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**SA reacts too hastily on Israel**

“Once again the South African government has shown its true colours by prematurely re-calling its ambassador to Israel”, says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party and interim Chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance.

“Time and time again the government has wilfully chosen to support Hamas, no matter what provocation there might have been on the part of this terrorist organisation. Their belligerence towards Israel on the other hand has long been apparent. Pre-empting the outcome of an investigation into the circumstances surrounding this unfortunate incident is clear evidence that truth will have very little influence on its decision of whom they will support.”

“Recognising the constant terrorist threat Israel has to contend with, the CDP can hardly blame them for doing all in their power to prevent arms from reaching the Palestinians. The government’s unqualified support for Hamas is as questionable as their continuing support for the Mugabe regime in Zimbabwe over the years. But then expecting reason or fairness in matters of Socialist ideology is perhaps asking too much.”

**SA reageer oorhaastig oor Israel**

“Die Suid-Afrikaanse regering het weer eens sy ware kleure gewys deur voortydig sy ambassadeur in Israel terug te roep,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Keer op keer het die regering verkies om Hamas te steun, ongeag dié terreurorganisasie se provokasie. Die afsydigheid teenoor Israel is ook al lankal merkbaar. Om die ondersoek na die ongelukkige voorval vooruit te loop, bewys dat Suid-Afrika nie veel in die ware feite belangstel nie. “Die CDP besef die bedreiging waarmee Israel te kampe het, en verstaan daarom waarom dié land alles in sy vermoë sal doen om te voorkom dat wapens Hamas bereik.”

“Die regering se ongekwalifiseerde steun aan Hamas is net so bedenklik soos die jarelange steun vir Mugabe se bewind in Zimbabwe. Maar om van ‘n sosialistiese ideologie redelikheid of regverdigheid te verwag, is waarskynlik te veel gevra. “