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More violence erupting in Warden

“The violence which erupted in Warden and the reaction of the police must be taken very seriously,” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Theunis Botha.

“Not only do riots like these tend to have a domino effect, but there are already, frequent service delivery riots in many parts of the country. In a climate such as this, further agitated by strikes and poverty, and aggravated by, what appear to be broken promises with respect to the recent Local Government candidate’s lists, along with other questionable interferences, causes increased violence to become a real possibility.”

“What makes unrest in the area between Qwaqwa and Sasolburg complex, is that most of these municipalities include towns with either South Sotho or Zulu majorities. Perceptions have emerged that those towns within the same municipality, where one group forms the majority, are unfairly advantaged at the expense of other groups. Out of this situation, these types of riots have erupted and have spread like wild fire, and eventually moved out to other municipalities.”

Geweld in Warden het verspreidingspotensiaal

“Die geweld wat in Warden losgebars het en die polisie se reaksie daarop moet baie ernstig opgeneem word,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Nie alleen neig hierdie soort onluste om ‘n domino-effek te hê nie, maar daar is reeds gereeld in verskillende dele van die land soortgelyke onluste. In so ‘n klimaat, verder aangeblaas deur stakings en armoede, asook wat baie glo gebreekte verkiesingsbeloftes is oor kandidaelyste en ander ingrepe, is ‘n geweldsklimaat ‘n gegewe.”

“Wat onluste in die strook tussen Qwaqwa en Sasolburg baie kompleks maak is dat die meeste van hierdie munisipaliteite dorpe met beide Zoeloe- of Suid-Sotho-meerderhede insluit. In die verlede het dit dikwels gebeur dat ‘n persepsie vorm by die groep wat in een dorp die meerderheid uitmaak, dat ‘n ander dorp in dieselfde munisipaliteit waar die ander groep die meerderheid is, met hulpbronne voorgetrek word. In die verlede het hierdie soort onluste soos ‘n veldbrand langs hierdie lyn af versprei, en uiteindelik ook na ander munisipaliteite versprei.”