

HAMBA KAHLE DR ANWAH NAGIA

AL JAMA-AH CALLS ON PARLIAMENT TO HONOUR DR ANWAH NAGIA

Mr M.G.E Hendricks moves without notice: That the House:

1. Notes that a revolutionary figure in our community, Dr Anwah Nagia has died on 28 September 2020 after a month-long battle with Covid-19 following heart surgery.
2. Acknowledges that Dr Nagia was a prominent human rights activist and his death will leave a huge void not only within the Muslim community, but throughout Cape Town.
3. Remembers him as a strong campaigner and activist for the liberation of Palestine.
4. Acknowledges his contribution against occupation, oppression and apartheid in South Africa
5. Further recognises him as a revolutionary figure in our community who continuously fought for justice since a young school boy.

MR M.G.E HENDRICKS
AL JAMA-AH leader in Parliament



UNVEILING OF THE VIRTUAL MUSLIM HERITAGE MUSEUM OF SOUTH AFRICA

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HERITAGE DAY – Al Jama-ah hosted and through its weight behind South Africa's first Virtual Muslim museum on Table Mountain on National Heritage Day, 24 September 2020.

One of the museum's founding directors is Yaseen Mohamed, a member of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) and a veteran of its military wing, Apla (Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army).

Mohamed played a major role in converting Robben Island to a museum, depicting the history of political prisoners held on this once notorious island.

The unveiling of the virtual museum caused so much enthusiasm and excitement amongst the Community. The birth of the Virtual Muslim Heritage Museum captured the attention of the Voice of the Cape, Cape Town TV, SABC, ITV and Channel Islam International as well as Radio Islam and Radio 786.

People started telling their stories at the event, which was documented by brother Faizel Sayed of Deen TV. Branded T-shirts were up for grabs and interested participants can enter the competition.

The mission of the museum is to capture the 350 years of Muslim history in South Africa. It will also record Muslim history as it happens today, with the focus on Africa. It will also record Muslim heritage as it unfolds and capture after the influx of Malays in the first wave and indians in the 3rd wave. The Muslims from african countries which are settling in South Africa and is set to be the 3rd wave.

The first person to record a narrative was Valerie Truter, the sister of Christopher Truter who was shot dead through the head by apartheid security police in 1976, told the museum's first story which will be documented in the museum's archives. Valerie received a framed certificate from Al Jama-ah's Councillor Faried Achmat, honouring her brother.

Al Jama-ah's member of the Western Cape legislature, Hon. Moulana Galil Brinkhuis who hosted the launch described it as a historic occasion.

"Muslims share a very rich history and vibrant cultures and traditions in the country which we must preserve," Brinkhuis said.

The museum will start archiving historical documents and stories immediately. A local mosque in Grassy Park has offered one of its floors as an archive platform. Al Jama-ah's leader and member of parliament Hon. Ganief Hendricks, confirmed that the party have registered the museum as a non-profit company (NPC). The NPC's secretary is Moulana Tawfeeq Ely who represented Al Jama-ah at the "Youth in Parliament" on Youth Day. "Muslims in South Africa must preserve their history, as a nation without a memory, has no culture."



Attending the Muslim Heritage Museum of South Africa story-telling session at the Islaamia Auditorium in Lansdowne, (back row left to right) Moegamat Faried Achmat (Al Jama-ah), Moulana Galil Brinkhuis (Member of Western Cape Legislature: Al Jama-ah, Mr Truter, Yusuf Mohammed, Fatiema Kaisa, Fadia Mohammed (owner of Treasure Magazine), Camilla Truter, Gafsa Samodien, (Front row from left: Sarah Valerie Petersen, Yaseen Mohammed (Director of NHMSA), Hon. Ganief Hendricks (MP) and Sheikh Abduragmaan Alexander.

"The Muslim museum will be a great legacy to leave behind for the next generations," Hendricks said. Table mountain symbolises the struggle and the mountain is the pride of the people.

During the Dutch occupation Islam and Congregational prayers were prohibited at the Cape. The first known Congregational prayers in South Africa was held on Table Mountain at the historic Quarry.

Table Mountain was the first sighting of Sheikh Yusuf in 1694, when he was brought on the Voetboog ship by the Dutch as a political prisoner along with his two wives and 49 followers from Indonesia," Hendricks explained.

Sheikh Yusuf who spread Islam in South Africa was exiled by the Dutch to Sandvlei near Macassar. The museum will record the history of communities who were close to Muslim communities.

The history of the Khoi and the San will also be a focus area as they lived side by side with the founders of Islam in Sandvlei. Interested people can become a friend of the museum by supporting the initiative and they can visit Facebook page of National Heritage Museum of South Africa.



