



WISHES ALL MUSLIMS Ramadaan Kareem

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Ramadaan Mubarak to all muslims around the world as we eagerly await and prepare for the month of Ramadan a month of Mercy & Forgiveness, a month of supplication and inner reflection.

Prophet Muhammad S.A.W stated: "When the month of Ramadaan arrives the doors of Rahmah(Mercy) are opened, the doors of Jahannam (hell) are closed and shaitan (devil) is shackled"

Time passes by so speedily that when the month of Ramadan starts it is difficult to comprehend that the last one has just ended. We have lost consciousness on time and how precious time is.

Sadly as time passes we often loose the direction in our lives, getting caught up with day-to-day affairs, falling into bad habits forgetting or delaying the need to work towards the hereafter.

Covid-19 has indeed created a deeper reflection and eye opener to many of us and indeed a deeper sense of consciousness

This year many of us eagerly awaits the month of Ramadaan with a sense of sadness and a sense of gratitude.

Sadness that around many tables this Ramadaan a loved one will no longer be with us physically as they have returned to our Creator. Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un (verily from Allah we come and to Allah is our return) May Allah SWT grant all Marhooms Janatul firdoz and place sabr and contentment in hearts of loved ones Ameen

Many tables will barely have a meal to break their fast with this Ramadaan.

Yet we maintain we remain grateful.

Alghamdulillaah those of us left behind has attained another Ramadaan and more time to be steadfast, to increase our good deeds and attain closeness to our Creator.

The month of Ramadan is surely an opportunity to reflect on our lives and to reconsider our ways.

Prophet (peace be upon him):

"Whoever observes fast during the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith, and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven."

Al Jamaah welcomes the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith and make duah that Allah SWT guides us to remain consciouss. May we be granted the baraqah, health and strength to assist those need. May Allah SWT accept our fast, our prayers and our good deeds Ameen

By Shameemah Salie Spokesperson for Al Jama-Ah

AL JAMA-AH ANNOUNCE HISTORICAL FIRST NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Al Jama-ah (The Congregation) was founded on the 23rd of April 2007 by party leader Honourable Ganief Hendricks and has contested in the 2009, 2014 and 2019 national elections.

In 2019 Al Jama-ah won its first national representative as well as one seat in the Western Cape Legislature.

Identifying the need of our society at large for individuals that place the interest of citizens on the forefront. To serve and not be served.

Al Jama-ah has grown and expanded to attend to a range of concerns and serve a vast range of communities in need.

After careful considerations over a period of time Al Jama-ah screened and selected a diverse group of individuals who have been actively serving their communities to form an intergral part of Al Jama-ah.

On the 30th of March 2021 the official announcement of the Al Jama-ah National Executive Council (NEC) was presented by the President of Al Jama-ah Honourable Ganief Hendricks.

The selected individuals are efficiently equipped to ethically serve and uphold the aims, objectives and vision of Al Jama-ah and ultimately the citizens of South Africa.
A vision of serving all communities!

Al Jama-ah provides a political platform for all communities and represents people of different

social and ethnic backgrounds. The party is committed to the rectifying of inequalities, upholding justice, serving with compassion, maintaining values and ethics, ensuring community upliftment, development of, and empowerment of all South Africans whilst remaining conscious of the diversity in our country.

We congratulate each and every one selected to serve on the NEC and look forward to positive change that will benefit people longing for a political platform that caters for their needs.

Al Jama-ah wish to extend a personal invitation to all South Africans to become a part of the vision of Al Jama-ah to effect a positive and beneficial change for all citizens.



Back Row: (from left) Yusuf Gasant, Hieshaam Davids, Ashraf Ali, Sh.Abdul Aziz Aziz, Yusuf Dalwai, MI Galil Brinkhuis, Alwie Albertus, Ashraf Isaacs, Sh.Basheer Benjamin, Nathmi Salie, Sh. Naseegh Latiff, Zaeem Adams, Ashraf Field.
Front row: (from left) Insaaf Gasant, Shameemah Salie, Faried Achmat, Hon.Ganief Hendricks, Abdul K Adams, Zainab Adams, Jacqueline Stephens, Rashida Isaacs.

