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Provincial intervention: Too little too late

The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) says that it is a sad day that cabinet has found it necessary intervene in three provinces. "This however according to us is too little, too late," says CDP leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"The actual problem is the ANC's policy of cadre deployment, with too few capable cadres to cover all governing fronts, many of which should actually be managed by a-political technocrats. In fact, this was admitted in the 2010 report of the ANC's Subcommittee on Provincial and Local Government.

"This means the solution is as obvious as the problem: quit the deployment policy, and especially stop recycling cadres who had been caught with their fingers in the cookie jar. A perfect example of what this may lead to is that of Jackie Selebi, not only police chief but also president of Interpol – and now in jail.

"We are also concerned that the ANC may use this as an excuse to do away with provinces, or at least form fewer provinces with the intention of centralising more and more power to itself."

Provinsiale ingryping: Te min te laat

Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) sê dit is 'n hartseer dag dat die kabinet dit nodig gevind het om in drie provinsies in te gryp. "Maar ons volstaan ook by ons standpunt dat dit te min te laat is," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

"Die werklike probleem is die ANC se kaderontplooingsbeleid met gans te min kundige kaders om al die fronte te beman wat in werklikheid deur nie-politieke tegnokrate beman moes gewees het. Trouens, dié probleem word in die ANC se subkomitee vir provinsiale en plaaslike regering se besprekingsdokument vir 2010 erken.

"Dit beteken die oplossing is so ooglopend soos die probleem: staak die kaderbeleid, en hou veral op om daardie kaders wat nie die mas opgekom het nie elders heen te hersirkuleer. 'n Baie goeie voorbeeld is Jackie Selebi, eens polisiehoof en president van Interpol – en nou agter tralies.

"Ons is bekommerd dat die ANC dié stap as verskoning sal benut om van provinsies ontslae te raak, of minstens die provinsies te verminder om sodoende nog meer mag in te palm."