Valerie Truter receives a certificate of remembrance. She told her story how the apartheid police shot the brains out of her brother's head, Christopher Truter in 1976.



As the second wave of the Covid-19 hits schools, Al Jama-ah has despatched its Member of Western Cape Provincial Legislature MPL, Moulana Galil Brinkhuis to check school readiness as part of a special delegation of lawmakers doing oversight. "We must save lives," said Brinkhuis.

Al Jama-ah will also despatch its member of parliament, Ganief Hendricks to five municipalities to take part in handing over tools of trade to micro enterprise business start-ups for the most needy entrepreneur in these municipalities. Hon. Hendricks is member of portfolio committee on small business and will also launch incubators at its three constituency offices.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1744

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INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER 29 – 2020

1744. Mr M G E Hendricks (Al Jama-ah) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether he will consider an instruction that in cases where women were married by way of a Nikah or Muslim marriage the proposed entry withdrawn instead of the present entry never married should be used on Muslim death certificates, if so, by what date can the specified proposal be implemented? NW2130E

REPLY:

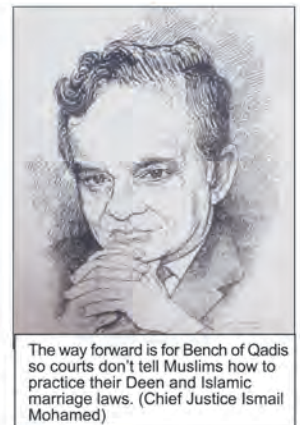
I wish to point to the honourable member that the designation of "never married" does not affect people in Nikah or Muslim marriages only.

A broad range of South Africans are affected by this problem.

- Prior to 1994 various laws were used by the different self governing territories or Bantustans wherein each had their own act. When they were amalgamated in the broader South Africa after 1994, they were not on National Population Register
- Unfortunately when a marriage does not appear on the National Population Register (NPA) the person's marital status is technically unknown. Hence their death certificates at death, their certificate reflected as never married.
- This affects people who stayed in Bantustans and those from the Indian Community whose marriages were never re-registered on the NPA after 1994.
- Since the introduction of Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, Act 102 of 1998 the government managed to re-register some. Those not yet re-registered still have this unfortunate designation.
- The Department acknowledges this problem but opted for a wholesale change in the entire marriage regime by developing a totally new policy. We don't believe a piece meal solution will help.

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The way forward is for Bench of Qadis so courts don't tell Muslims how to practice their Deen and Islamic marriage laws. (Chief Justice Ismail Mohamed)

ACT of PARLIAMENT
AL JAMA-AH'S 1st Bill
Recognition of Religious Marriages

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AL JAMA-AH DEMANDS RE-OPENING OF INQUEST INTO THE IMAM HARON MURDER

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RE-INQUEST WILL ESTABLISH IF POLICEMAN SPYKER VAN WYK AND HIS BROTHER IS ALIVE TO FACE JUSTICE

Al Jama-ah has one opportunity a year to put an oral question to deputy president, Hon. David Mabuza who is leader of government business in parliament. It will use this opportunity to ask the deputy president why five parliaments have failed to re-open the inquest of the death of Imam Abdullah Haron and re-open other apartheid era cases as directed by the truth and reconciliation commission under the chairmanship of Bishop Emeritus Tutu.

Hon. Hendricks will address the deputy president and say: "We address you in the interest of families of victims of apartheid era crimes, specifically the family of Imam Abdulah Haron who wants closure.

Context

"It is a matter of record that to date there has been no meaningful justice in several hundred murder cases arising from the Apartheid era. These cases, in which amnesty was denied or not applied for, were referred by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to the NPA (referred to as the TRC cases.)

"In recognition of their great significance to South Africa, the TRC cases were designated by former NDPP, Adv Bulelani Ngcuka, as priority crimes and assigned to the Priority Crimes Litigation Unit (PCLU) of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) in 2003. Regrettably and ironically, around this time, steps were taken at a high political level to suppress these cases.

"This political interference was admitted by two senior NPA officials in sworn affidavits filed on behalf of the National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP) in *Rodrigues v National Director of Public Prosecutions of South Africa* [2019] 3 All SA 962 (GJ); 2019 (2) SACR 251 (GJ). "The Full Bench in that matter criticised the NPA for succumbing to such pressure and not adhering to its constitutional and legal obligations (paragraphs 55 – 65)."

"To date, the only real progress made with the TRC cases is when private investigators and lawyers supported by the Foundation for Human Rights have investigated and prepared cases on behalf of families and then threatened legal action to force the NPA and the South African Police Service (SAPS) to take decisions."

