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Take municipalities to task

“The annual audit-carnage of municipalities clearly reflects why cadre deployment is unconstitutional,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“For the third consecutive year the municipalities obtaining clean audits (most of them correcting mistakes which had been pointed out during the audit process) remained at 5 percent. In this process 41 municipalities and municipal entities showed an improvement, with 50 actually going backwards.

“This unfortunate news comes amidst reports that South Africa is heading towards serious problems in its production and exporting of food, which has been contaminated as a result of sewerage pollution in the rivers. And this due to many municipalities not properly maintaining their sewerage treatment plants.

“Yet, government staggers on blindly, giving more and more functions and powers to municipalities. At present legislation is on the table to empower municipalities to licence all businesses in its area, and it is not difficult to imagine what a mess there will be with the implementation of this, in the vast majority of municipalities.

“It is clear that drastic measures are long overdue. Bonuses in municipalities that do not produce a clean audit should not be considered and a reduction in salaries of councillors for every year that a clean audit is not achieved. This will force councils to employ competent people, who can do the work.”

Vat munisipaliteite vas

“Die jaarlikse oudit-slagting van munisipaliteite beklemtoon duidelik waarom die beleid van kaderontplooiing ongrondwetlik is,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Vir die derde agtereenvolgende jaar het die getal munisipaliteite wat ‘n skoon oudit gekry het (die meeste na hulle wat tydens die ouditproses foute aan uitgewys is en wat dit reggemaak het) op 5 persent gebly. In die proses het 41 munisipaliteite en munisipale entiteite hul ouditgradering verbeter, maar 50 het agteruit geboer.

“Die ramspoedige nuus kom te midde van berigte dat Suid-Afrika op dun ys loop met die produksie en uitvoer van kos omdat baie van die riviere waaruit besproei word, erg met riool besoedel is. Dit nis weer die gevolg van munisipaliteite wat nie hul rioolsuiweringsaanlegte behoorlik onderhou nie.

“Dit is duidelik dat drastiese maatreëls al te lank agterweë is, soos dat bonusse totaal verbied word as ‘n munisipaliteit nie ‘n skoon oudit behaal nie. Die betalings aan raadslede moet ook verminder word elke keer as ‘n munisipaliteit nie ‘n skoon oudit behaal nie, en so die raad dwing om personeel aan te stel wat die werk kan doen.”