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MASS XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE THREATENED - CDP REACTS

“Threats of Mass Xenophobic Violence after the Football World Cup once again highlights the ANC government’s inability to deal timeously and effectively with serious matters” So Says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party and Deputy Chairman Christian Democratic Alliance.

“Another concern is the ANC’s insistence on defending their ‘right’ to sing the ‘kill the boer’ song. This in itself raises a number of questions. Will this result in greater strain on race relations? Could this lead to confrontation and conflict? Is this the aim of the ruling party? If not let them say so now and immediately stop this obvious hate speech.

“To claim that the singing of this song and Julius Malema’s racist utterances will not affect the country is not only naïve, but indicative of a government that is out of touch with reality.

“Many reports are coming through of a change in the attitude of young black people who, being swept up, are becoming increasingly antagonistic towards foreigners and even white South African citizens.

“These problems will not simply go away or solve themselves. Decisive action on the part of government is needed. Such as curtailing the influx of foreign workers, repatriating illegal immigrants and creating conditions that will ensure employment opportunities for the vast number of unemployed youth in our country. Equally important is that the government ensures the safety of marginalized South Africans making them feel secure in the country of their birth.

Massa- xenofobiese geweld dreig – CDP reageer

“Dreigemente van massa xenofobiese geweld na afloop van die sokker-wêreldbeker onderstreep net nogmaals hoe die ANC onbekwaam is om tydig op ernstige sake te reageer.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Nog ‘n kommerwekkende aspek is die ANC se aandrang op die ‘reg’ om die liedjie, ‘Skiet die Boere’ te sing. Dit laat op sigself ‘n aantal vrae ontstaan. Sal dit nog groter druk op rassebetrekkinge plaas? Kan dit tot konfrontasie en konflik lei? Is dit wat die regerende party wil vermag? Indien nie, laat hulle dit nou duidelik maak en ophou met dit wat duidelik op haatspraak neerkom.

“Om te beweer die sing van die liedjie en dat Julius Malema se uitsprake nie ‘n invloed op die land het nie, is nie net naïef nie, maar ‘n bewys dat die regering die kluts met die werklikheid kwyt is.

“Baie verslae bereik ons wat daarop dui dat daar ‘n verandering in die gesindheid van jong swart Suid-Afrikaners is, en as hulle opgesweep word toenemend antagonisties teenoor buitelanders word en selfs ook teenoor wit Suid-Afrikaners.

“Hierdie probleme sal nie sonder meer verdwyn nie of vanself opgeklar word nie. Besliste stappe deur die regering is nodig. Stappe soos om die invloei van buitelandse werkers te beperk, onwettige immigrante te repatrieer en om omstandighede te skep wat sal verseker dat daar werksgeleenthede vir die groot getalle werklose jeugdige in die land sal wees. Net so belangrik is dat die veiligheid van gemarginaliseerde Suid-Afrikaners verseker sal wees sodat hulle ook in hul geboorteland gekoester sal voel.”