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Heritage Day message: CDP

“Rhino poaching, a municipality dumping raw sewerage in the Vaal upstream from a World Heritage site, rising acid water in the Witwatersrand and recent mining incidents all combine to paint a bleak picture of South Africa’s commitment to heritage preservation. In fact, many museums, not dedicated to the ANC’s history, find it difficult to survive and many are in a tragic state of dilapidation – not a good signal of national reconciliation.”

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) believes that building on a sound Christian heritage – where God commanded man to take proper care of His creation – lays the foundation of taking care of our country’s vast natural heritage, and that the Biblical command of love for fellow man inspires the will to respect the cultural heritage of others,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the CDP.

“Naturally, this does not mean respect when a caricature of a culture, especially a Christian based culture, is used to approve atrocities. This will only be achieved when there is a real commitment to root out corruption and all other forms of plundering the country from its assets for short term personal gain.”

Erfenisdag: CDP

“Renosterstropery, ‘n munisipaliteit wat rou riool stroomop van ‘n Wêrelderfenisgebied in die Vaalrivier stort, stygende suurwater in die Witwatersrand en bedenklike mynaktiwiteite span saam om ‘n mistroostige beeld oor Suid-Afrika se verbintenis tot hul erfenis te skets.

“Ongelukkig vind baie museums wat nie spesialiseer in die geskiedenis van die ANC nie dit moeilik om kop bo water te hou, en baie is ‘n toestand van verval – nie ‘n goeie teken van nasionale rekonsiliasie nie.”

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) glo dat die bou op ‘n gesonde Christelike erfenis – waar God die mens opdrag gegee het om oor die Skepping te heers, die fondament lê vir die behoorlike omsien na die land se ongelooflike natuurerfenis, en die opdrag om lief te wees vir die medemens, die grondslag vorm om ander kulture te respekteer,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Uiteraard moet karikature van kultuur, veral kultuur met ‘n Christelike inslag, nie as verskoning voorgehou word om dit wat verkeerd is te probeer goedpraat nie. Dit sal alleenlik bereik word as daar ‘n volslae verbintenis is om korrupsie uit te roei, asook alle ander aksies waardeur die land van sy bates gestroop word ter wille van kort termyn persoonlike gewin.”