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SACP against a reshuffle

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THE South African Communist Party (SACP) yesterday reinforced its opposition to a Cabinet reshuffle on the back of corridor talks that President Jacob Zuma was on the verge of instituting a shake-up in his administration.

SACP's first deputy general secretary Jeremy Cronin, said the country was on tenterhooks owing to speculation of the Cabinet reshuffle at the expense of focus being shifted away from pressing socio-economic headwinds facing the country.

He said a change of personnel in Zuma's Cabinet at the present time would not assist the government's efforts in fast-tracking radical eco-

nomie transformation.

"What might happen is speculative (but) we can't be caught flat footed. Whatever happens, our basic mission and our clear focus must not be an overindulgence in palace politics," Cronin said.

"How can we be focusing on those issues when 6.9 million able-bodied people in South Africa are poor. While its fascinating to be speculating and wondering about this and that one's personality, as South Africans we have a responsibility to keep our focus on the core issues."

SACP general secretary Blade Nzimande, said: "We will comment about a cabinet reshuffle if and when it happens and also if necessary."

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