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**Death penalty call - CDP**

“We have entered a very dangerous cycle of lawlessness in South Africa”, says Rev Theunis Botha, Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP). “With three horrific murders, that have recently made the news, Johannes Steyn who allegedly murdered 16 year old Louise de Wall, Brian Mangwale, who recently received a life-long sentence for the gruesome murder of 10 year old Masego Kgomo, who’s muti murder has touched many because of the way in which it was done and the apparent lack of remorse on the part of the perpetrator, and finally, the gruesome satanic murder of a young man for which one of the perpetrators recently received a life-long sentence.

“This must be considered unacceptable in any society. The damage to the moral fibre of our country has been grossly affected and the penalties that were given, much too light to wipe clean the slate for the harm that has been inflicted.

“A country is more often conquered from within than from attacks from outside its borders. If we do not act decisively against such evil, we as a nation become just as evil. We are confronted by a force that will eventually destroy the very foundation of our society. History clearly shows what happened to the mighty Roman Empire.

“So far, in two of these horrific killings, the perpetrators have received life sentences. As in both of these cases, there was no remorse, which meant there was no hope of rehabilitation. The sentences they were given come far short of what is required to cleanse our land from the blood that they have shed. Only the death penalty will be able to do that.

“The CDP is convinced that only the death penalty will stop the onslaught of murder this nation is being confronted with.”

**Oproep vir doodstraf - CDP**

“Ons het ‘n baie gevaarlike geweldsiklus in Suid-Afrika betree,” aldus ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP). “Met drie grusame moorde wat onlangs die nuus gehaal het – Johannes Steyn wat na bewering die 16-jarige Louise van der Wall vermoor het, Brian Mangwale wat onlangs lang gevangenisstraf opgelê is vir die grusame muit-moord op die 10-jarige Masego Kgomo – veral skokkend oor die wyse waarop dit gedoen is en die gebrek aan enige berou wat baie mense geruk het – en ook die grusame en sataniese moord op ‘n jong man waarvoor een van die moordenaars lewenslange gevangenisstraf opgelê is.

“Dit moet as onaanvaarbaar in enige gemeenskap beskou word. Die morele weefsel van ons gemeenskap word erg aangetas deur die vonnisse wat opgelê word; wat gans te lig is om die lei skoon te vee vir die daade wat hulle gepleeg het.

“Lande word meer dikwels van binne verower as deur aanvalle van buite. As ons nie daadkragtig teen die bose optree nie, word ons as nasie net so verdorwe. Ons word gekonfronteer deur ‘n mag wat uiteindelik die fundamente van ons gemeenskap sal vernietig, soos wat ook met Rome gebeur het.

“In twee van die betrokke gevalle het die oortreders reeds lewenslange vonnisse op die lyf geloop. Omdat daar geen sprake van berou is nie, kan daar ook nie sprake van rehabilitasie wees nie. Hul vonnisse skiet ver tekort van wat nodig is om die land van die koelbloedige moorde wat hulle gepleeg het te vrywaar. Slegs die doodstraf sal so iets vermag.

“Die CDP is oortuig daarvan dat slegs die doodstraf die moordaanslag op die land sal stuit.”