Pic by: Fayyaad Soeker (Roberto)



AL JAMA-AH councillors, MP and MPL at a strategy meeting in Paarl to settle new NEC.



New chief of staff of AL JAMA-AH, AK Adams with Ma Veli Luthuli (Head of National Women's League) congratulates one another in their strategic appointments. Ma Luthuli is the daughter in-law of Chief Albert Luthuli.



Councillor Thapelo Amad and Councillor Imraan Moosa.



Single Marriage Statute Bill- AL JAMA-AH calls for urgent public comment

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SINGLE MARRIAGE STATUTE BILL- AL JAMA-AH CALLS FOR URGENT APPEAL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

It is another great milestone for Al Jama-ah who played an important role in speeding up the legislation of the Muslim Marriages Bill.

The Party went a step further by successfully requesting that the South African Law Commission extend the deadline for comments on the Bill to allow more public participation.

The South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC) has called for comments on its discussion paper focusing on a Single Marriage Statute for South Africa ISBN: 978-0-621-49077-0 (January 2021).

This public participation process presents an opportunity for interested parties to have their voices heard and concerns considered by SALRC. The bills seek to provide for the recognition, in terms of option one, of protected relationships or, in terms of option two, of marriages and life partnerships, entered into by parties regardless of the religious, cultural or any other beliefs of the parties, or the manner in which the relationship was entered into.

The Bill requires attention if it is to achieve its intended purpose. Therefore, public participation is of vital importance.

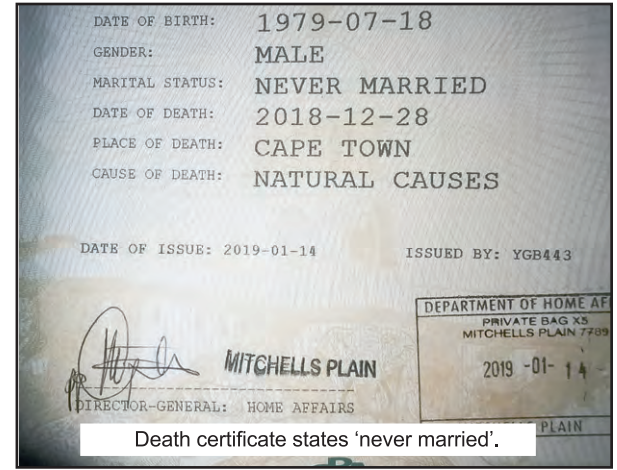
After consultation with members of the Muslim community, there are areas which is required to be addressed prior to the Bill's enactment in order to allow for the proper implementation of all individual's commitment to the Bill, without infringing on an individual's Constitutional rights.

Al Jama-ah Political Party has identified certain sections and areas which proves to be inconsistent with the Islamic Legal System and rulings. It is concerning that the relevant sections shows inconsistency with the Islamic Legal system rulings.

This will mean that our Muslim marriages may only be conducted in terms of the above and should any marriage officer not comply with the act, such marriage officer is deemed to have committed an offence even though he has fulfilled all the requirements of a marriage in terms of Islamic rulings.

It is thus that Al Jama-ah appeals to the community at large to urgently peruse the relevant Single Marriage Statue Bill and forward their comments to the South African Law Commission via email: pvanwyk@justice.gov.za

Alternatively, you may send your comments to:
Al Jama-ah Political party via email on
aallie-patel@parliament.gov.za
Contact Person: Ayesha Allie
A digital copy is available on our website:
www.aljama.co.za
Closing date for comments: 17 May 2021



Death certificate states 'never married'.



AL JAMA-AH ASSIST MUSLIMS PRISONERS TO PREPARE FOR RAMADAAN

A High ranking AL JAMA-AH delegation led by its President and Leader in Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks carried out an official Parliamentary oversight visit at the Goodwood Correctional Services to investigate the conditions of Muslim prisoners and preparations for the month of Ramadaan.

