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War of words indicative of heavily divided society

“The ANC's reaction to a word used by Max du Preez to describe the leadership, is ironic when considering the ANC's appeal against the Julius Malema hate speech judgement,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“Strangely enough, Du Preez, as was the case with the ANC, says the meaning of the word is taken out of context. Du Preez, in fact, was outspoken in his opinion when he said that Afriforum erred by taking Malema to court.

“Technicalities aside on the actual and intended meanings, the outcries on the social networks point to a heavily divided society. Underpinning this fact is a government totally failing to rule in the interest of the general public and increasingly ignoring the reconciliation ideals enshrined in the constitution's founding principles.

“Nevertheless, we urge people to never forget their Christian principles in the way they act to others.”

Woorde-oorlog dui op diep verdeelde samelewing

“Die uitbarsting van die ANC oor 'n woord wat Max du Preez dié organisasie se leierskap toegevoeg het, is pikant teen die agtergrond dat die ANC teen die haatspraakuitspraak teen Julius Malema appelleer,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Ironies meen Du Preez, soos die ANC, dat die betekenis uit die konteks waarin dit bedoel is, geruk is. Trouens, Du Preez is uitgesproke in sy mening dat Afriforum gefouteer het om Malema voor die hof te sleep.

“As verby die tegnikaliteite oor die werklike of bedoelde betekenis gekyk word, dui die bydraes op die sosiale netwerke op 'n hoogs gepolariseerde samelewing. Onderliggend hieraan is 'n regering wat totaal misluk in sy taak om in algemene belang te regeer, en wat toenemend onverskillig raak oor die versoeningsbeginsels wat die grondwet onderlê.

“Ons doen nietemin 'n beroep op mense om nie hul Christelike beginsels te versaak in die wyse waarop hulle teenoor ander optree nie.”