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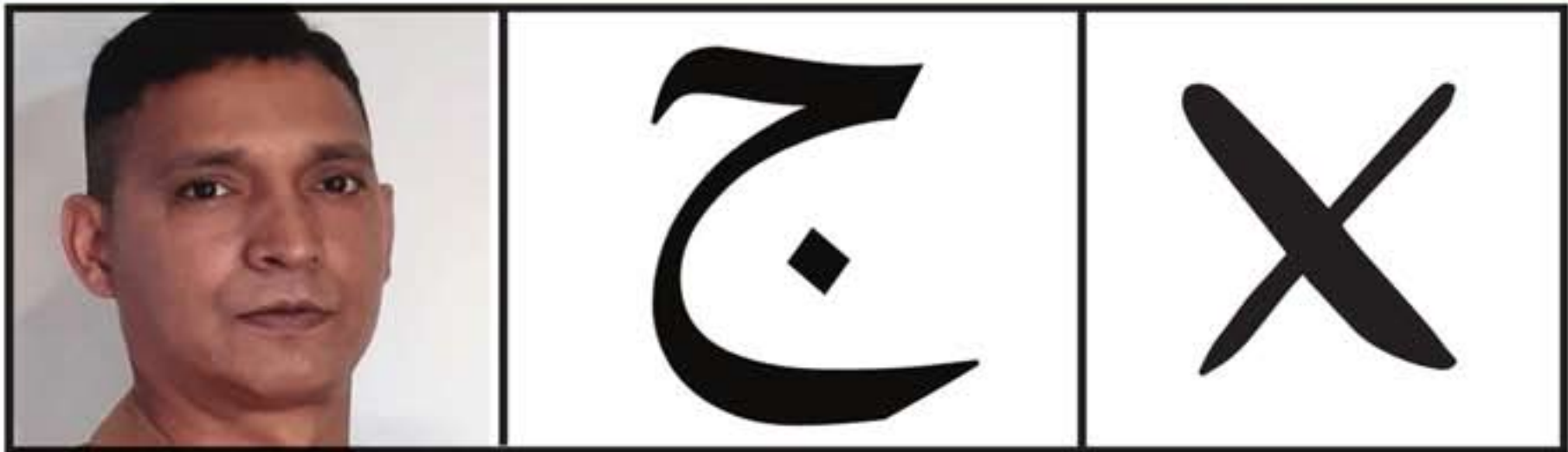
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There are many reasons why AL JAMA-AH nominated Nazmie Jamodien 45, to be the party's candidate councillor in Ward 115 for the upcoming by-elections on 9 December 2020.

Nazmie Jamodien has all the qualities a councillor should possess, besides being kind and helpful with a caring nature, he knows what it would take to uplift and upgrade Ward 115. He was born and raised in Salt River and is the neighbour of well-known community veteran activist, Mr Tahir Levy who already pledged that he would be "Voting for Nazmie Jamodien of AL JAMA-AH".

Nazmie Jamodien is also the owner of Peoples' Choice Newspaper, the media he used over the past 16 years to highlight the socio-economic problems in his community and that it serves as "a voice for the voiceless masses."

He attended the Kipling Street Primary School and high school at Salt River High. He obtained a diploma in Communication and Media Studies at a college in Johannesburg. The community is very close to his heart, and their problems matters to him.

"For the past few years I've been actively involved with several community and youth upliftment projects to provide

opportunities such as skills development to the youth and to nurture them while they are developing their own talents," Jamodien said.

"It is a known fact that for many years the DA-run City of Cape Town (CoCT) has provided poor services to communities in Ward 115. Residents' complaints to the CoCT are not receiving attention, the grievances of residents who voted for the DA councillor are not being addressed," he said.

Nazmie said that he would address the residents' longstanding grievances and act on as councillor of Ward 115.

Residents also raised concerns about CoCT's intentions to enforce gentrification in the areas. "The safety of women and children, the lack of sports and recreational facilities for the youth are some of the many challenges to be addressed.

"I want to bring about change in the environment for youth, especially those youth with disabilities. The youth skills development projects will reduce unemployment and create job opportunities for people with disabilities," he said.

The ward also has a lack of affordable housing and according to Nazmie, landowners prefer to rent their homes to foreign nationals who are prepared to pay high rentals. "I am appealing to the landowners to charge reasonable rentals which is affordable to all. Overcrowding of houses only lead to decreasing the value of one's property," Nazmie said.

