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CDP reacts to Selebi judgement

“We hope that the fact that former police Commissioner Jackie Selebi has been found guilty, will in future lead to swifter action where allegations of criminal acts by those with high profiles, are involved,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and acting chair of the Christian Democratic alliance (CDA). Botha reacted to the judgement in the Jackie Selebi trial.

“It is shocking that something like this could occur in the highest echelons of law enforcement in the country. But it is a compliment to the country that the matter has been left in the capable hands of the courts. Unfortunately, this leaves several high ranking ANC politicians, such as former Pres. Thabo Mbeki, with egg on the face. It also once again raises the questionable decision to disband the Scorpions.”

“The fact that Judge Joffe in his judgement made a strong statement on Selebi’s character, calling him a stranger to the truth and as having fabricated evidence, among other things begs the question: ‘Is this the type of person the ANC finds suitable for appointment to a responsible office or position?’

“It is high time that those still engaged in corrupt actions, get the message that what they are involved in is unacceptable. And that the state realises that steps should be taken against all involved, irrespective of the person’s position. This case unfortunately affirms the perception that the South African ‘fish’ is rotting from the head.”

CDP reageer op Selebi se skuldigbevinding

“Die skuldigbevinding van oud-ploesiekommissaris Jackie Selebi sal hopelik nou die weg baan dat vinniger beslissend opgetree sal word wanneer bewerings oor misdadige optredes deur hoëlui die rondte begin doen,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA). Botha het op Selebi se skuldigbevinding gereageer.

“Dit is skokkend dat so iets in die hoogste wetstoepassingegestoeltes kon gebeur, maar dit strek die land tot eer dat die saak in die hande van die hof gelaat is. Ongelukkig laat dit verskeie ANC-politici, soos oud-president Thabo Mbeki met eier in die gesig. Dit gooi ook ‘n lang skaduwee oor die besluit om die Skerpioene te ontbind.”

“Die feit dat regter Joffe hom in sy uitspraak sterk uitgespreek het oor Selebi se karakter en hom as ‘n vreemdeling tot die waarheid uitgemaak het wat getuies gefabriseer het, laat die vraag ontstaan: ‘Is dit die tipe persoon wat die ANC as geskik beskou om in ‘n verantwoordelike posisie aan te stel?’ ”

“Dit is nou nodig dat diegene wat hulle steeds met korrupsie besig hou die boodskap kry dat dit verkeerd is, en die staat moet nou begryp dat optrede sonder aansiens des persoons nodig is. Dié gebeure voeg ongelukkig geloofwaardigheid tot die persepsie dat die kop van die Suid-Afrikaanse vis vrot is.”