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MANIFESTO: Party leader and MP, Hon. Ganief Hendricks with (from left) Zaid Allie, Moulana Raiaan Peteren and Attorney Yusuf Dalwie at the party's manifesto launch this month

Mentoring new leaders as AL JAMA-AH showcases **FEMALE LEADERSHIP** for the Municipal Elections 2021

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"The party's manifesto has finally been launched," says ecstatic party leader Hon. Ganief Hendricks. Adv. Shameemah Salie, heading the party's legal team, is of the opinion, the manifesto is a legal document guiding the party's policies. Adv. Salie says: "The manifesto forms the parameters of functioning within the framework of party policy."

The manifesto was well received in Kliptown, Gauteng, Port Elizabeth, Harding, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Free State, Pretoria, Madibeng and at the Westridge Mosque in Mitchells Plain. The manifesto spells out the party's policy surrounding its aims and objectives. The manifesto document is quite comprehensive when dealing with modus operandi to end corruption, eradication of crime, termination of homelessness, annihilation of landlessness, cessation of evictions, provision of interrupted water supply and a reduction of high cost of electricity.

The party makes a special call on you, the voter, to exercise your vote in an informed manner in the upcoming Local Government Elections.



Al Jama-ah manifesto launch in Kliptown.

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PARTY LEADER HON. GANIEF HENDRICKS FOR MAYOR

Hon. Ganief Hendricks, member of parliament and Al Jama-ah leader is most suited to fill the Mayoral position in the City of Cape Town municipality.

Hon. Hendricks' political appearance on the political stage is hard to ignore.

He has proven himself as a realistic hands-on politician who gets the job done. Hendricks is a visionary and has driven Al Jama-ah into a strong political force.

Hendricks has the appropriate experience as a formidable politician. He has fought in the trenches during the anti-apartheid struggle years and has made an invaluable contribution towards freedom and democracy in the country.

He holds a BA (hons) in Industrial Psychology and Labour Relations as well as a higher teacher's diploma. He has worked for top companies like Nestle and served as CEO or Media 24.

He has also pioneered internet business relations in the country.

Hendricks served as a labour union leader for many years and he has been an announcer on labour matters with radio 786 for many years. His entry into the political arena occurred when he won a seat as a councillor.

Presently, Hon. Ganief Hendricks is in the driver's seat of Al Jama-ah's success story. He has managed the party from a small party into a political force with a powerful voice. Al Jama-ah, under Ganief Hendricks, can be proud of standing tall in the country amid the bigger parties, wielding nine councillors, a deputy mayor, a Mayco member, a provincial government member and himself as member of parliament.

Says Hon. Ganief Hendricks: "A vote for me is a vote for the best run City and municipality in South Africa."

PARTY LEADER SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT 'I'M A STAUNCH SUNNI'

Hon. Ganief Hendricks, member of parliament and Al Jama-ah leader condemned accusations made against him and says he is a staunch Sunni and was taught his 'aqeeda' (creed/belief) by the 'ulema' (theologians and jurists) around the globe.

Hon. Hendricks further says: "I was taught by the most renowned Sunni 'Ulema' that South Africa has ever had and this includes my uncles such as Hafez Sheikh Yusuf Booley and Sheikh Sharkie Gamielien-life President of MJC and leader of Shura."

"I served the latter for over 30 years and still a life Trustee.

Sheikh Abubakar Najaar was my Islamic history teacher and Imam Abdullah Haron my principal and his cohort of teachers, like Imam Omar Nordien, were my ideological teachers. Hon. Hendricks condemned in the strongest terms those who try to put him out of the fold of Islam. "I am a very strong, staunch Sunni, no matter what anyone else had to say about my 'aqeeda and my faith'."



BIOGRAPHY

Hon. Mogamad Ganief Ebrahim Hendricks

MOGAMAD GANIEF EBRAHIM HENDRICKS was born and raised in District Six. He is the Leader of Al Jama-ah party he founded in 2007. Al Jama-ah is the only Muslim political party to have obtained a seat in Parliament. Mr. Hendricks is a staunch Sunni who learned his Aqeeda from the best Ulema.

He was exposed to politics at a very young age by his activist mother, Gairooneesa Ally Hendricks. His deceased parents were Imam Shaikh Ebrahim Latiff from Durban and Ghairoenisaa who was also known as Mrs Shaikh. During the 1960s the Latiff family was forced to change their surname to Hendricks to avoid being deported to Natal. Hendricks maternal and paternal grandparents hailed from Johannesburg where they were anti-apartheid activists.

