraak te maak daarop dat die organisasie ‘n demokratiese organisasie is, en dan na sestien jaar in die stoel “bevrydingstaktiek” in te span, bewys dat die ANC nog nie in pas met die Suid-Afrikaanse grondwet kon inval nie, en beskaafde norme en standaarde nie omarm nie,” sê Botha.

“Die CDP dring daarop aan dat die ANC, en in besonder die regering, die ernstige saak aanspreek waar behoorlike grieweprosedures nie ingespan word nie. As die ANC nog beheer oor die jeugliga het, moet dit die oortreders aan die pen laat ry. Dit is tyd dat die ANC die uitslag van die verkiesing, wat dit self as vry en regverdig verklaar het, aanvaar.”