"Residents are loyal ratepayers and deserve good service delivery. I am calling on residents to send me their suggestions on how we can make Ward 115 a better place to live, learn, work and socialise," he said.

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Nazmie Jamodien with Mr Noordien chairman of the provincial CPF.

Some of the grievances that the residents are facing are as follows:

- blocked drains
- poor road signs, potholes, broken traffic lights
- no visible bins; dumping on street corners
- Increasing rates
- Vagrancy, litter and crime
- Homelessness
- No skills development training for youth and the unemployed.
- High crime rate and lack of police visibility
- Drug dens
- High unemployment



Ward 115 councillor candidate, Nazmie Jamodien gives party packs to little children in Woodstock.

R1 BILLION VISION TO END POVERTY IN WARD 115

Woodstock, Salt River, District Six and surrounding areas in Ward 115 will be early beneficiaries of a R1 billion poverty alleviation in the fields of health and educational support to be launched by AL JAMA-AH.

Party leader Ganief Hendricks met with several ambassadors and philanthropists from Africa, the middle east and Muslim countries to discuss AL JAMA-AH's vision for job creation. "This R1 billion poverty alleviation project, which will take some time to materialise is not a pipe dream but the party's vision to uplift communities," Hendricks said.

In the meantime, AL JAMA-AH's candidate councillor for Ward 115, Nazmie Jamodien who will contest the by-election on 9 December 2020, is inviting residents to register for the Presidential 1 000 products to establish business cooperatives in producing, manufacturing and selling which will include a housing project.

Jamodien said he is very concern about homelessness and unemployment in Ward 115 which he raised with the Party's leadership over the past few months. "I expressed my concerns to the party about the homeless, unemployed people and crime. There are so many youths roaming the streets aimlessly as they cannot find jobs," he said.

"AL JAMA-AH is a solution-based party who confronts problems and find solutions. Residents must stand together to make things happen for them. I'm excited about the party's plans to launch the housing and manufacturing cooperatives," Jamodien said.

The cooperatives are a business initiative of a 'presidential 1 000 products' to promote local small business. "We starting this in Salt River, Woodstock, District Six and surrounding

areas within Ward 115. The small businesses will produce, manufacture and sell the products," Hendricks added.

He said the party had launched a cooperative for more than 500 Simons Town sailors and obtained suitable land in Simons Town for housing for the sailors. According to Hendricks, the party is planning a similar project in Ward 115.

The party is inviting 100 residents from Ward 115 to join the cooperative as a member with a registration fee of just R1. Hendricks explained that each member would be considered for one housing opportunity and they would all work together to get members of the cooperative one title deed.

In his State-of-the-nation address, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that 1 000 products will be identified solely for aspirant traders and manufacturers to sell to government as well as release into our economy to promote the concept of buy local.

Hendricks who serves on the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development, said the 1 000 approved products have been listed with wholesalers and supermarkets. He added that some of the manufactured items have already been placed on the shelves.

"The government will market your products in newspapers, on radio and television. I was born in Ward 115 in District Six in 1949 and my passion is help uplift my people. I have met with local leaders who are supporting the initiatives," Hendricks said.

Hybrid financing of up to R5-million is now available of which half will be granted if 10 jobs are created for residents of Ward 115. Residents of Salt River, Woodstock and District Six can contact:

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Member of Parliament and Al Jama-ah leader, Ganief Hendricks plans to launch a manufacturing and housing co-operatives.

SA PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA CHEERS AL JAMA-AH FOR VICTORY IN LENASIA

SOUTH AFRICA's President Cyril Ramaphosa added his congratulatory message to AL JAMA-AH for winning its first council ward in a by-election in Lenasia, Johannesburg earlier this month.

During a Plenary session via Virtual platform of the National Assembly, AL JAMA-AH'S Member of Parliament Honourable Ganief Hendricks shared the exciting news with the President and Members of Parliament that the party had won its first council ward after 13 years of hard work.

Hendricks added that the AL JAMA-AH party deserves a "cheer" from the House to which President Ramaphosa responded: "You can count me as one of those who applaud you and cheer you for your great success. It is actually quite phenomenal, we applaud you and we wish you a greater success in the future as well."