As a young boy he accompanied his mother on visits to political prisoners and meetings. Often, he had to give up his bed to "visiting" political activists on the run from the security, and to the Gogos who travelled to Cape Town to visit their loved ones incarcerated on Robben Island.

EDUCATION:

- Chapel Street Primary School and Trafalgar High School in District Six
- BA honours degree in Industrial Psychology at the University of the Western Cape (UWC).
- Founded the university's first newspaper, "Unibel" and became its editor.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- a founding member of the Muslim Students Association (MSA)
- executive member of the Majlis-us Shura Al Islami
- a campaigner for free education
- Free Nelson Mandela Campaign
- vice-chairperson of the Forum for Black Journalists
- general secretary of the trade union for workers with sensory disabilities.
- cricket manager in non-racial sport
- played rugby, athletics, table tennis and chess.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

- National Industrial Relations specialist for Nestle
- founder and director of MWEB and its HR Director
- received 2002 award from Naspers as "Pioneer of the Internet"
- After retirement did pro-bono work for the trade union and secured a provident fund for workers for disabilities.
- taught at a primary and high school and lectured Industrial Psychology at Cape Technikon and UWC.
- one of the founding members of the Muslim radio station, Radio 786 and was instrumental in securing its broadcast licence.

Prior to becoming a MP, he was a Councillor in the City of Cape Town.

IN PARLIAMENT HE SERVES ON THE FOLLOWING PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES:

- Small Business Development
- Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence
- Labour and Employment (alternate member)
- Health (alternate member)
- Home Affairs (alternate member)
- International Relations and Cooperation (alternate member)





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AL JAMA-AH CREATES BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH

Al Jama-ah hosted a small business workshop where 25 small business entrepreneurs received training. The programme was hosted by Moulana Ely and Imam Nolan.

Imam Nolan from the Jumu'ah mosque in Westridge, Mitchells Plain said: "I'm fully involved with the initiative and I encourage small business ventures in the disadvantaged communities."

Mingha Field, the coordinator of the workshop said: "The small business programme was the initiative which was announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa during the previous state of the nation address."

Al Jama-ah president Hon. Ganief Hendricks is part of the government initiative to empower the youth with economic development through business."

Hon. Hendricks stated: "I'm fully behind the concept of empowering the youth and women. We have already made our selections from hundreds of applicants. The government has made training and grants available as capital for the small business applicants."



The 25 selected small business entrepreneurs are seen here with Project Co-ordinator (front row, far right) Mingha Field.



Achim Hendricks, Councillor for Ward 76, Lentegeur gave an inspirational talk to our entrepreneurs. Alongside him is Mumienah Gamielien, constituency officer for Lentegeur.



THE SABC INTERVIEW AND ITS QUESTIONABLE SOCIAL PLATFORM SUMMARY

Hon. Mr. Ganief Hendricks, Al Jama-ah's leader, spoke to the SABC, SA's public broadcaster, during the time it conducted a series of election manifestos with political parties.

Introduction

Al Jama-ah, unlike other South African Muslim organizations, is a bona fide political party - established by Muslims not only for one religious community but for ALL- that contests local and national elections. But like these Muslim organizations, the party consciously subscribes to discerning principles that are purposefully fixed in a comprehensive divine legal system known as Shari'ah. From a Muslim theological and juristic perspective, it is an eternal unaltered sacred system that is unquestionably unchangeable, and undisputable.

Shari'ah: An Unalterable Divine System

Shari'ah, it should be stated, is 'an ideal path; that leads an individual to submit and worship Allah (that is, God) who is One and life's ultimate source. For this reason, a Muslim (that is, the person who solely submits to God) perpetually advocates the concept of Tawhid (that is, God's Oneness). Whenever he/she performs his/her daily thikr, each one reminds oneself of God; so, whatever he/she does, wherever he/she goes, and whenever he/she confronts challenges, God remains uppermost in that person's mind with the intention of becoming muttaqi (God conscious).