"These actions explain why there has been some movement in the Nokuthula Simelane, Ahmed Timol, Neil Aggett, Hoosen Haffejee and Cradock 4 cases.

"However, this modus operandi is not sustainable enough in going forward.

"Families should not have to go to court or threaten legal action every time they want murder and enforced disappearance cases dealing with their loved ones to be taken forward."

"We would like to ask of the Honourable Deputy President as leader of government business in the Parliament if he can establish why the progress into these killings is so painstakingly slow."

"We note that the Western Cape Director of Public Prosecutions accepted the memorandum on the Killing of Imam Haron to the SA Police Service to verify the statements given and to ascertain the whereabouts of members of the SAPS that testified into the 1970 inquest."

"It is close to a year and there has been little progress. We ask that the Hon. DP request the SAPS to release information on the security policeman in the case of Imam Haron – their service records (promotions, bonuses, commendations as a result of torture and killings, their files, note books and Occurrence Book at the Maitland SAPS where Imam Haron was killed."

"We also ask the Hon. DP to request the Dept of Home Affairs to assist in confirming that police such as the infamous security policeman Spyker van Wyk and his brother is in fact deceased."

"Their last known address, to allow their family to share with police any documents that may assist in the new inquest.

"To allow for families to meet in a genuine case of reconciliation."



Imam Abdullah Haron was murdered on 27 September 1969.

Bottom: Maqbara of Imam Abdullah Haron. His wife was buried beside him on the same date 29 September on which he was buried. The party has forwarded a request of the Imam Haron Foundation for the department of Arts and Culture to further commemorate this heritage site.



"We similarly ask that the DP inform this house if it is funding of the NPA, lack of human resources, the failed decentralisation approach, a lack of capacity, ongoing political interest or a lack of political will that has caused for NO perpetrator of Apartheid era killing of leaders such as Imam Haron (27 Sept 1969) or Steve Biko (12 Sept 1977) or Babla Saloojee (9 Sept 1963) and hundreds of others not being prosecuted."

"Was there another agreement possibly secret that has granted amnesty to those security policemen identified during the TRC that they should be prosecuted."

"Was this a legal or a political agreement?"

AL JAMA-AH HAS DELIVERED

Al Jama-ah has emerged as a powerful political party in South Africa, determined to win more seats in the City of Cape Town and to continue to keep the existing balance of power at the eThekweni Municipality in Durban in the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province.

With the upcoming local government elections in 2021, the party is hard at work to achieve the balance of power in four other municipalities, the Inkosi Langalibalele Municipality in Escourt, KZN; City of Johannesburg in Gauteng, City of Cape Town (CoCT), and Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape.

The party's growth from two municipal seats in CoCT increased to a total of nine municipal seats – six councillors, including a deputy mayor in KZN and one councillor in Gauteng. The party has one seat in the Western Cape Provincial Legislature and one in National Parliament. Since its inception, 10 years ago, these achievements are indicative of its vision to win more seats.

Al Jama-ah is led by its dynamic leader and Member of Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks, who said: "We are preparing for 100 councillors to stand in the upcoming municipal elections and we will aim to win the balance of power in the City of Cape Town and in Nelson Mandela Bay.

"We have gained significant successes to the benefit of our voters and all South Africans. Our work inside and outside Parliament and at municipal level proves our ability of good governance."

Al Jama-ah has raised the various issues from the communities in National Parliament, the Western Cape Legislature and at Municipal level:

NIKAH BILL – We are lobbying for the recognition of religious marriages, including that of other faiths. The party continues to appeal to the Minister of Home Affairs to change the insulting entry of "NEVER MARRIED" on death certificates to that of "WIDOW".

ENVIRONMENT – The party focused on the inhumane living conditions at the Masiphumelele informal settlement in Fish Hoek. Residents are exposed to sewage water which seeps into their shacks when the nine canals overflow during heavy rainfalls. Due to the lack of sanitation facilities residents are forced to dump their waste into the canals. The party, along with the community, achieved a settlement agreement with the City of Cape Town to improve on living conditions for the community. Since the 2017 settlement, nothing drastic has changed or improved in Masiphumelele. Al Jama-Ah lodged a complaint to the Public Protector, calling for punitive action to be taken against the relevant officials. Residents in Macassar and the Kramat area, confirmed that the offensive poo smell has almost been eliminated after Al Jama-Ah took the matter up with the City.

COOKED FOOD DURING THE LOCKDOWN – The party was instrumental in lobbying to allow community organisations and individuals to cook food for distribution to the needy. Community workers were harassed and following complaints to Cogta, the Minister Nkosana Dlamini-Zuma amended a regulation to allow community workers to cook and distribute food to thousands of starving people.

