



Soup kitchen in Pietermaritzburg headed by Councillor Goga



Abdulla Thulani handing out food parcels in the Umtata region



Councillor Imam Abu Bakr Thapello with his team in Johannesburg

AL JAMA-AH'S MISSION OF MERCY FEEDING THOUSANDS

by Fuad Rahman

AL JAMA-AH has been feeding thousands of starving families since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, which left more than 30% of the lower income working class jobless and without an income. The party's 9 councillors and shadow councillors in three provinces where the party is represented, were welcomed with open arms by needy communities. AL JAMA-AH president and leader in parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks said one cannot get into a warm bed after a meal while we have people starving. "As leader of the party, I made it my personal duty to supervise the feeding of starving communities.

SHADOW COUNCILLOR

QAASIEM HENDRICKS National Constituency officer in Surrey Estate received Covid-19 Relief food packs from the Western Cape Agricultural Department to assist needy families. These food packs were distributed in Athlone, Belgravia, Mitchells Plain, Rylands Estate, Surrey Estate, Hanover Park and in other townships. Hendricks also received 1000 seedlings from the Department which was handed over to Ikhata Shelter for abused women and children. "We received vegetables to make soup and seeds for families to grow their own vegetables." The Vegepak Starter Pack with different seeds, two bags of compost, fertiliser, seedlings, and a mask for each individual household. Hendricks and his team have regular soup kitchens in his ward.

BELINDA PETERSEN Shadow councillor for Bonteheuwel and surrounding areas also distributes food parcels. "Most families in my area go to bed starving. I'm concerned about the little children who must also starve, and I try my best to distribute food to the vulnerable families," she said.

TABREZ SAYED Provincial Constituency officer in Belgravia Estate is involved in food distribution since the start of the Lockdown. "The hunger is caused largely by job losses due to the Covid-19 lockdown. The cooked food is distributed from the Masjidul Ansaar to families at the Vygieskraal informal settlement and to surrounding areas. The project was initiated by Moulana Nazmi Davids and Sheikh Salie Davids, members of the mosque's Waqaf Trust.

MUMEEENAH GAMIELDIEN Shadow councillor in New Lentegeur in Mitchells Plain, is assisting other shadow councillors with food distribution and regular soup kitchens.

AL JAMA-AH **AMEER MOGAMAD BEDFORD** rallied his 20 grandchildren to raise funds to cook food for the poor in Bonteheuwel.

MOULANA RAYHAN PETERSEN leader of interns for Aljama-ah in Lotus River cook regularly and feed 200 people a day from his own home. "If my family and I don't give food to those families in need, they will starve since they have nowhere else to turn to. "We share with our neighbours, irrespective if they are Muslim or Christian.



AL JAMA-AH CITY OF CAPE TOWN PR COUNCILLORS

COUNCILLOR ACHMAD HENDRICKS who underwent an emergency heart operation last month, continues his involvement with community projects. "My ill health will not stop me from serving my people and I will continue to distribute bread and soup in Mitchells Plain," he said.

COUNCILLOR FARIED ACHMAT plays an important role in coordinating the projects and said, "I see the immense poverty and cries for help amongst the starving communities and we are only glad we can be part of the feeding initiatives."

AL JAMA-AH's WC MPL **MOULANA GALIL BRINKHUIS** is the party's leader in the Western Cape Legislature and has also been very active with our feeding scheme in the Strand, where he works closely with the local mosque committee and volunteers. "It is a duty of every Muslim to come to the rescue of the poor," he said.

AL JAMA-AH PR COUNCILLORS FEED THOUSANDS IN KWAZULU-NATAL

by Fuad Rahman

The Al Jama-ah councillors in three different municipalities throughout the KwaZulu-Natal province distributed 15 000 food hampers to the needy since the start of the lockdown.

COUNCILLOR USTHAAD MUHAMMAD ASGHAR KHAN and AL JAMA-AH's National Executive member **FAIZEL KHAN**, distributed 5 000 hampers in the Umdoni Municipality areas.