The scholarly consensus is that Shari'ah's origins are derived from its twin primary sources, namely the Qur'an (God's revelation) and the Sunnah (Prophet's practices/statements); while both these foundational structures are indisputably considered sacred, they have been open to various readings and interpretations by the immersing Ulama (that is, theologians jurist and others) fraternities since the prophetic period (circa 610-632); this intellectual theological-juristic exercise continued to this day. On top of that, Shari'ah is still regarded by all Muslims as an all-encompassing and all-embracing scheme; one that covers all human activities. Now since all Muslims consider this a secure immutable system, majority and minority Muslim

communities have devoutly observed its well-balanced principles in their private and public lives over the ages. Though the Ulama seldom questioned the Shari'ah- since it is their acceptable and undeniably divinely constructed system - they enthusiastically engage with their foundational structures from which they could derive applicable ideas and practices; this process, however, depended upon their socio-political, economic, and cultural circumstances.

Fiqh: A Juristic Apparatus for Interpretation

In these situations, the 'ulama made use of Fiqh (literally means: understanding); it consists of a set of jurisprudential tools that may be described as a particular juristic method used to reach human understanding of the divine system. Worded differently, Fiqh refers to the mujtahid's - that is, the jurist who possesses the special skills and necessary legal knowledge (or, stated differently, someone who applies his/her rational faculties to arrive at a juristic assessment within a particular socio-political and economic context)- knowledge about past & present legal rulings; ones that were extracted from various (related) legal sources for the Muslim community - be it within or outside a Muslim dominated environment.

It is a system that thus aids the mujtahid (that is, the jurist who possess the skills and knowledge) and the Muslim community (that he/she serves) to gain a deep insight and perception of the socio-political scenario they are confronted with. Fiqh may be comprehended as a legal juristic apparatus within Shari'ah; one that helps to expand and develop it. This, moreover, takes place through an ijihadi approach; one that employs rational interpretative principles to find ways of adjusting and applying them to the socio-political environment (such as South Africa).

The 'ulama either invent/construct or find fatwas (that is, legal judgements/opinions) that may be applicable in the surroundings in which they find themselves. As the 'ulama's

opinions increased and as differences appeared over time, schools of jurisprudence were established. During the earlier centuries and in the post-prophetic period, the Shafi'ite, Hanafite and other schools emerged. The mentioned two became dominant in Southern Africa. Though scholars, who adhere to one of these schools, have invariably differed from their counterparts on juristic matters (such as an individual participating in secular system socially and politically as is the case within the South African dispensation), they generally agreed that Shari'ah remained unchallengeable.

At this point, it should be repeated that Fiqh, unlike Shari'ah, is fallible and changeable. One may further state that Fiqh is a flexible legal devise that provides an insight into the observance of rituals, application of morals, adherence to social legislation, and adaptation to political conditions within and outside the house of Islam. Since Fiqh assists in opening pathways in life in specific situations or in extraordinary circumstances without the individual's faith being diminished or abandoned; nay, it, in fact, creates chances to affirm and strengthen one's faith in God and in the community that the person serves.

AL JAMA-AH on Shari'ah

Unfortunately, it seems that the SABC journalist, who posted online the summary of Hon Hendrick's interview, gave an erroneous understanding of Al Jama-ah's position vis-à-vis the Shari'ah. He and the Party's members fully identify with this sacred system upholding it as a watertight, reliable system in their private and public lives. As far as records demonstrate, the Party never offered any other view that contradicts this stance. Hon Hendricks, however, stressed that it is the Fiqh dimension that has been deliberately confused - probably out of ignorance - with the Shari'ah; as explained above, there are technical differences that do exist. Now, while Al Jama-ah and its members firmly subscribe and comply with Shari'ah, it is the set of Fiqh rulings within

Shari'ah in general and the South African context in particular that guide the Party as well as all the Muslims who are South African citizens or residents. These they obtain from the recognized 'ulama and bodies that have taken charge of these aspects of the community. Being part of the Muslim community in South Africa, the Party, which publicly adheres to its Islamic ethos and principles without any state interference, accepts the country's Constitution. It does so, even though it might have different understandings of some of the clauses that permit certain practices that are out of sync with Islam's teachings. In fact, as a Muslim oriented party, it argues that Islam's teachings permit Muslims to show respect to the secular legal system and it encourages them to obey it despite clauses that may appear problematic when applied.

Anyhow it is important to state that Mr. Hendricks is aware of the challenges that the Party faces within the South African secular context; he knows that even though many Muslims do not support the Party and that it competes with others for Muslim votes, it is confident that this will change with the current election. During the past few years when it went to the polls, it was interesting that many of its supporters came from outside the Muslim community and this illustrates that others have confidence in the Party's agenda.