CONGRATULATIONS
IMRAAN MOOSA
for being elected
Ward Councillor of
Ward 9 in Lenasia, JHB





AL JAMA-AH HONOURS COMMUNITY VETERAN- TAHIR LEVY

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COMMUNITY veteran activist, Tahir Levy from Woodstock was honoured by AL JAMA-AH this month for his tireless civic duty to the community.

The Certificate of Dedication and Excellence service to the community was handed over to an excited Levy by AL JAMA-AH's president and Member of Parliament, Honourable Ganief Hendricks at a prominent lavish restaurant in the city.

Also present was AL JAMA-AH's candidate councillor Nazmie Jamodien for Ward 115 (Salt River, Woodstock, District Six and surrounding areas). Jamodien, also a community activist, basically grew up in front of him.

An excited and emotional Levy said, "I've tirelessly performed my civic duty for my fellow human beings in need for many, many years. I'm happy Al Jama-ah has recognised the desperate need in the communities here and I hope the residents will vote for their candidate in the upcoming municipal by-elections on 9 December."

"I've been honoured by many, including the former South African president, and the Queen of England. But that was not as emotional as when the award-certificate bestowed on me by Hon. Ganief Hendricks and Al Jama-ah, because they understand the plight of the downtrodden."

Hon. Hendricks was extremely happy to share a moment of community appreciation with the iconic Levi and said, "The party honoured Mr Tahir Levy with a certificate of dedication and excellence in community activism for so many decades. We have recognised Mr Levy as a person of substance who has made a tremendous difference in the lives of communities."

"He has dedicated his entire life in the service of others. We want him to feel his dedication didn't go unnoticed. We have in our midst a great soul who has helped many less fortunate people," Hendricks said.

Jamodien said, "I know Mr Levy for my entire life. I've reported on his community activities in my newspaper, Peoples' Choice for the past 16 years. He has helped so many people with their water bills, food parcels, even digging in his own pockets and sharing his meagre possessions with the less fortunate," Jamodien said.



Veteran community worker, Tahir Levy receives an award from Hon. Ganief Hendricks, Al Jama-ah leader and member of parliament. Nazmie Jamodien (right) is the candidate councillor for Ward 115 in the up coming by-elections on 9 December.

TALKS UNDERWAY FOR VISA-FREE HAJJ AND UMRAH

Moves are underway to negotiate visa-free entry into Saudi Arabia for South African pilgrims. ALJAMA-AH's Member of Parliament Hon. Ganief Hendricks has announced on Thursday evening, that he has engaged in top-level discussions with the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Dirco).

This followed the announcement by Minister Dr Naledi Pandor's department that Saudi Arabian visitors will have visa-free entry into South Africa. Hendricks said: "I'm currently engaged in virtual meetings with Dirco to negotiate visa-free entry into Saudi Arabia by South African pilgrims."

"I asked if it is reciprocal so that South Africans do not need visas for Umrah and Hajj like American and British pilgrims. I'm now waiting for an answer and will also take it up in Parliament," Hendricks said.

"I've been in negotiations with the Saudi embassy for the past two years and explained to the acting ambassador Yahya, that during apartheid when the Saudi Arabian government had no diplomatic relations with South Africa, our hujaj (pilgrims) had no problem in entering their country, because visas were issued on arrival. Now it's extremely difficult to obtain a visa for our hujaj with certain restrictions in place and a limit put on South Africans entering Saudi Arabia," he said.

South Africa has over 20 000 hujaj annually but are restricted to send only 2 000 every year. The Saudi quota system on pilgrims came into effect when an extension was

made at the precinct of holy city in Mecca. However, after completion of the construction work, the Saudi government failed the lift the quota system.

According to Hendricks, at the time Mr Yahya suggested that AL JAMA-AH lobbies the South African government to allow Saudi Arabian citizens visa-free entry into the country and that reciprocal negotiations could then be more feasible.

"It's a slap in our face that we are being restricted while countries such as Great Britain and the USA can have visa-free entry. I approached the South African ruling party, the ANC to pursue the matter of visa-free entry into Saudi Arabia without restrictions for South African pilgrims. The ANC's secretary-general Jessica Duarte confirmed that the matter was being discussed by the ANC's big six," he said.

Hendricks said subsequently a top ANC member from the secretary-general's office was sent to Cape Town with the report-back that the government would consider granting Saudi's visa-free entry if there is mutual reciprocity.

During Thursday evening's meeting Hendricks questioned Dirco to provide reasons why they did not negotiate visa-free reciprocal arrangements with the Saudi government. "It is considered an insult, Saudi Arabia is not superior to South Africa."

