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**Kyk wyer as DA vra CDP**

“Die jongste reeks tussenverkiesings in Tlokwe toon wel dat kleiner partye noustrop trek, maar ook dat die DA nie as die klinkklare oplossing vir die ANC se alles-oorheersende regime beskou kan word nie,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Ten spyte van die hemelhoë verwagtinge wat opgeblaas is oor die ANC se interne geskil in Noordwes, kon die DA nie werklik hond-haar af maak nie, en het onafhanklike kandidate eerder goed vertoon, en in Mafikeng selfs die pyp teen die ANC gerook.

“Die uitslae toon ook dat daar besef moet word dat die proses waarmee die CDP besig is - dat partye met ‘n Christelike begroning, dringend sal moet besin oor die beste manier om kragte te snoer om te voorkom dat die land as de facto-eenpartyland vasbrand, met ‘n titseltjie van ‘n tweeparty-bedeling, beide aan die linkerkant van die politieke spektrum, terwyl die konserwatiewer stemme skaars gehoor word.”

**By-elections point to DA not being solution – CDP**

“Although the latest by-election results in Tlokwe indicate that smaller parties did not make much headway, it also shows that the DA is not a clear cut solution to ending the ANC regime’s dominance,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“Despite expectations that the ANC’s internal woes in Northwest could benefit the DA, they did not actually pose any threat. Results show that independent candidates did well, and in Mafikeng, an independent candidate actually took the ANC to the cleaners.

“The results, however, indicate that the process the CDP is currently driving – that Parties with a Christian ethos, should seriously consider the best options and join forces to prevent the country being stuck with a de facto one-party dispensation, with a small second party component, where both are left of centre on the political spectrum, whilst the more conservative voice is barely heard.