Since the lockdown AL JAMA-AH councillors joined forces with various communities and to distribute food hampers, cooked food and other essentials to the needy.

COUNCILLOR AK DAWOOD distributed 2 000 hampers in the KwaDukuza Municipality in the northern region.

COUNCILLOR MOULANA HOUSEN distributed 7 000 food parcels and he also served hot meals to thousands of needy people in the larger metropolitan area of eThekweni Municipality.

He said "We all went beyond the call of duties and delivered our best. Our humanitarian work is only for the pleasure of Allah. Initially we all put money together and eventually the public and well-wishers started to assist with supplies for the hampers and food. The food distribution was a huge success and received much support from people."

COUNCILLOR SALEEM GOGA in Pietermaritzburg and volunteers daily prepared up to 14 big pots of food to feed 2 000 homeless and poverty-stricken people.

COUNCILLOR ASHLEY KABELLO NTHEKISO and student volunteers distributed food to the needy in Estcourt and surrounding areas. He distributed food in Loskop, Ntabamhlophe, Estcourt, KZN

JOHANNESBURG

AL JAMA-AH PR **COUNCILLOR IMAM ABU BAKR THAPELLO** in City of Johannesburg distributed bunny chows to the needy in Eldorado Park. The Imam's feeding team also reached out to the poorest areas in City of Johannesburg and in Soweto where they assisted in food distribution. He gave out bunny chows and blankets in Eldorado park ext 2 and Protea South Soweto in the following areas, Sebokeng, Everton and Vanderbeil Park

Thapelo went door to door, giving senior citizens in Protea South food hampers.

RUTH KHODANI, virtual Constituency Officer to learners distributed food hampers and sanitary pads to learner headed households in Atteridgeville Tswane just before lockdown.

IMAM ABDULLA THULANI in the Umtata region Constituency officer donated 100 food parcels to villages in Umtata (Eastern Cape).

The community welcomed his initiative to serve food to the poor. "Many people go to bed hungry every day," he said.



AL JAMA-AH's researcher, Ayesha Allie-Patel with the late Sam Nzima who took the photo on June 16 1976 of a dying Hector Pieterson carried by Mbuyisa Makhubu and his sister, Antoinette Sithole. Makhubu is one of hundreds of youth declared missing since the 1976 uprisings.

AL JAMA-AH PAYS TRIBUTE TO YOUTH OF 16 JUNE 1976

by Staff Reporter

"Call on today's Youth to grab economic power"

We commemorate and pay tribute to the brave and courageous youth who stood up against a brutal apartheid system on 16 June 1976. They were determined and willing to sacrifice their young lives to bring about a just system in our country.

We also have the responsibility to recall, commemorate and remember those struggles in which countless lives were lost, those youth who are still declared as missing and those still bearing the scars of the brutal apartheid system.

AL JAMA-AH's President and leader in Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks who serves on the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development said the youth as aspiring entrepreneurs have the potential to "drive South Africa's economy". The party is calling on youth under the age of 29 years to take advantage of the government's grants and loans to start small businesses. The youth of June 1976 had a political and social consciousness

to free the oppressed people from the chains of slavery and injustices. The rise of the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM) and formation of the South African Students Organisation (SASO) and South African Students Movement (SASM) raised a political consciousness amongst the students. The events of 16 June 1976 resulted into dire consequences for the apartheid regime as it exposed the government's brutality.

The founding father of the BCM, Steve Bantu Biko described the 16 June events as "no fluke or accident of history. It was a reflection of the determination of a people to fight till the last person against all forces of oppression emanating from the theft of their land by the white colonial settlers."

As we enjoy the victories gained, let us be mindful if we are indeed addressing the problems today's youth are facing. The bravery and sacrifices of the previous youth generations should serve as an inspiration to today's youth to face the challenges they are confronted with. Today the youth are faced with challenges of unemployment, poverty, drugs, gangsterism, crime, homelessness, gender-based violence, lack of education and skills training opportunities.

