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**Is SA heading to a tyranny of the majority?**

“The way in which the government handles the Nkandlagate matter, by seeking to silence questions with fairy tale answers, and the way in which the Pretoria – Tshwane name matter is being handled, are typical manifestations of a tyranny of the majority mentality,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“Added to the above, Pres. Jacob Zuma recently made a statement saying that all are not equal in a democracy if they are not the majority, in which it would appear that he supports the rule of the majority at the expense of everyone else. This statement flies in the face of the constitution which specifically calls for the protection of the rights of minorities. Especially when it comes to cultural matters.

“When the ANC came to power it accused the previous government of a lack of transparency, and promised a transparent government. Absolutely nothing came of this undertaking.

“In any proper democracy the president would have resigned and retreated from public life. Yet, our president not only does not resign, but has the audacity, when recently addressing the UN General Assembly, of telling the world how to run its affairs.”

**Stuur SA op ‘n diktatuur van die meerderheid af?**

“Die wyse waar op die regering Nkandlagate hanteer en vrae met feëverhale probeer besweer, asook die wyse waarop die Pretoria – Tshwane-naamkwessie hanteer word, is tipiese manifestasies van die mentaliteit van ‘n diktatuur van die meerderheid.” So sê die leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP), ds. Theunis Botha.

“Boonop het pres. Jacob Zuma onlangs die stelling gemaak waaruit dit blyk dat hy meen almal in ‘n demokrasie is nie gelyk as hulle nie ‘n meerderheid is nie. Die implikasie is meerderheidswil wat seëvier ter uitsluiting van die minderheid. Die grondwet, wat bepaal dat almal wel gelyk is, bewys dit as twakstorie.

“Toe die ANC aan bewind gekom het, is die vorige regering van gebrekkige deursigtigheid beskuldig, en beloof om self deursigtig te wees. Hiervan het dadelik gekom.

“In enige ander demokrasie sou die president bedank, en uit die openbare lkewe verdwyn het. Maar ons president bedank nie, en het die vermetelheid en gaan preek boonop vir die wêreld oor hoe om hul sake te behartig toe hy onlangs die VN se Algemene Vergadering toegesprek het.”