RE-OPENING OF MOSQUES DURING LOCKDOWN – Following extensive lobbying to Cogta and the President Cyril Ramaphosa's office, mosques and other places of worship were re-opened for prayers, with the same strict Covid-19 regulations which applies to funerals.

FISHERMEN – Al Jama-Ah, alongside other organisations, successfully petitioned the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries to have the Covid-19 regulations amended to grant fishing rights to line fishermen.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) – The party continues to play a key role in providing PPE to burial

undertakers, tookamanis, community workers and to other essential workers. The party's MPL in the Western Cape Legislature, Maulana Gall Brinkhuys submitted a question to the Health MEC for the Province to supply PPE to burial undertakers and to recognise them as forming part of front-line workers in the health sector.

CHARITY DRIVE – Al Jama-Ah distributed sanitary towels to young girls and held awareness programmes with several families on COVID-19 safety rules. Party members also distributed masks and bottled sanitisers to various poor communities.

BEITUL-MAAL – Beitul- Maal is focusing on providing PPE for charitable volunteers, cooking and distributing food for poor and getting bodies released for burial. Al Jama-ah was instrumental in providing a DNA test to get a body released in Lentegeur because the deceased had no birth certificate.

AL JAMA-AH MEDIA – The party's experienced media team is updating its website, www.aljama.co.za with regular news on the party's activities. The media team regularly updates Facebook, twitter, Instagram and Youtube with news on its activities and submissions to National Parliament, Provincial Legislature and that of councillors at the various municipalities.

CONSTITUENCY OFFICES – Al Jama-Ah has several National Parliamentary Constituency offices and a Provincial Constituency office in the Western Cape. From these Constituency offices, the public is informed on discussions in Parliament, Provincial Legislature, council on activities by the party.

Constituency offices were launched in Mitchells Plain, Surrey Estate and in Belgravia Estate to encourage public participation in our projects.

We call on the public to join AL JAMA-AH and to stand a chance to be nominated as a councillor for the upcoming 2021 local elections.

For further information regarding our projects please contact Ayesha Allie on 021 224-0318.



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG RENAMES SANDTON AVE TO LEILA KHALID DRIVE

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"Leila Khalid Drive will now officially replace Sandton Drive in the City of Johannesburg," says Al Jama-ah Councillor Thapelo Ahmad proudly this month.

"We will also have a statue erected in Soweto of the late PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, which was agreed upon by the City of Johannesburg.

"Yasser Arafat brought the Israeli government to their knees through his constant resistance of Israeli domination in the region. The legendary Leila Khalid was a young PLO revolutionary who hijacked a passenger plane during the 1970s.

"When her demands were not met, she flung a live grenade down the plane aisle, about to blow up the plane including herself.

"But the grenade didn't detonate, it was a dud. By renaming one of the major City of Johannesburg in her honour, we feel the Palestinian struggle for justice against the Palestinian people are kept alive against the oppressive and illegitimate Zionist invaders since the phoney British Balfour Declaration in 1848."

"Palestine wholeheartedly supported the liberation movement under apartheid government."

Al Jama-ah brokers closer relationship between the city of Ramallah in Palestine and the city of Johannesburg

"Today, we support the Palestinian struggle for freedom."

"I met with the metropolitan mayor, of the City of Johannesburg, Geoff Makhubo,

"We discussed bi-lateral relations between City of Johannesburg and the City of Ramallah in Palestine.

"He also supports the creation of a museum in Ramallah.

"The successful motion now implicates the US embassy's morale in having a new physical address – 1 Leila Khalid Drive.

Party Councillor, Thapelo facilitated a meeting between the mayor and the ambassador.



The City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Geoff Makhubo with Her Excellency State of Palestine Ambassador Hanan Jarrar.

AL JAMA-AH FACILITATES MUCH-NEEDED HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE FOR SAILORS

The Al Jama-ah leader, Hon. Ganief Hendricks initiated a housing cooperative for sailors in Simonstown earlier this month.

Land owner in Simonstown, Andre van Heerden, who was present in the inaugural cooperative meeting, said he was willing to sell adequate vacant land at a reduced one-quarter market value cost.

Hendricks and members of the newly-formed cooperative satisfactorily viewed the vacant land which is near the Simonstown naval base.

The cooperative formed an executive with a constitution. A final legal entity, which is a primary housing co-op, is in place.

The cooperative is headed by retired General Nqoso and serving sailor Mr Majosa, both who are the co-chairs. The chaplain of fleet, Dudu Mapisana is also a founder-member.