The government has made available many opportunities for the youth to become the creators of their jobs, to learn new skills and instil consciousness to be part of contributing to the well-being of communities. The late legendary photographer Sam Nzima who took the photo of a dying 13-year-old Hector Petersen carried by a student, Mbuyisa Makhubu with his crying sister, Antoinette Sithole running alongside them. Nzima himself was a product of "creating his own job". As a young boy he showed interest in photography and when he was forced to work on a farm, he ran away to Johannesburg where he a friend taught him photography skills.

Hendricks said the government's various small business opportunities to the youth will also assist in alleviating poverty and keep the youth away from criminal activities. "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.



Project leader and Councillor Asghar Khan from Umzintso

ASGHAR KHAN- KZN HEADS UP YOUTH PROGRAM TO ACCESS FREE GRANTS THROUGH "INCUBATORS"

by Staff Reporter

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).

"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 Cape Flats and other areas in SOUTH AFRICA who want to become entrepreneurs to make use of the opportunities. Asghar Khan from Umzintso Municipality in KZN will provide oversight for this project.

"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 Tel: 021-224 40766 or email: info@aljama.co.za

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Musalees attend congregational prayers countrywide after two months. On the picture is seen musalees keeping social distancing inside a Johannesburg mosque when ban on mosque attendance was lifted.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION TO OPEN MOSQUES

by Fuad Rahman

AL JAMA-AH's lobbying campaign to have the mosques opened for Eid-ul Fitr ceremonies under the same strict Covid-19 Regulations under Level 4 for the holding of funerals, have succeeded as all places of worship have been opened under Level 3.

The President announcement of the opening of places of worship a day after Eid-ul Fitr, was welcomed by many while some mosque committees decided to remain close for another month. AL JAMA-AH embarked on vigorous lobbying for the easing of Level 4 Regulations to open the mosques for Eid ceremonies after the Party was inundated with calls from several Muslims who desired to have mosques to opened for the Eid salaah.

"Although Muslims could not perform Eid-ul Fitr salaah at the mosques or have Eidghas, they are now certain that mosques will be opened for Eid-ul Adha prayers," said AL JAMA-AH president and leader in Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks.

AL JAMA-AH applied for an amendment to perform the obligatory Eid ceremony within the Regulation of No 18 of the Government Gazette 43258 on Lockdown Regulations. This amendment would have allowed the Eid Ceremony under the same strict terms and conditions for funeral prayers in a church. "This would have included all regulations on hygiene, social distancing and obliged the Imams to apply for a permit for the opening of the mosques," Hendricks said.

The Covid-19 Regulations permits only 50 people to attend a funeral which is not a prohibited gathering. The Party also proposed to adhere to all other strict terms and conditions applied for funerals. The COGTA Nerve Centre acknowledged the application by stating, that it had been referred to the Legal and Regulations Team for advice.

As it was drawing closer to Eid-ul Fitr the Party intensified its lobbying by sending copies of the application to all Members of Parliament in the various departments requesting for their support. The application was also sent to the Private office of President Cyril Ramaphosa requesting for Hon. Hendricks to address the President and MPs during a Virtual Meeting on the application to open mosques for Eid. "The Muslim public should note that at the virtual meeting the President and Minister Dlamini-Zuma gave their first-round version, but indicated they were still undecided," said Hendricks.

Hendricks made the appeal during the live Virtual Meeting to which the President replied that it was not an illogical request which needed to be discussed. Whereas the COGTA Minister expressed fears that opening the mosques for Eid ceremonies would be unfair to the Christian communities who had to forfeit the Easter gatherings. But since the comments from the President and Minister were their "first-round version" Hon. Hendricks pursued the matter further.

"The following day, the President received much stronger representations from across religious faiths and promised to respond as soon as possible. We called on the President and Minister Dlamini-Zuma to consider the easing of the Regulation before 6:00pm on Saturday and the Sunday which was a day before Eid-ul Fitr.

