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Cut short Malema's bravado for the sake of the country

"Not for the sake of the ANC, but for the sake of the country, it is now high time that the Malema-saga is ended where it belongs – in the dustbin of history," says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

"Malema is the product of a broken family, and one can have sympathy with that, but no one is done any favours, when a young man is permitted to challenge authority and discipline, sow hatred and division, set the pace for bad leadership and continuously gets away with it.

"Perhaps Malema had a point in saying that the disciplinary hearing was not all it pretended to be, but then no one can pretend that the country will not be better off without Malema playing a significant role. We are therefore wondering exactly what he has up his sleeve causing him to be so defiant, and we are even more concerned that these guarantees include promises of an even larger role once he has assisted in toppling the Zuma regime.

"Despite the severe shortcomings of the Zuma reign, we find it hard to imagine any improvement if the alternative includes Malema, even though he might have promised his benefactors that he would become more moderate in his actions."

Knip Malema se bravade ter wille van die land kort

"Nie ter wille van die ANC nie, maar ter wille van die land meen ons dis nou hoog tyd dat die Malema-sage nou end kry en beland waar dit hoort – in die asdrom van die geskiedenis," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP)

"Malema is die produk van 'n gebroke gesin, en daarmee het ons simpatie, maar niemand word enige gunste gedoen as 'n jong man toegelaat word om gesag en dissipline uit te daag, haat en polarisasie te saai, die pas met swak leierskap aan te gee, en dan toegelaat word om tot lank na die vervaldatum daarmee vol te hou nie.

"Dit is skynbaar so dat die dissiplinêre verhoor nie heeltemal was wat dit voorgee om te gewees het nie, maar dit is ook so dat die land beter af sal wees sonder dat Malema 'n beduidende rol speel. Ons is daarom bekommerd dat hy troewe in sy mou hou wat hom in staat stel om so uitdagend te wees, en ons is selfs meer bekommerd dat dié ondernemings beloftes insluit dat Malema 'n selfs nog groter rol sal kan speel na hy gehelp het om die Zuma-bewind omver te werp.

"Ten spyte van ernstige tekortkominge van die Zuma-regime, is dit moeilik om enige beterskap te voorsien as die alternatief Malema insluit, selfs al onderneem hy nou teenoor sy beskermhare dat hy besadig sal wees wanneer hulle die pyp gerook het."