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Eskom blaas ligte dood

“Die nuus dat Eskom se topbestuur verhogings van gemiddeld 83 % gekry het is skokkend. Pas moes inwoners van Bloemfontein en omgewing hoor dat hul elektrisiteitsrekenings skerp styg, terwyl ander dele van die land ook swaar getref word.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Hierdie is nie jongste voorval in ‘n rits gevalle waar instansies se bestuur skerp verhogings aan hulself toeken, en dan die kraantjies taamlik styf toedraai wanneer dit by die werkers self kom. Dit is siek.”

“Ons doen ‘n beroep op die minister om in te gryp. In landsbelang kan dit nie so voortgaan dat hier ‘n nuwe klas eietydse Mandaryne ontstaan nie. So gaan stakingsdruk bloot jaar vir jaar die ekonomie bedreig.”

Eskom heads for lights out

“The news that Eskom’s top management received salary hikes of, on average 83 % is shocking. Only days ago the inhabitants of Bloemfontein and surrounds were confronted with huge tariff hikes, and other parts of the country are also severely affected.” So says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“This is only the latest incidence of many where top management of institutions grant themselves massive salary hikes, and then close their hands when coming to the workers. This is sick.”

“We call on the Minister to intervene. In the interest of the country the rise of a contemporary Mandarin class can not be allowed. This way the country will be confronted with constant pressure for strikes, something the economy can not afford.”