My last motivation was a very late direct communication with president Ramaphosa on Sunday evening, deploring him that the Eid congregational gathering should be treated similar as to the regulations for a funeral.

"AL JAMA-AH received strong support from religious leaders close to the ANC and I was aware that the President could strike the first favourable blow he has carte blanche on amendments to the Regulations on gatherings," Hendricks said.

Amongst support received for the application was from the Jamiat ul Ulama -KZN and Jamiat ul Ulama of South Africa. Islamic scholar, Hashiem Fryddie who is a student of esteemed Islamic jurist, Sheikh Abdul Karriem Toffar, stated, "The Eid salaah and kutbah is similar to Jum'ah and cannot be performed at home, and should be performed in congregation at a place of worship. I commend the Al Jama-ah leadership for fighting to have our mosques declared open by government."

A day before Eid-ul Fitr the party received a disappointing response from the Nerve Centre who stated, "There has been a number of requests from the Muslim community for permission to gather to celebrate the Eid ul-Fitr religious holiday. At present the Regulations unfortunately do not provide any discretion to the Minister or the President to provide special permission for any religious gathering(s), unless the regulations are changed before the beginning of the Eid ul-Fitr."

"But we welcomed the opening of the mosques under Level 3 as we can now perform Jummah Congregational prayers and Eid ul-Adha ceremonies. We remind Muslims to adhere to all the Covid-19 Regulations," Hendricks said.

THE CRY: "I CAN'T BREATHE" FROM PALESTINE TO AMERICA

THE brutal death of the African-American George Floyd at the hands of white police officers in America, is no isolated incident in that country. It has been occurring over many years in various states of America based on injustices and racism. In Islam there is no racism or superiority based on colour. The only criterion for superiority is piety and in the Holy Quran Allah (SWT) gives us many versus against racism.

"Oh men! Behold, We have created you all out of a male and a female, and have made you into nations and tribes, so that you might come to know one another. Verily the noblest of you in the sight of Allah is the one who most deeply conscience of Him. Behold, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware!" Quran 49:13.

In this verse Allah SWT encourages people to mingle, to be fair with each other and to create harmonious and a just society. This is what martyr, Imam Abdullah Haron was committed to, he fought against racism and injustices perpetrated against people whom the apartheid government classified into various races. The Imam was the first religious leader in South Africa to have been killed by a government for his commitment to Islam by standing up against racism and oppression.

Floyd died as a white police officer used the knee-on-neck restraint tactic on him. A UK based newspaper, Morning Star reported that during 2012 more than 100 Minnesota law enforcement officers attended a conference organised by the Israeli consulate in which Israeli police trained them. We have seen horrific photos of Israeli forces using the knee-on-neck tactic on Palestinians including young children.

The officers responsible for the death of Floyd also received training in anti-terror techniques. The American police officers use of knee-on-neck tactic is not new to Palestinians who endure

this daily. The killing of Floyd has sparked off condemnation from the South African government to local civil society groups. Standing up against injustices and state violence is applaudable but it should not be selective. Where is the mass condemnation against Israelis using the knee-to-neck tactic on Palestinians?

In South Africa we have seen incidents of state violence against the poor and defenceless people. In Bonteheuwel police ruthlessly mishandled women involved in protest action against crime; law enforcement officers use violence against women who defend their shack (which they turned into a home) and violent force used against the women of Bo Kaap when they protested against the gentrification of their area.

State violence with impunity is colour blind, as in the case of Andries Tatane who died after he was shot by a police officer at close range during a demonstration in 2011 in Mpumalanga. No police officer was found guilty for causing his death. During the first two months of the Covid-19 Regulations, four South Africans lost their lives through police action and by members of the SANDF (South African National Defence Force).

The inquiry by the SANDF found that its members were not responsible for the death of Collins Khosa of Vosloorus in Johannesburg. Khosa was badly assaulted by members of the SANDF, his family will not see justice and neither the families of other state violence victims, Sibusiso Amos, Petros Miggels and Adam Emmanuel.