In closing the issue, the Party turns to a debatable matter (that probably falls under Fiqh); it, along a few other parties, stated that if it gets into power in Greater Cape Town, it intends to implement the contentious 'expropriation of land without compensation' in the post-local government elections. Now it is beyond question that certain members of the South African voting community would not want to see this happen; and they would most likely use their vote to counter the Party! Important is that the Party remains resilient and that it faithfully finds ways of wooing voters to see its bigger plans for our communities.

Aluta continua!

MESSAGE FROM AL JAMA-AH PRESIDENT HON.GANIEF HENDRICKS

VOTE SMALLER PARTIES, VOTE AL JAMA-AH

"We do not want a Party in charge of the Western Cape who supports the illegal state of Isreal. We do not want the City of Cape Town to be run by a party who looks into the interests and well-being of rich whites."

"A vote for the smaller parties is powerful," says member of parliament and AL JAMA-AH leader hon. Ganief Hendricks. Hendricks says: "We can rule the Cape metropole and appoint our own mayor if the smaller parties form a coalition government."

"This can come about when we open our eyes and see through the blatant lies that a vote for a small party is a vote for the ANC, as so condescendingly broadcast by the DA.

"The DA has shown they do not really care about the votes coming out from the Cape Flats. What did the DA do for you? They cut your water which is against the constitution.

They evict our people from their own homes, they do not provide adequate service to our people, and on top of it, when it comes to elections time, the DA

will repair the roads in the townships to falsely show they are doing you a big favour.

"Our people do not want roads to be serviced at the expense of massive unemployment, poverty and hunger. On top of it the City under the DA has given all the road-building contracts to their own kind.

And in fact, has stolen lucrative contracts from our people and given these to their own kind."

Palestinian activist condemns support for Israel



Muna El-Kurd says: "Those who supports Israel are complicit in the injustice that happens in Palestine."

Palestinian activist, Muna El-Kurd condemns Israeli support at a recent media conference saying: "To all pro Palestinians in the DA, the councillors and voters, it is a crime you commit when you support a political party knowing their objections in respect of supporting the people of Palestine."

LAUNCH OF RADIO JEEM - AN INITIATIVE OF THE SA MUSLIM HERITAGE MUSEUM

The SA Muslim Heritage Museum has launched a much-needed online radio station, taking parliament to the people.

The studio is housed in Colorado Park, Mitchells Plain. Addressing the radio staff, Party leader and Member of Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks said: "The purpose of Jeem Radio is to inform listeners of pertinent issues affecting them such as service delivery and also what's happening in parliament.

"We will also deliberate on Muslim issues such as the Nikah Bill, the Shari'ah Court and other related matters affecting women in our communities, youth unemployment. "The radio has different roles to play: We will bring parliament to the communities, deliberate on matters of youth empowerment such as government funding availability for youth and women small business ventures. "The radio will start broadcasting at first through social media and very soon we hope to obtain radio licence so that we can go on air."

Newly-appointed Radio Jeem anchor, Alphas Ncosi said he worked with a Muslim radio station in Johannesburg and feels Radio Jeem will make an impact. Prof. Mogamat Haron, Al Jama-ah's researcher

say: "The radio will be community-driven who will partner with Al Jama-ah in making the broadcasting meaningful and informative."

Prof. Mogamat Haron the Al Jama-ah researcher said: "Jeem radio will document and highlight issues affecting all communities. "It is by time that ordinary people participate in the decisions of service delivery and law making."

The radio team is headed by Moulana Galil Brinkhuys who serves as the radio station manager. Sohail is the technical person. Nazmie Jamodien and Fuad Rahman deal with topics such as the Nikah bill, community safety, service delivery, parliamentary issues, municipal elections, contemporary news issues among a variety of concerns.

Fatima Hendricks runs the womens lifestyle program daily where she deals with issues in society affecting women. Radio Jeem listeners are growing steadily countrywide and internationally.

Listeners are welcome to tune-in via AL JAMA-AH website: www.aljama.co.za

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Radio Jeem: Left, Alphas Nkosi, Hon.Ganief Hendricks and Prof. Mohammed Haron.



Inside the studio: Technical administrator, Sohail Mohamed (back) with Nazmie Jamodien and technical assistant Josh