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Fight crime with crime?

“Police are consistently being implicated in acts of crime, the latest being three officers connected with ATM robberies in Soweto. But what can one expect, when Selebi, previous National Commissioner of Police instead of fighting crime was found hobnobbing with a crime syndicate boss.” asks Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“General Cele the present head of police appears to be following in his predecessor’s footsteps and is proving every bit as corrupt and untrustworthy. He is continually in the media, and for all the wrong reasons. The whole Police Headquarters lease debacle, coupled with the outlandish promotions of, first his father-in-law (was this perhaps a lobola payment?), and now that of his erstwhile bodyguard and best man, leaves one with the impression that these people regard themselves as being above the law. How can we ever expect to address the crime issue in South Africa, when the very police themselves, and those in charge of them, do just as they please, and appear to be getting away with it?”

“The Christian Democratic Party appeals to the President to take a long hard look into these matters and to act quickly and decisively where wrong doing is uncovered. But then, can one really expect anything to come of it when a dark cloud of suspicion hangs even over him and his family’s dealings.”

Beveg misdaad met misdaad?

“Polisielede word nou gereeld met misdaad verbind, en in die jongste voorval word drie polisiebeamptes by kitsbank-rooftogte in Soweto betrek. Maar wat kan ‘n mens verwag as Jackie Selebi, vorige polisiekommissaris, in plaas daarvan om misdaad te bekamp, uitgang is dat hy met ‘n misdaadsindikaatbaas geknoei het,” vra ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Dit lyk of genl. Cele, die huidige polisiehoof, in sy voorganger se voetspore volg en blyk net so korrup en onbetroubaar te wees. Hy is deurlopend in die media, maar weens die verkeerde redes. Die ganse hoofkantoor-huurdebakel asook die buitensporige bevorderings van, eers sy skoonpa (was dit dalk ‘n lobola-betaling?) en toe sy eertydse lyfwag en strooijonker, laat die indruk dat dié mense hulself as verhewe bo die reg beskou. Hoe kan verwag word dat die misdaadsituasie in SA ooit aangespreek kan word as die einste polisie, en diegene in bevel, maak en breek soos hulle wil en daarmee wegkom?”

“Die CDP doen ‘n beroep op die president om ernstig hieroor te besin en spoedig en beslissend optree waar wanpraktyke aan die lig kom. Maar ... kan daar werklik verwag word dat daar iets van sal kom as daar ‘n donker wolk van bedenkinge oor hom en sy gesinshandeling hang?”