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Closing arms deal investigation bad news for SA - CDP
"Bad news seems to be the order of the day. The news that the investigation by the Hawks, into the controversial arms deal has been closed down; that the Department of Health, which is overspent by R2 billion, cannot account for R700 million; and that the AA is of the opinion that it will cost R100 billion to restore South Africa's roads, with a mere quarter of the required amount being budgeted annually. This all comes on the same day."

"Are South Africans supposed to get used to this, as is expected of crayfish being dropped into boiling water while still alive?" asks Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).
"Yet, government office bearers continue forking out large amounts for luxuries, such as very expensive cars and luxurious hotels, claiming that they have worked for this. The President's office itself, sets a bad example, by writing off losses of millions of rands. The Director General of Health's explanation in reaction to the financial disaster in her department, is the usual: 'We believe matters will improve next year.'

"We have been waiting for 'next year' for a rather long time now, and it still seems as though cadre deployment is an entrenched part of government policy. The list of where government is challenging or plans to challenge the constitution simply becomes longer and longer."

"The final closing of the arms deal investigation will be a stain on the reputation of the country, and strengthen the perception that the ANC may not have invented corruption, only perfected it."

Sluiting van ondersoek na wapentransaksie slegte nuus vir SA - CDP
"Slegte nuus blyk aan die orde van die dag te wees, met die nuus dat die vermoë om die omstrede wapentrasaksie te ondersoek finaal deur die Valke gesluit is, dat die Departement van Gesondheid nie 'n verklaring kan gee van R700 miljoen wat soek geraak het nie, en dat die AA meen dit sal R100 miljard kos om Suid-Afrika se paaie weer op standaard te kry terwyl net 'n kwart van wat nodig is jaarliks begroot word, alles op een dag bekend word.

"Is die bedoeling dat Suid-Afrikaners gewoond moet raak hieraan, soos krewe wat veronderstel is om gewoond te raak daaraan dat hulle lewend in die pot kokende water gegooi word?" vra ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP). Tog, regeringsampsbekleërs ken geen perke in die rojale omgang met openbare fondse nie, soos die aankoop van luukse motors en duur hotelverblyf nie, omdat hulle meen hulle het daarvoor gewerk, terwyl die presidentskantoor miljoene rande se verliese gewoon afskryf. "

"Die direkteur-generaal van Gesondheid se verduideliking is soos nou reeds gebruiklik is dat sy hoop sake sal volgende jaar beter verloop. Ons wag al lank vir hierdie volgende jaar, en steeds lyk dit of die ontplooiing van kaders 'n verskanste deel van die regering se beleid is. Die lysie van waar die regering die grondwet uitdaag en beplan om die grondwet uit te daag word net langer en langer.

"Die finale sluiting van die ondersoek na die wapentransaksie sal soos 'n klad op die land se naam bly staan, en net die persepsie versterk dat die regering moontlik nie korrupsie uitgedink het nie, net vervolmaak het."