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Muzzling the watchdog

“President Jacob Zuma’s response in parliament to a question on proposed Media Tribunal, is typical of those who refuse instruction even from the wisest amongst them.” So says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party.

“He would do well to consider his own words, that the ANC regards human rights of paramount importance, and ensure that media freedom and freedom of speech do not become the victims of totalitarianism under his watch. To say that nobody can teach the ANC anything, is to arrogantly turn a deaf ear to the International Community and those in South Africa who have described the tribunal as a step backward.”

“We should not be surprised to see our human rights steadily erode as South African’s continue to vote for a government who puts the party, not only above the citizens, but even above God.”

Muilband die waghond

“Pres. Jacob Zuma se reaksie in die parlement op ‘n vraag oor die voorgestelde mediatribunaal is tipies van diegene wat versuim om selfs by die wyses van die wyses raad te kry,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Dit sal hom loon om sy eie woorde te weeg, naamlik dat die ANC ‘n hoë premie op menseregte plaas, en dan toe te sien dat media- en spraakvryheid nie in die slag bly terwyl hy in die stoel sit nie. Om te sê dat niemand die ANC iets kan leer nie, is om blatant arrogant die internasionale gemeenskap en ander wat die instelling van die tribunaal as ‘n terugwaartse stap beskryf het, ‘n dwarsklap te gee”.

“Ons moenie verbaas wees om te ervaar hoe ons menseregte geleidelik ondergrawe word nie, terwyl die mense aanhou om vir ‘n party te stem wat die party nie net bo die burgers verhewe ag nie, maar selfs bo God.”