Hendricks, who serves as an alternate Member on the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services, was accompanied by AL JAMA-AH's Member of Provincial Legislature (Western Cape), Hon. Maulana Galil Brinkhuis and the party's general secretary and councillor Faried Achmat (City of Cape Town).

The delegation was warmly received by the Acting Head Mr Lamla Shumane and his delegation.

"We are satisfied, inmates at Goodwood prison will be able to have sehri (sua/breakfast before sunrise) Iftaar or boeka

and to perform salaah (prayers) on time." "We are also pleased that the prison's kitchen is halal-friendly," Hendricks said.

AL JAMA-AH will fund a skills training programme for inmates and provide funding for a Moulana to perform the five daily prayers with Muslim prisoners.

Hendricks said Muslim prisoners that they interacted with were happy with the assistance Al Jama-ah has offered, especially the Islamic guidance and practices. "The prisoners said they want to leave crime and become practising Muslims," he said.

Councillor Achmat said the oversight visit followed a request from a Moulana. "The Moulana expressed his concern to the party that since his suspension the Muslim prisoners received no Islamic guidance and he was worried about insufficient preparations for the upcoming month of Ramadaan," Achmat explained.



Inmates: A high ranking AL JAMA-AH delegation on an oversight visit at the Goodwood Correctional Services to discuss Ramadaan preparations for Muslim inmates. From left: Maulana Galil Brinkhuis (AL JAMA-AH MPL), Mr Lamla Shumane (Centre Coordinator: Operational Support), Hon. Ganief Hendricks (AL JAMA-AH MP and leader), Mrs M.A Sebotsa (Area Commissioner) and Pastor Jerome Farmwell (Area Coordinator: Development and Care). Not in photo is Faried Achmat (AL JAMA-AH councillor-CoCT and secretary general).

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- Download the IEC mobile app and enter your ID number
- Check your voter registration details
- Or check at your local IEC office during office hours
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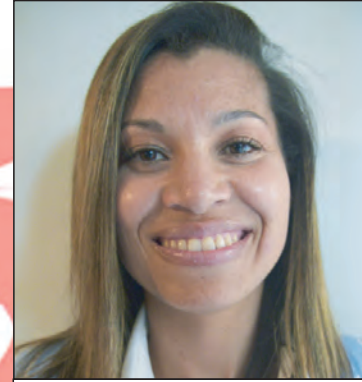
Aadiel Davids
Ward 86- Strand



Aqeelah Marks
Ward 44 - Heideveld



Faizel Fisher
Ward 100 - Strand



Angelique Dryer
Ward 16 - Eerste Rlver



Igshaan Bester
Ward 10 - Parow



Junaid Cloete
Ward 31 - Bonteheuwel



Achmat Hendricks
Ward 76 - Lentegeur



Keith Solomon
Ward 49 - Athlone



Maher Edwards
Ward 60 - Rondebosch



Mogamat Faried Achmat
Ward 26 - Parow Civic Centre



Mogamat Salie Davids
Ward 48 - Belgravia



Mohamed Zaid Allie
Ward 67 - Pelican Park



Moulana Shafiq Nolan
Ward 78 - Westridge



Moulana Raihaan Petersen
Ward 65 - Lotus River



Sarfaraaz Mukkaddem
Ward 56 - Kensington



Nazmie Jamodien
Ward 115 - Woodstock



Sedick Mathews
Ward 106- Delft South



Shams Tabrez Sayed
Ward 46 - Belgravia



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Shamierah Salie
Ward 79 - Beacon Valley