Hendricks said he would take the matter further by posing a question to Minister Pandor at a parliamentary sitting.

"I will, in addition, propose a motion in parliament concerning visa-free reciprocal arrangements," he said.



Pilgrims at Jeddah airport

The Party will send an urgent letter to the Saudi Arabian ambassador in Pretoria on the matter of reciprocal visa-free arrangement between his country and South Africa.

The visa-free entry into Saudi Arabia for our pilgrims should extend to business relations and tourism.

"I will leave no stone unturned in the quest for reciprocal visa-free arrangements between Saudi Arabia and South Africa," Hendricks stated.

As of 1 October 2019, South African citizens had visa-free or visa on arrival access to 100 countries and territories, ranking SA the 53rd in terms of travel freedom according to the Henley Passport Index.

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IMAM ABDULLAH HARON-AL JAMA-AH CALLS FOR RE-OPENING OF INQUEST

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AL JAMA-AH has called on government to provide urgent and adequate resources to speed up the re-opening of apartheid-era inquests into the deaths of those killed by apartheid security officers.

In 2003 the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) cases were designated by the former National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP) Mr Bulelani Ngcuka as priority crimes and assigned to the Litigation Unit of the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA).

The party's Member of Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks addressed a plenary session in National Assembly on Finance Revised Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals recently. He said: "To date there has been no meaningful justice in several hundred murder cases arising from the apartheid era. There are still shortcomings of several fiscal frameworks over the past six parliaments which continues to delay efforts by the TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Commission) to carry out their commitments of justice to the victims' families."

Hendricks called on government to provide urgent and adequate resources including a ring-fenced budget to speed up decisions for the re-opening of more than 200 inquests of atrocities committed during the apartheid era, which cases must be prosecuted and which cases are still viable to be prosecuted as many witnesses and defendants have died. The AL JAMA-AH is taking the lead in calling for the re-opening of apartheid atrocity cases.

He said loved ones are still waiting for justice and in the case of the late Mama Galiema Haron who passed away in

September 2019, she did not see justice, her husband, Imam Abdullah Haron was killed in detention on 27 September 1969.

The file of the ANC's late president, Chief Albert Lutuli was brought to the AL JAMA-AH office in Stanger, KwaZulu-Natal and was used by the family to meet with the investigators. The ANC has also approached legal entities to assist on a pro bona basis.

Commenting on Justice and Correctional Service Minister Ronald Lamola's reply to his written question that, "It must be acknowledged that there are serious issues with funding and a lack of human resources both in the NPA and DPCI which is primarily responsible for the investigations. The decentralised model for prosecutions is intended to address the lack of capacity in the NPA and its effectiveness will be evaluated in due course."

Lamola added, "For now, it is provided with much needed additional resources in the regions where cases are because the lapse of time means that witnesses and suspects are dying whereas loved ones are seeking justice. This needs to be urgently addressed hence the NPA is engaging with the DPCI."

"Government must show the nation money is properly ring-fenced in the fiscal framework to give effect to the commitment given by the TRC Commission. AL JAMA-AH calls on the Minister of Finance to ring fence the money needed to at least identify the apartheid-era atrocity inquests to be re-opened. We cannot allow fiscal frameworks over the years to be tarnished by ignoring a very serious obligation of this government that is now long overdue," Hendricks said.



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.



AL JAMA-AH TO DRAFT PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL ON BURIALS OF FOREIGNERS

'It is unacceptable that bodies should lie on ice in mortuaries for up to a year'

THE AL JAMA-AH's legal team is working hard on the drafting of a Private Members' Bill to make provision for the burials of foreigners in South Africa.

This followed challenges the local Muslim religious bodies were confronted with when the Department of Home Affairs refused to release the body of Tanzanian hero, hafeeth Yusuf Kiboroto 30, for burial. Kiboroto drowned in July this year when he jumped into the Vygieskraal Canal to save eight-year-old Adiel Paulse from drowning. Sadly, both drowned when a strong current swept them away and their bodies were found two weeks later.

AL JAMA-AH's president and Member of Parliament, Honourable Ganief Hendricks explains, "When the matter was brought to the attention of the MJC (Muslim Judicial Council) the Ulema body gave it a priority and its best endeavours were hampered by the authorities insistence

that a DNA test must be taken. The MJC was then forced to follow protocol."

