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SA moenie Zim-verkiesing vry en regverdig verklaar - CDP

“Die CDP doen ‘n beroep op die Suid-Afrikaanse regering om bietjie ongewone integriteit aan die dag te lê en die verkiesing ongeloofwaardig en onwettig te verklaar.

“Robert Mugabe het reeds voor die verkiesing in Zimbabwe gesê dat sou hy die verkiesing verloor, hy sal aftree. Dit moes reeds ‘n duidelike aanduiding gewees het dat sake in sy guns gelaai sou wees, veral een die agtergrond van wat na die bekendmaking van uitslae in 2002 en 2008 gebeur het,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Die leier van die MDC, Morgan Tsangirai, het die verkiesing as ‘n groot klug beskryf, en gesê dit voldoen nie aan die internasionale standaarde van ‘n geloofwaardige, wettige, vry en regverdige verkiesing nie. Hy het uitgewys dat meer as ‘n miljoen kiesers nie kon stem nie, hetsy omdat hul name nie op die kieserslyste was nie of omdat hulle by die stembusse weggewys is. Al hierdie en ander ongerymdhede het bygedra tot Mugabe se ‘reuse’ oorwinning.

“Geen westerse land is toegelaat om as waarnemers op te tree nie, en die lande wat wél deur Mugabe toegelaat is, weet dikwels nie wat die woorde vry en regverdige verkiesings beteken nie.

“Die feit dat die AU en die SAOG min fout met die verkiesing kan vind deur ‘n blinde oog op die ongerymdhede te werp, werp ‘n skadu oor die persepsie van hoe Afrika demokrasie beskou.

“Die CDP spreek sy empatie met die mense van Zimbabwe uit wat maar weer met korrupsie, geweld en swak regering opgesaal moet sit.”

SA should not recognise the Zim elections as free and fair – CDP

“The CDP calls on the South African Government, to display some unusual integrity by actually calling the Zimbabwe elections incredulous and illegitimate.

“Before the Zimbabwe elections, Robert Mugabe stated, that should he lose the elections he would step down. This in itself should have been a clear indicator that things would be heavily stacked in his favour, especially taking into account what happened after the results of the 2002 and 2008 elections,” said Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“The Leader of the MDC, Morgan Tsvangirai, called the elections a huge farce, stating that they could not be recognized as meeting international standards for credible, legitimate, free and fair elections. He pointed out that over a million voters had been disenfranchised either by not being allowed to register, or being turned away from the voting station. All this and many other irregularities have contributed to Robert Mugabe’s Zanu- PF receiving a ‘land-slide victory’.

“To think that no western nations were allowed to send observers to Zimbabwe and that those nations that were actually authorised as observers, by Robert Mugabe’s Zanu PF Regime, are amongst those who would not know what a free and fair election is.

“The fact that the AU and SADEC could find little wrong with the elections is an indication of how Africa’s understanding of democracy is seriously flawed.

“The CDP would like to express empathy with the people of Zimbabwe for having to, yet again, put up with corruption, violence and misrule.”