Shariefa Fredericks
Ward 77 - Bo-Kaap



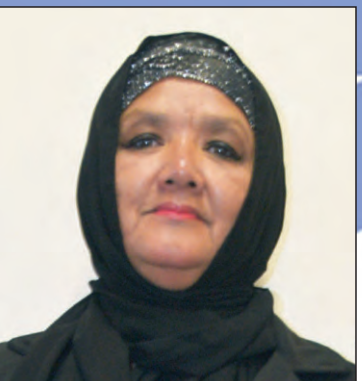
Tawfeeq Ely
Ward 75 - Colorado



Zulfa Aranes
Ward116 - Mandelay



Yusuf Dalwai
Ward 63 - Ottery



Suraya Bharba
Ward 50 - Bonteheuwel



Minister supports AL JAMA-AH calls for an interest free State Bank in SA

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FINANCE Minister Tito Mboweni responded positively to AL JAMA-AH's Member of Parliament Hon. Ganief Hendrick's call for the establishment of an interest free State Bank in South Africa and to embrace the 4th Industrial Revolution.

Hon Hendricks made the call recently in a Parliamentary Debate on the 'Consideration of Fiscal Framework and Revenue Proposals'. Hendricks stated: "A Fiscal Framework for a smart country must embrace the 4th Industrial Revolution, an interest free State Bank for South Africa, a digital currency backed up with a Mandela gold coin all governed by the "New Abnormal"."

Mboweni replied: "The State Bank is a really fundamental, political, economic and financial issue for this country. The issue of a State Bank is not an ideological issue, but a matter we must deal with. The State Bank must be accentuated and the African Bank creates a platform for a State Bank. On the 4th Industrial Revolution, I think the budget which is amongst you'll serves to answer that question."

Hendricks stated: "An interest free State Banking system as a "New Abnormal" will make the aspiring entrepreneurs and those growing their business to rediscover banking against the underpinning principles of fair play, equitable sharing of

wealth earned from legitimate growth of the capital."

He said the 'New Abnormal' is about everyone becoming a leader and that the pandemic has accelerated the need and capability for every individual to take responsibility for their own lives and livelihoods.

Hendricks said the digital civilisation has created the eco system within a highly interconnected world for anyone to do anything including in getting a job overseas or to sell internationally without leaving home.

"Interest free banking is freeing up latent entrepreneurial talent to ride this Lion of Change towards upliftment and economic freedom!

"In so changing a disadvantage into an advantage. It's no longer unemployed youths or unemployed graduates. It's about a large source of educated labour who are tech savvy, and ready to do business anywhere in Africa and beyond helped by an interest free State Bank," Hendricks explained.

"AL JAMA-AH will help to establish a State bank as our ancestors in Indonesia are world leaders. Dr Antonio head of the Bogo University is a recipient of a gold medal for establishing a State Bank in Indonesia," he said.



Hon. Ganief Hendricks AL JAMA-AH MP being sworn in as Member of Parliament and holding the Qur'an written down by Sheikh Tuan Yusuf. On the left is Finance Minister Tito Mboweni, Hon Ganief Hendricks (AL JAMA-AH) and on his right is Hon. Thilivhali Mulaudzi (EFF).

AL JAMA-AH MMC IN JOHANNESBURG SHINES

AL JAMA-AH councillor Thapelo Amad Mayoral Management Committee (MMC) for Development Planning in the City of Johannesburg (COJ), councillor Imam Thapelo Amad is making waves in Johannesburg where the party holds the balance of power.

He is showing the way how AL JAMA-AH can help rule in many more municipalities and ground- breaking activities include:

- Representing AL JAMA-AH at the commemoration of Sharpeville Day/Heroes Day hosted by the Black Consciousness Movement-United (BCM) on 21 March 2021 at the Harry Gwala Multi-Purpose Hall, Zamdela in Sasolburg.
- Distributed food hampers donated by the King Salmaan Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre, Sheikh Ahmad Abdi and Dawood Fruit & Vegetables, to indigent families in Lenasia.
- Met with the Institute for Islamic Services, Pretoria to discuss unity and cooperation during elections. Held discussions with stakeholders on the Soweto Strategic Area Framework and how to bring the economy closer to opportunities in the city.

Palestine week

- Was invited by the Embassy of the State of Palestine in South Africa, to attend an awareness programme at the Lenasia Muslim School.
- Learners were briefed on the situation in Palestine,

imprisoned Palestinian children and the International Criminal Court (ICC) plans to open investigations into War Crimes committed by Israel against Palestinians.