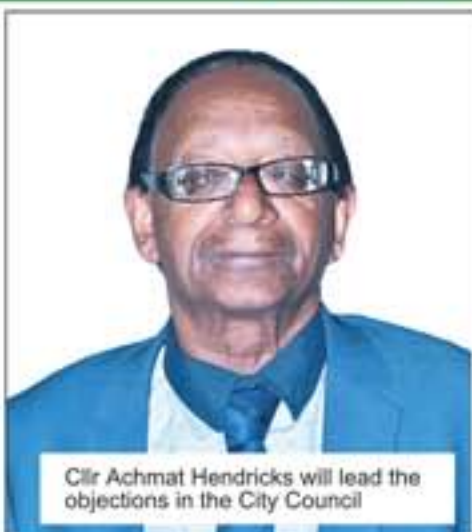
Towards the end of September Hendricks was informed by its Provincial Constituency Office that Kiboroto's body was still in the morgue and if not buried soon enough, he will be cremated. After legal consultations, AL JAMA-AH was advised to apply for a court interdict for the release of the body. "It was a costly High Court route which was not easy. But the Party put its trust in the Almighty and the decision was a desperate last resort to bury this hero and Alhamdulillah, we were successful. The Cape High Court ruled that the body be released for burial and the MJC ensured that the burial took place with dignity," he said.

In another case, the party assisted a Muslim family from Lentegeur, Mitchells Plain who was unable to obtain the body of their adult son from the mortuary because the deceased did not have an identification document.



People at the Janazah of drowned hero Yusuf Kiboroto. The body of hafeeth Yusuf was released after more than two months from the mortuary. Al Jama-ah was instrumental in the planning of the Janazah of Tanzanian hero Yusuf Kiboroto who also drowned like the little Abedah he tried to save.

AL JAMA-AH OPPOSES DA-LED CITY LIQUOR SALES AT SCHOOLS



Cllr Achmat Hendricks will lead the objections in the City Council

The Al Jama-ah leader and member of parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks has been vocal in parliament against the DA-led Western Cape government in allowing liquor sales at school functions.

Hendricks questioned the National Minister of trade, industry, Hon. Ebrahim Patel, whether he would introduce legislation to curb the independent arbitration of the Western Cape under the DA who allows liquor sales at school functions.

Hendricks also opposed the DA initiative in granting permission to extend alcohol trading hours beyond national regulations, taking into consideration that increasing alcohol trading hours increases alcohol-related harm, especially during the crisis period of the Covid-19 pandemic.

National government should be the only tier of government to regulate alcohol regulations and alcohol sales should be banned in areas where communities want to be "dry".

Furthermore, Hendricks wanted to know the minister's position in this regard, and what the relevant details entailed?

Minister Ebrahim Patel's reply was public concerns of alcohol sales at school functions had become increasingly prominent and its harmful effects on communities were extensively highlighted.

Minister Patel added: "The Constitution separates the powers between national, provincial and local government.

"The Constitutional Court ruled on 11 November 1999 that national government has the legislative competence over manufacturing and distribution of liquor and Provinces have exclusive competence over micro manufacturing and retail sale of liquor. Subsequently, the Liquor Act, 2003 (Act No. 59 of 2003) was enacted to regulate the manufacture and distribution of liquor. In respect of the retail of liquor, municipalities have executive authority in terms of section

156 (1)(a), Part B of Schedule 5 of the Constitution on matters that concern the control of undertakings that sell liquor to the public, which include liquor trading hours."

"I'm advised that the sale of alcohol at school events is deemed to fall within the ambit of Provinces and municipalities in terms of section 104(1)(b)(ii) of the Constitution."

Min. Patel further said: "While these competencies are deemed to fall within the power of local and provincial government in terms of the Constitution, there is no doubt that abuse of alcohol presents a risk to society and that care should be taken with regards to sale and distribution. The department of trade, industry and competition is reviewing the Liquor Amendment Bill to address concerns relating to abuse of alcohol."

Hendricks commended the minister's favourable response and said: "Al Jama-ah considers the alcohol control as a matter of nation-building that it should be a national prerogative and not only a division of mandates between the three government spheres.

"Should the review of this Act take too slow, the party will look at a Private Members Bill to curb alcohol sales at school functions and the extension of the hours alcohol sales.

"There is no justification in allowing alcohol to be sold at school functions."