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CDP on crime stats

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) is encouraged by the downward trend in many forms of violent crime such as murder and sexual crimes, but is concerned that commercial crime is maintaining a steep increase which is not a good omen for the levels of corruption in the country,” says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha in reaction to the latest release of SA’s crime statistics.

“Almost 16 000 murder cases are still far too high. As only between one in ten to one in 30 cases of rape are reported, the statistics on this category are not of much significance either.

“Much more concerning, is that commercial crime increased over the past six years from just over 50 000 cases to almost 90 000. Reported theft out of motor vehicles are also often related to defrauding insurance companies, whilst the sharp increases in drug related crime and drunken driving are also signs of a morally decadent society.

“Surely, it will set a positive example if top brass implicated in crime or mismanagement, take a hike, and so clearly demonstrate that crime does not pay. At present, South Africans pay 20 % more on all items than they should, had corruption been rooted out. And corruption robs a country of its future – especially when it comes to opportunities for the poor.”

CDP reageer op misdaadstatistieke

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) is verheug oor die afwaartse neiging in die voorkoms van gewelddsmisdaad soos moord en seksuele misdaad, maar is bekommerd dat handelsmisdaad steeds skerp toeneem wat nie goed reflekteer op die vlakke van korrupsie in die land nie,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP in sy reaksie op die jongste misdaadstatistiek.

“Byna 16 000 moordgevalle is steeds veels te veel. Slegs tussen een uit tien tot 30 gevalle van verkragting word aangemeld, en daarom kan nie te veel uit die effense daling van dié syfer afgelei word nie.

“Dit is kommerwekkend dat handelsmisdaad oor die afgelope ses jaar van net meer as 50 000 gevalle tot byna 90 000 nou gestyg het. Aangemelde diefstal uit motors dui dikwels op bedrog teenoor versekeringsmaatskappye, terwyl die skerp toenames in dwelmverwante misdaad en dronkbestuur ook op’n ‘n moreel bankrot gemeenskap dui.

“Dit sou ‘n positiewe boodskap uitstuur indien die topmense wat by korrupsie en wanadministrasie geïmpliseer word die trekpas gekry het. Op die oomblik dok Suid-Afrikaners sowat 20 % meer vir elke item op as wat dit sonder korrupsie sou gekos het. En korrupsie beroof ‘n land van sy toekoms, dit is veral die armes wat die spit afbyt.”