AL JAMA-AH's Councillor Donates School Shoes and Dignity Packs

- Amad went on a school readiness drive to donate shoes and dignity packs to learners.
- Distributed school shoes to needy learners at the following primary schools: Macbane in, Eldorado Park; Protea South, Freedom Park and Dumezweni in Soweto.
- Distributed Dignity Gift Packs to girls at the Altmont Technical High School in Soweto.
- At Protea South Primary School Amad expressed condolences to the family and school on the death of a Grade 7 learner who collapsed and died at the school after he complained of dizziness.
- AL JAMA-AH - Gauteng Provincial Executive Committee Conference
- Played an instrumental role in hosting of the Gauteng PEC conference.

Working Relations with Taxi Association

The AL JAMA-AH Gauteng leadership met with the Eldorado Park Taxi Association to establish a working relationship with the association to discuss assistance for the upcoming by-elections. Amad visited the site of a demolished taxi rank in Lenasia which was a breeding ground for criminal and brothel activities.

Amad met with Ward 14 councillor Mokoena and MMC for Community Development Cllr to discuss the completion of Protea Glen Ext 4 Park Development Project.



MMC Thapelo Amad and Executive director of Development Planning (DP) Ms Amolemo Mothoagae (left), taking the DP to the residents of Johannesburg. They visited Altmont technical high school in Protea South and donated dignity packs for a girl child, to assist with school readiness and show support on their development.

MOULANA GALIL BRINKHUIS- MPL INSIDE WC LEGISLATURE

AL JAMA-AH's Member of the Provincial Legislature - Western Cape, Hon. Maulana Galil Brinkhuis has raised several issues to the Legislature:

Education:

Brinkhuis asked the MEC for Education Debbie Schafer to stop the Department's disciplinary hearing against the principal of Heathfield High School, Mr Wesley Neumann who refused to re-open the school during the peak of Covid-19 in July 2020. Schafer said she could not intervene and that the hearing must take its course.

Alcohol sales at School functions

- Brinkhuis called on the Department to ban liquor sales at school functions;
- The Department should close down shebeens near schools, sports facilities and religious institutions. The WC Premier Alan Winde announced in his SOPA (State of the Province Address) that the Province would publish amendments to alcohol legislation for public comment to look at interventions on how to reduce the harm caused by alcohol.

Learning during Covid-19

- Made a submission to Education MEC Schafer for the Department to broadcast the school curriculum on SABC/SATV.
- To implement steps to allow the broadcast of matric and senior primary syllabuses.
- Suggested that the Department use the educational material from Damelin colleges for broadcasting.

In his SOPA Premier Winde announced the province had embraced innovation and technology by the launch of a pilot project to test classroom to classroom virtual streaming to enable teachers from one school to teach to schools in another area.

Land

He asked the MEC for Community Safety, Cultural Affairs and Sports to allow the Khoisan organisation, Samekoms access to their ancestral land in Constantia to hold cultural activities. MEC AJD Marais replied: "In respect of rights of communities to access ancestral land under the landownership of another party the National Heritage Resources Act does not provide absolute rights for communities to access sacred sites. There are clauses which do allow access but with the consent of the owner."

GBV Shelters

Brinkhuis asked Social Development MEC Ms Sharna Fernandez how many new sites for safe houses the province identified to accommodate Gender Based Violence victims.

Fernandez: "Six new gender-based violence safe houses will be opened in various districts to help victims of abuse."

The head of Social Development Department, Dr Robert MacDonald could not confirm whether shelters provided halaal meals, but that shelters under the Department accommodated people from different backgrounds and their needs.

WCPP BUDGET

In a question to the Finance MEC David Maynier, Brinkhuis asked if the budget aimed to eradicate poverty in the Province.

MEC Maynier could not give the assurance that the budget would eradicate poverty but gave his guarantee to do his utmost to reduce the inequality in the province.