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“It appears that the ANC will lay claim to anything and everything when it comes to trying to portray themselves as the only party that has the right to exist in South Africa,” says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“Ngoako Ramatlhodi, the ANC’s national head of elections, while addressing a rally in Polokwane on Sunday, claimed that Nelson Mandela only belonged to the ANC and that the ANC was so popular that “Even the fish, I am told when the time comes, they vote for the ANC from the sea. If animals at Kruger National were allowed to vote, they would be voting the ANC,”

“Ramatlhodi, who appears unaware of the constitutional requirement for a multi-party democracy in South Africa lashed out at opposition parties likening them to “a three-headed serpent”. If this is going to be the tone set by the ANC for the upcoming national elections then our democracy can only be seen as going backwards instead of forward.

“Of course this can be expected from a party in government which has failed dismally and has brought the country to a position where there is no peace, and our inhabitants are afraid, whether in their homes or on the streets, as violence is everywhere and corruption is rife.”

**ANC stel ontstellende toon vir opkomende verkiesing - CDP**

'Dit blyk dat die ANC aanspraak sal maak op alles en nog wat wanneer dit kom om hulself uit te beeld as die enigste party wat die reg het om in Suid-Afrika te bestaan,” sê ds Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

'Ngoako Ramatlhodi, die ANC se nasionale hoof van verkiesings, terwyl hy 'n saamtrek in Polokwane op Sondag toegespreek het, het beweer dat Nelson Mandela net aan die ANC behoort en dat die ANC so gewild is, dat 'selfs die visse in die see, hul stem aan die ANC sal gee en sou die diere by Krugerwildtuin toegelaat word om te stem, sou hulle ook vir die ANC stem,'

'Ramatlhodi, wat skynbaar onbewus is van die grondwetlike vereiste vir 'n veelparty-demokrasie in Suid-Afrika het te velde getrek teen opposisiepartye en hulle beskryf as 'n 'drie-koppige slang.' As dit die toon is wat deur die ANC gestel gaan word vir die opkomende nasionale verkiesings, dan kan ons die demokrasie net sien as agteruit gaan in plaas van vorentoe.

'Natuurlik is dit wat 'n mens kan verwag van 'n regerende party wat hopeloos misluk het en die land tot 'n posisie gebring het waar daar geen vrede is nie, en waar ons inwoners bang is, hetsy in hul huise of op die strate, met geweld en korrupsie 'n algemene verskynsel. “