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CDP slams ANC's cadre deployment policy

"South Africa's determination to regard Pres. Robert Mugabe as part of the Zimbabwean solution, rather than the main obstacle, not only threatens the peace process in that country, but threatens the development of a win – win society in South Africa" says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

"It is not surprising that Mugabe followers will, in clear site of the police, attack meetings to drum up support for a new constitution. With Pres. Jacob Zuma, in his Durban speech, putting forward the ANC's deployment policy as a matter of reality, also spells danger on how these beneficiaries will react when in future the possibility arises that the ANC may loose an election. By supporting Mugabe overtly, the ANC lead government not only sends out a negative message on its own commitment to democracy and constitutionality, but creates a climate conducive for the development of vested interest not based on best man for the job, but even unsuitability for the job. This is to the detriment of the entire country."

"We understand that Mugabe can not be ignored altogether, but by applying constant pressure on Mugabe, rather than on Morgan Tsvangirai, at least a message will be sent out that the villain is not the hero, whose example should be followed in South Africa."

CDP looi ANC se kader-onplooingsbeleid

"Suid-Afrika se hardkoppigheid om pres. Robert Mugabe as deel van die Zimbabwiese oplossing te beskou, eerder as die vernaamste struikelblok, bedreig nie net die vredesproses in daardie land nie, maar bedreig ook die ontwikkeling van 'n wen - wen gemeenskap in Suid-Afrika," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Dit kom as geen verrassing nie dat Mugabe se volgelingen onder die neuse van die polisie, vergaderings sal aanval waar stemming vir 'n nuwe grondwet gemaak word. In sy Durban-toespraak het pres. Zuma die ANC se kader-onplooingsbeleid as 'n gegewe voorgelê, en dié benadering hou ook gevare in van hoe die bevoorreedes sal reageer wanneer die ANC in die toekoms 'n verkiesingsneerlaag in die gesig staar. Deur Mugabe openlik te steun, stuur die ANC nie net 'n negatiewe boodskap uit oor sy eie verbintenis tot demokrasie en grondwetlikheid nie, maar skep 'n klimaat wat nie bevorderlik is vir die beste mens vir die werk nie, trouens, waar die persoon dalk glad nie vir die werk opgewasse is nie. Dit is tot nadeel van die land."

"Ons begryp goed dat Mugabe nie totaal geïgnoreer kan word nie, maar deur deurlopende druk op Mugabe eerder as Morgan Tsangirai uit te oefen, kan die boodskap wel tuisgebring word dat die skurk in die verhaal nie die held is nie, en dat dié skurk se voorbeeld nie in Suid-Afrika navolgenswaardig is nie."