

SBD MINISTER NTSHAVHENI URGES YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TO ACCESS FREE GRANTS THROUGH “INCUBATORS”



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YOUNG people who want to become entrepreneurs and own a small business must take advantage of the government’s offer to start incubators to identify business projects which will be evenly rolled out throughout the country, said Hon. Ganief Hendricks, AL JAMA-AH leader in Parliament.

The incubators will also generate new jobs and new revenue streams which will be accessible to all prospective entrepreneurs. Hendricks was given the undertaking by the Acting Director General from the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) during a Virtual Meeting on Small Business Development. Hendricks also who serves on the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development (SBD). AL-JAMA-AH will invite companies based in Salt River, Cape Town, Walmer

Estate, Woodstock and Mowbray to join the Salt River small business Incubator which will be driven by People’s Choice community newspaper owner, Nazmi Jamodien.

“The government is depending on businesses to establish the infrastructure and they will assist with training, provide low interest rates loans and free grants,” Hendricks said. He called on youth in the Salt River and surrounding areas who want to become entrepreneurs to make use of the opportunities.

“We are also targeting aspiring entrepreneurs with sensory or physical disabilities, women and young males under 29 years. Those older than 29, can enter into a partnership with those who qualify for the loan and grant,” he explained. But the business must create at least 10 employment opportunities

for those living in these areas. The entrepreneurs will receive a head start of R2.5 million loan and a grant to the same amount as the loan.

The schemes are in place for the following initiatives:

- 2 500 Auto Fitment Centre
- 10 000 Mechanics and Panel Beaters
- 2000 Bakeries and Confectioners
- 100 000 Spaza Shops

Hon. Hendricks explained that other opportunities would be rolled out for those interested in selling vegetables and fruit. These fruit and vegetables traders will receive their first supply of stock. “The incubators will hatch new ideas which I will present to the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development,” he said.

Those who wish to apply can contact the Al Jama-ah hotline on **(021) 224 40766** or email **info@aljama.co.za**

UIF PAYING OUT DUE TO COVID-19 DISASTER

AL JAMA-AH is calling on employers waiting for the UIF (Unemployment Insurance Fund) COVID-19 Temporary Employer/Employee Relief Scheme (TERS) to pay out not to despair as the Department is trying its best to speed up the process.

The party’s President and leader in Parliament, Honourable Ganief Hendricks, said workers who have fallen ill and in self-isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will receive the TERS benefit. “To bring relief quicker to the large numbers of employees infected with the disease, government has drawn up this emergency funding. The compensation fund has activated its crisis management committee in terms of the business continuity plans of the fund. All functions of the fund are operational at 50% capacity to achieve social distancing and to mitigate risks of exposure to COVID-19,” Hendricks explained. All claims for UIF and TERS continue to be made online as the Department of

Labour centers remain closed during the lockdown. However, a temporary site for manual submissions of return of earnings which was extended to 30 June 2020, was established to comply with the social distancing guidelines. The extension serves to reduce possible congestions at the site.

Meanwhile the Minister of Employment and Labour, Thulas Nxesi has criticized employers who have received the UIF TERS benefits from the UIF but have failed to pass the money to workers. The UIF system has been updated to allow employees to check the status of claims submitted by their employers. The employees can access their employer’s records by entering their ID number. This will allow them to see how much has been paid to the company and the specific amount paid to the employee.

Employees can use the following toll-free number to check their status for benefits:

0800 030 007

www.uifecclabour.gov.za/covid19



Ganief Hendricks with Hadjie Fozia Isaacs, son of Moegamat Isaacs

MINISTER SAYS HE SIGNED OFF ALL PAROLE APPLICATIONS ON HIS DESK

MINISTER of Justice and Correctional Services confirmed that he had signed off all the backlog applications for parole.

Minister Ronald Ramola was responding to a question from AL JAMA-AH president and Member in Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks during a Virtual Meeting of the Portfolio Committee Meeting on Justice and Correctional Services, on the status of the three Pagad members still incarcerated despite the approval of their parole applications two years ago.

Hendricks said the frail mothers of the three Pagad members, Ebrahim Jeneker, Abdullah Maansdorp and Moegamat Isaacs were looking forward to their release and even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic. The chairperson of the Committee has called for a timeline on parole applications to prevent the parole applications of those sentenced to life to drag.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AL JAMA-AH!

SOUTH AFRICA’s first and only Muslim political party, AL JAMA-AH celebrated its 13th Anniversary on the 23rd April this year.

The party was formed by its president and leader in Parliament, Honourable Ganief Hendricks who won one seat in the National Assembly of Parliament and another in the Western Cape Legislature in the 2019 National and Provincial elections.

Over the years AL JAMA-AH has made many achievements and continues to grow. The party has also a total of nine councillor seats in municipalities in the Western Cape, KwaZulu Natal and in Gauteng.

Despite being viewed as a “small” party, AL JAMA-AH has a much bigger role to play in All communities -- hence our logo: “A Political Platform For All Communities. “This year instead of anniversary celebrations, we are focussing on Covid-19 and the FIGHTBACK against the virus.

“We are assisting to fight against this pandemic on every possible level with the support from our MPL, councillors, staff and members of the public. Our fight against the Coronavirus is much bigger than a birthday celebration,” Hendricks said.

The National Parliamentary Constituency Offices of Al Jama-ah’s Covid-19 Team 24 hotlines received several calls from NGOs, community activists and individuals inquiring on the Regulations pertaining on the distribution of cooked meals to the needy.

In a recent interview on Radio 786, Al Jama-ah party leader Ganief Hendricks described the party’s lobbying for an Amendment to the Regulation to allow the distribution of cooked food, as a victory. Hendricks said the party acted in defence of community workers who faced indiscriminate arrests for cooking and serving food to the poor.

Aljama-ah invites residents of Salt River, Woodstock, the Bo-Kaap, District 6 and Walmer Estate to call on the party for service delivery and public participation.

COGTA TO CONSIDER AL JAMA-AH’S APPLICATION TO OPEN MOSQUES FOR EID

THE Nerve Centre of the Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) has informed AL JAMA-AH that its application to ease the Covid-19 Lockdown Regulations for a once-off opening of mosques and allow Eidgha for Muslims to attend the Eid ceremony has been referred to the Regulations and Legal Stream for a response.

AL JAMA-AH submitted the application over the weekend with the undertaking that there will be strict adherence to the Regulations which apply to funerals. These Regulations include only 50 people attend the Eid ceremony; the Imam or the Amir of the mosque should make an application for a permit and undertake a sworn affidavit on which day, the 24th or 25th May 2020 the mosque will conduct Eid Prayers. The other regulations include hygiene and sanitisation, congregates to

bring their own prayer mats and to take ablution at home. AL JAMA-AH also stated that the Eid ceremony will be held between 07:00am – 09:00am on either days.

The party’s president and leader in Parliament, Honourable Ganief Hendricks said the government has created exemptions to its application of S.36 of the Constitution to allow amongst other shopping for clothing, car dealerships, cigarettes manufacture and exports.

“We are aware people of other faiths are also making great sacrifices during this pandemic. We are proud to be a nation of tolerance towards one another’s religion and cultures and feel people of other faiths will not object if the Regulations are eased to allow Muslims to attend the obligatory Eid prayers at the mosque or open field,” Hendricks said.

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TEAM 24 HAS STARTED A NEW INITIATIVE AND WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

R150
PPE
clothing

R50
Body
Bag

R10
5 cups
of soup

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ACCOUNT NAME
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REFERENCE

First National Bank
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6215 3667 575
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