The General is also the provincial chair of the Military veterans in the Western Cape.

Hendricks said: "AL JAMA-AH is an advocate for better housing for military veterans including some in the Navy who are due to retire soon."

"The co-op has identified suitable military allocated land to provide housing for nearly 5 000 prospective home owners in the Far South and nearby precincts."

"It has also identified about 100 even owned by the private sector which is shovel ready and offered at a quarter of its price.

"It is the responsibility of a best practice employer to provide home ownership assistance to its staff and it is with this in mind that AL JAMA-AH has put together a housing co-op that can take this initiative further so that the Navy and the Defence Force can position itself as a best practice employer."

"The first 100 aspirant home owners and their families will be able to be housed at the project soon.

"The Al Jama-ah political party was recently approached by the concerned sailors and role players, about the housing plight."

"Consequently, I have raised the housing plight of the sailors in parliament.

"About 500 sailors signed a petition which I have forwarded to the Honourable Minister of Defence and military veterans, Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, who met my concerns with an undertaking, we jointly and urgently meet with the management of the Simonstown naval base."

"The concerned sailors became aware of Al Jama-ah's service delivery involvement in the far south, particularly at Masiphumeleli informal settlement. They then approached our party to assist them with their housing dilemma as they see it is a party that can deliver."



Al Jama-ah leader Hon. Ganief Hendricks signs the Constitution of the housing co-operative.

"This was also a request to the national parliamentary constituency office of AL JAMA-AH to take the petition to Parliament as part of its mandate to take matters from its Constituency to Parliament."

AL JAMA-AH WINS HIGH COURT INTERDICTION TO RELEASE BODY OF DROWNED YUSUF KIBOROTO

Al Jama-ah leader and parliamentarian Hon. Ganief Hendricks battled against all odds to have the body of Tanzanian, hafeeth Yusuf Kiboroto released after more than two months from the mortuary.

The judge was at first reluctant to grant the order in favour of a political party, but Hendricks argued the party has the right to represent the constituency.

Hendricks said: "The judge granted the release of the body of hafeeth Yusuf Kiboroto and ruled there is no need for any red tape or DNA tests.

"Hafeeth Yusuf drowned at the canal in Vygieskraal while trying to save an 8-year-old girl, Abieda Paulse who also drowned.

"We tracked down hafeeth Yusuf's aged and impoverished parents, Haliema and Goossain Akida Kiboroto at a remote village, 400 kms from the Tanzanian capital Dar-es Salaam where the DNA samples had to be taken. "Hafeeth Yusuf is now buried according to Islamic rites. "It's sinful on the entire community if the body of hafeeth Yusuf was not buried.

"The hadeeth cites you must hasten to bury a deceased body. "We instructed our attorneys to get an urgent interdict to have the body released from the local mortuary. The body was unrecognisable and according to South African law

could not be released, and be cremated if not claimed. "The government agreed to waive requirements for identification.

"The Department of Home Affairs and state attorney said they will not oppose the application.

"I deposed an affidavit in the high court which was accepted. "Local Tanzanian Muslims said it's unacceptable that the body was not buried in a confirmatory affidavit to the high court.

"There was no need to get DNA tests of his mother. "The imams, religious bodies, Muslim burial societies and NGO's must have insight into this matter.

"Even the Tanzanian embassy struggled to have the body released.

"The government has no policy on identification of deceased of foreigners.

"This unilateral action is unconstitutional and many were blindfolded.

"Al Jama-ah will now request for personal cost orders in future delays.

"Al Jama-ah will now forward a private member's bill in parliament to ensure such a dilemma will never happen again."

Hendricks was accompanied to the court on Wednesday, by Yusuf Khan Dalwai of Haldy Attorneys and his Council advocate Anton van Loggerenberg.

Well-known Cape Town architect, Wasfie Jassiem commented on Al Jama-ah's struggle to get the body buried: "A deceased Kuwaiti, author Abdullah Jar-Allah said: "I will not worry upon my death nor be unduly concerned about my body for my Muslim brothers will disrobe me and wash me and enshroud me, and take me from my home. And they will carry me to my new abode (the grave.)..."

Al Jama-ah want to acknowledge best endeavours of MJC, Mr Loonat of ANC and the mayors office.

"When all failed we took brave steps to go to court and call for release of body and review of legislation and regulations. "In days of apartheid Tanzania buried our comrades without red tape and this is least we can do for their citizens especially of Muslim faith," said Hendricks.



Hon. Hendricks leader of Al Jama-ah is accompanied by Yusuf Khan Dalwai of Haldy Attorneys and his Counsel advocate, Anton Van Loggerenberg.