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CDP reacts to World Press Freedom Day

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) notes with concern that quite a number of heads of government with which South Africa has friendly relations, occupy prominent positions on Reporters without Borders’ latest list of media predators.

“These include the leaders of Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Cuba and Tunisia,” says CDP leader, Theunis Botha.

The website of Reporters without Borders also includes alarming figures of journalists who have died in the execution of their work so far this year, namely 9. The fact that 168 journalists are in detention and another 120 web writers are in the same position, indicates clearly that the freedom of the press has some room for global improvement. Democracy without a free press has very little to offer,” says Botha, who is also acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

CDP reageer op Internasionale Persvryheidsdag

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) het met kommer kennis geneem oor die aantal regeringshoofde met wie Suid-Afrika noue bande handhaaf, wat op Verslaggewers sonder Grense se lys van media-muishonde voorkom.

“Dit sluit die leiers van Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Rwanada, Cuba en Tunisië in,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die CDP.

“Die webwerf van Verslaggewers Sonder Grense dui ook aan dat 9 verslaggewers vanjaar reeds in die uitvoering van hul pligte omgekom het. Die feit dat 168 joernaliste, en 120 webskrywers in aanhouding is, dui ook dat mediavryheid nog nie volkome bereik is nie. Demokrasie sonder persvryheid is nie veel werd nie,” sê Botha, waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).