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CDP- Prof. Jansen het nou die wysheid van Salomo nodig

“Ons besef die feitstellings tussen die Reitz-video en die video van Villa Bravado ten opsigte van baie belangrike sake verskil, maar as na die finale klagstaat gekyk word waarvolgens die Reitz-vier op verminderde bedoeling (doles eventualis) skuldig bevind, en die uriene-storie uit die klagstaat verwyder is, is daar ook heelwat ooreenkomste.”

“In die geval van die Reitz-vier is hulle swaar deur die landdros gestraf en is die urine-storie by strafverswaring verreken, omdat dit ‘n rasonderton gehad het,” sê ds Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie. “Ons bid prof. Jansen en sy bestuur nou die wysheid van Salomo toe om hierdie kwessie nie net billik en regverdig te hanteer nie, maar ook op so ‘n wyse dat persepsies van rasbevoordeling nie geskep word nie.”

“Op die Bloemfonteinse kantoor van die Menseregtekoimmissie is daar voorts nou ‘n uitdaging om te toon dat dit – gegewe die verskille in die feitstelling – regverdig en ewehandig sal kan optree om nie die land se versoeners in die voet te skiet nie.”

Prof. Jansen no needs the wisdom of Salmon

“We realise that important facts concerning the Reitz-video and that of Villa Bravado differ, should one consider the final charge sheet by which the Reitz four were convicted on diminished intent (doles eventualis), and where the “urine” incident was omitted from the charges. There are also several similarities.”

“In the case of the Reitz-4 they were heavily punished by the magistrate, and the urine matter was included as an aggravating circumstance, stating that the case had racial overtones.” says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“We pray that Prof. Jonathan Jansen may be bestowed with the wisdom of Solomon to handle this matter fairly and justly, in a way that will not create perceptions of racial bias. The Bloemfontein office of the Human Rights Commission is now also faced with a massive challenge to prove that it is not racially biased, and that it can act even-handedly – considering the differences in facts. If the commission does not succeed, it will shoot those in the foot who are working hard for reconciliation.”