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Government must learn from British riots

“We urge our government to carefully consider the riots presently taking place in Britain and especially the causes, thus preventing something similar from happening in South Africa.” says Christian Democratic Party leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“So far the majority of factors identified in the British turmoil are also present in South Africa – undisciplined children with no regard for authority, alienation of minorities, heated inter racial exchanges, poverty and boredom as a result of unemployment. Even the gang subculture is present in certain South African communities.

“Rather than addressing these issues, government often pours fuel on the fire, with nepotism and racially slanted employment policies, leading to a collapse of basic service delivery and large scale corruption. They further are extremely slack in dealing with people like Julius Malema, especially when they attack minority groups.

“Things presently experienced in the country are as a result of the absence of an environment conducive to sound moral and family values which form an integral part of the CDP’s policies.”

Regering moet leer by Britse onluste

“Ons moedig die regering aan om behoorlik kennis te neem van die onluste in Brittanje en veral die oorsake daarvan, om soortgelyke voorvalle in Suid-Afrika te voorkom,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Tot dusver is bloedweinig van die faktore wat in Brittanje geïdentifiseer is, nie ook reeds in Suid-Afrika aangetref nie – faktore soos ongedissiplineerde kinders sonder respek vir gesag, die vervreemding van minderhede, bitsige interras-uitlatings, armoede en verveeldheid as gevolg van werkloosheid. Selfs die bendekultuur is nie in Suid-Afrikaanse gemeenskappe afwesig nie.

“Maar eerder as om hierdie faktore aan te spreek, gooi die regering dikwels petrol op die vuur met nepotisme en rasgebaseerde indiensnemingsbeleide wat tot swak dienslewering, en grootskaalse korrupsie lei. Hulle is uitsonderlik traag om mense soos Julius Malema se uitbarstings veral as dit teen minderhede gemik is in die kiem te smoor.

“Dinge wat nou in Suid-Afrika beleef word is die gevolg van ‘n omgewing wat ie bevorderlik is vir morele standaarde en die bou van gesonde gesinswaardes wat ‘n integrale deel van die Christen-Demokratiese Party se beleid is, nie.”