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Zuma reshuffles cabinet but same old deck of cards

“One would think that a cabinet reshuffle would create the ideal opportunity for the President to send out a strong message against incompetence and corruption by getting rid of those ministers that are making a mess of their portfolios and abusing their powers, and not retain them or merely move them to a different portfolio.” Says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP)

“A reshuffle creates the opportunity for a President looking to promote good governance. But by retaining Tina Joemat-Peterson, Minister of Agriculture, Angie Motshega, Minister of Basic Education, Susan Shabangu, Minister of Mineral Resources and Nathi Mthethwa Minister of Police, clearly shows that this is not what motivated the changes brought about by Zuma.

“Although one can understand that Tokyo Sexwale was removed because of the challenge he posed to Zuma’s leadership, the question is, why then is Motlanthe retained? Is this because Zuma sees Cyril Ramaphosa as a threat?

“To counter developments in the Western Cape, such as the BBB, the brown contingent in the cabinet under the Deputy Ministers’ portfolio has been increased.

“On the whole it would appear that Zuma used the reshuffle to strengthen his political position, especially with the eye on next year’s general election.