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ANC must respect independence of courts - CDP

“Against the back drop of statements by Pres. Jacob Zuma and other ANC officials on the function of the courts and especially the Constitutional Court, we are very concerned that the cabinet’s announcement of employing an institution to monitor the judgements of the Constitutional Court indicates an onslaught on constitutional democracy.”

“If the intention is to support the functioning and independence of the court, and to see that government complies with judgments, we will be less concerned,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“We therefore call on the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development to make haste on clarifying the damaging statement from cabinet.”

ANC moet onafhanklikheid van regbank respekteer - CDP

“Teen die agtergrond van pres. Jacob Zuma en ander A NC-ringkoppe se stellings oor die howe en veral die grondwetlike hof, is ons baie bekommerd dat die kabinet se aankondiging dat ‘n instelling aangestel gaan word om die uitsprake van die grondwetlike hof te monitor, op ‘n aanslag teen grondwetlike demokrasie gaan ontaard.”

“As die doel is om die funksionering en onafhanklikheid van die regbank te bevorder en om te monitor dat die staat uitvoering aan hofbevele gee, is ons minder bekommerd,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Ons doen daarom ‘n beroep op die minister van justisie en grondwetlike ontwikkeling om nie voete te sleep met die opklaring van die kabinet se skadelike verklaring nie.”