When we call for justice for Floyd, let us extend it to Palestine and countries which are deeply mired in injustice perpetrated and aided by America, a country came into existence through ethnic cleansing and genocide. To South Africans, let our call all also extend to the families of Khosa, Tatana, Miggels and Emmanuel.

INSIDE PARLIAMENT GUN LICENCE AMNESTY EXTENSION

by Fuad Rahman

Hon. Ganief Hendricks, member of parliament and Al Jama-ah leader said parliament considered this week, extending a further six-month firearm amnesty largely due to the lockdown, from August this year.

Hendricks says: "Parliament's Select Committee on Security and Justice received a request from the South African Police Service (SAPS) for a new six months' firearms amnesty, commencing



from August this year.

"The committee decided an extension would allow more firearms as well as illegal weapons to be surrendered, making the country safer for its citizens.

"Police Minister Bheki Cele suggested a further amnesty period was needed since there were more firearms and ammunition in the public domain.

"Cele also revealed several gun-owners were overseas and not able to meet with the amnesty deadline.

"The SAPS told the committee, a total of 27 336 firearms were surrendered during the 2019/2020 amnesty period, which is far below the number of firearms surrendered during the 2005 amnesty, declared for the same period of six months.

"Last month, more than 11 000 firearms were surrendered. This includes illegal firearms and those voluntarily surrendered."

The Chairperson of the committee, Ms Shahidabibi Shaikh, said, the committee will not at this stage take a decision on the request, as an updated notice for the amnesty will have to be made to Parliament by the SAPS, as in the current one the dates were amended.

Shaikh said the committee has clarified on a number of issues, including the importance of people to reapply for expired firearms, or to surrender unwanted or illegal firearms. As soon as the updated notice is sent to Parliament, the committee will process the matter.

Metro police chief Wayne le Roux said: "The City metro police work together with SAPS in confiscating illegal firearms, and there are a lot of illegal guns in the communities.

"We confiscate regular illegal firearms from gangsters and hand these over to the SA police."

AL JAMA-AH SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION HELPS FISHERMEN

by Staff Reporter

THE AL JAMA-AH party welcomed the lifting of the ban on recreational fishing under the Covid-19 Regulations Level 3 following its successful application along with other groups who lobbied to allow thousands of line fishermen to earn their daily livelihood.

The AL JAMA-AH was amongst several other groups who responded to a MAYDAY call from anglers and line fishermen to assist them with lobbying the government to lift the Covid-19 Regulations ban on recreational fishing under Level 3. The party's application was acknowledged by Nerve Centre of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA).

Members of the 10 000-strong ASFN-Fishing community heard of AL JAMA-AH's successful application to Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma to ease the Regulations to allow the distribution of cooked meals to the needy. Fishermen of the Umzinto branch in KwaZulu-Natal contacted AL JAMA-AH's councillor Muhammad Asghar Khan requesting the Party's assistance. The party's National Parliamentary Constituency office also received calls from members in Cape Town for the party to take their plight to Parliament.

AL JAMA-AH's president and leader in Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks said the fishermen are known to educate and promote responsible sustainable fishing. "Thousands of recreational fishermen in South Africa catch fish to feed their families and under the lockdown regulations, they were denied that right. The party is ecstatic that the fishermen can now continue to earn their bread and this industry will start fuelling the economy with a much-needed commodity, such as food for the poor," said Hendricks.

Cape Town's veteran line fish champion, Mr Achmat Smit who also approached the party for help, was elated when he heard the news that they could go back fishing. He promised that the first fish he would catch, will be given to Hon. Hendricks and that he would also invite President Ramaphosa to join him on the rocks.

NEVER MARRIED" ON DEATH CERTIFICATES OF MUSLIMS IS INSULTING

by Staff Reporter

The AL JAMA-AH party is disappointed that the Home Affairs Minister, Aaron Motsoaledi's decision not to remove the insulting entry of "Never Married" on the death certificate of Muslim women married for 40 years and more.

