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Double standards on corruption now ridiculous

"There is no reason, no matter how desperate it may be, that the two Northern Cape MECs Alvin Botes and John Block, should not be suspended." said Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

Botha was reacting to the news that the Supreme Court in Pretoria found that sufficient evidence had been provided for the Asset Forfeiture Unit to declare, that the R20 million Trifecta shares had been procured by corruption and should therefore be forfeited. The two MECs are connected to the case.

"When politicians and deployed cadres are involved, such as the Free State MEC for health Benny Malakoane who is out on R20 000 bail for alleged fraud, the argument is soon made that someone is innocent until found guilty by a court. However someone, like Glynis Breytenbach, was suspended until acquitted by a competent authority.

"That is exactly why an action (suspension), is implemented to determine whether the person is guilty or not, after which the person is either reinstated or dismissed, depending on the finding.

"The Block saga has for too long been damaging to the country's image and has been a millstone around its neck."

Dubbele maatstawwe oor korrupsie nou belaglik

"Daar is nou geen rede meer, ongeag hoe desperaat die rede ook al mag wees, om nie die twee Noord-Kaapse LUR'e, Alvin Botes en John Block, te skors nie," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

Botha het gereageer op die nuus dat die Hooggeregshof in Pretoria bevind het dat genoegsame bewyse gelewer is, dat die batebeslagleggingseenheid R20 miloen se Trifecta-aandele verbeurd verklaar, omdat dit deur korrupsie bekom is. Die twee LUR'e word met die saak verbind.

"Wanneer politici en ander ontplooiëde kaders ter sprake is, soos die Vrystaatse LUR vir gesondheid Benny Malakoane wat op R20 000 borgtog weens beweerde bedrog uit is, word daar gou geargumenteer dat iemand is onskuldig tot hulle deur 'n hof skuldig bevind is. Wanneer dit egter iemand soos Glynis Breytenbach is, word die persoon geskors tot 'n bevoegde owerheid die persoon onskuldig bevind.

"Dit is juis hoekom daar 'n handeling, skorsing is – om iemand in 'suspensie' te hou tot bepaal is of die persoon skuldig is al dan nie, waarna die persoon in ere herstel word of afgedank word, afhange van die bevinding.

"Die Block-sage is nou net eenvoudig al te lank vir die land se beeld, 'n te groot Block aan die been."