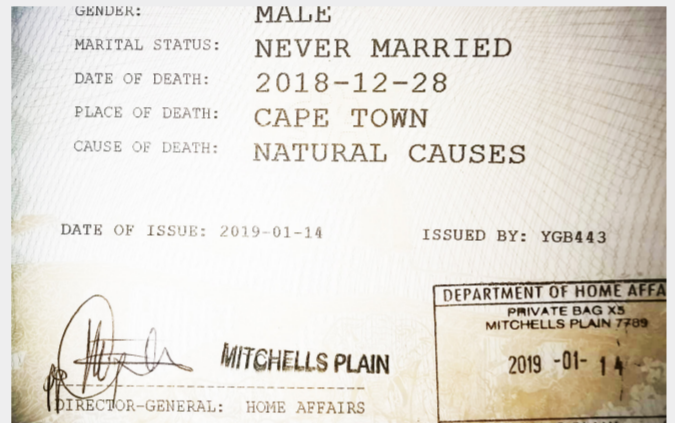
The Party's leader in Parliament, Hon Ganief Hendricks submitted a Parliamentary written question to the Minister requesting that the Nikah, a formal binding contract according to Muslim rites, be recognised by the same legislation that recognises African customary marriages.

Responding to the party, Motshoaledi stated, "the government has no powers to have Muslim marriages legalised through the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act. The Customary marriages are regulated by the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998, which provides for requirements for a valid customary marriage and registration thereof."

The Minister's reply is nothing new to how the previous apartheid government viewed Muslim marriages or the Nikah ceremony performed by an authentic Imam recognised the Muslim religious bodies. Hendricks stated that the Minister failed to show leadership when he turned down the Party's request. "It is the most insensitive response to not only grieving Muslim women, but also women from the Jewish and Hindu faiths.

"The Minister had the opportunity to soften the blow to remove this blot on the ruling Party who failed many women since it took power. Harming the dignity of women is a legacy of successive Presidents of South Africa and the Ministers of Home Affairs. The Ministers of Justice can be proud of judges who went out of their way to state a Nikah is a valid marriage," he said.

"Women cannot have a final view of their husbands after a Covid-19 death and all they have is a death certificate which states, "never married". The Minister has thrashed court judgements to speed up legislation but contradicts himself to settle matters after 5 or more years thereby continuing to insult Muslim, Hindu and Jewish women," Hendricks explained.



The matter to have the Nikah Bill tabled and legalised under the country's Customary marriages bill was previously raised in Parliament. "It was shoved to the background for many years, and several legal representations were made by Muslim bodies, including myself, since 1994 and during the apartheid years."

"The appeal for the recognition of Muslim marriages were supported by former Justice Minister Dullah Omar and other Muslim Parliamentarians including Minister Naledi Pandor and ANC member Ebrahim Rasool. The Muslim communities throughout South Africa demand answers from parliament," Hendricks said.

The ANC headquarters, Luthuli House with the support of former President Jacob Zuma requested AL JAMA-AH to prepare a Muslim Private Bill. The Party is in the process of preparing a Bill and we are calling on the ANC to deliver on its promises and to stop harming the dignity of women.

Hendricks said Islam is the second biggest religion in South Africa and the non-recognition of Muslim marriages continued to cause extreme difficulties to the surviving spouse and children to claim their rights to benefit.

"Al Jama-ah represents the aspirations of more than a million South African Muslims to have their marriages legalised. Muslim marriages were outrightly outlawed under the apartheid legislation, and we expect to be afforded a sympathetic response," he exclaimed.

SEARCHING FOR ASPIRANT COUNCILLORS

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Al Jama-ah is educating and preparing candidates for 2021 local government elections, email a short biography to our SG, so we can do interviews.

CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- *A people's person and have a passion to serve the people
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- *Relationship management and time management skills
- *Display sound political judgement and can identify issues swiftly and react using relevant legislation to resolve issues.
- * Candidate must be minimum 18 years old
- * Reside in the Municipality that he wishes to contest in

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