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Hon. Ganief Hendricks member of parliament and leader of the AL jama-ah political party.

## MANIFESTO PROMISE 2024

Voters will get an opportunity to vote for AL JAMA-AH in the 2024 elections and give its President Hon Ganief Hendricks a second five year term to be the Muslim voice in parliament. When national voter registration takes place in communities, the Muslim voters must turn out in their numbers. In the meantime, the rush must be on to get an AL JAMA-AH membership card with loyalty benefits like discounts at halaal supermarkets and butcheries and a funeral scheme at a low cost.

AL JAMA-AH is getting ready to govern South Africa. The family is the backbone of its policies and the improvement of family life in its core Constituency namely, the Muslim community is its focus and manifesto promise for the 2024 national elections. For Muslims, prosperity can be there for all Muslims who will be mobilized to benefit from government social relief, development and small business grants.

Muslims are put on this planet to govern so even with Hon. Ganief Hendricks in the national parliament

and Moulana Galil Brinkhuis an outstanding Alim in the Western Cape Legislature.

AL JAMA-AH is making waves with three (3) Muslim marital bills. The first 3 Muslim Bills ever to be put forward to the National Assembly after 350 years of Islam in South Africa. These Bills, when it becomes laws will give the Nikah certificate issued by the Imam the recognition to be presented to the Department of Home Affairs for a valid South African Marriage certificate. When a spouse in a Nikah only marriage

*The Aljama-ah leader and Member of Parliament Hon. Ganief Hendricks (seated 4th from left) with the party's councillors from Kwa-Zulu Natal, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Limpopo at a recent team-building meeting in preparation for the 2024 General Elections.*



dies, the death certificate will say "married" restoring the dignity of the deceased and respecting the Islamic marriage. Currently it is issued as "never married", harming our dignity. The amendments to the Maintenance Act will ensure that men nafakah their wives and maintenance is paid towards the welfare of children, which many are neglecting. Women will get traveling and a subsistence allowance to lay complaints in the Maintenance Court's.

With regard to talaqs, women and children will get access to the Court's for justice, especially if the women help build a third Estate qualifying her to benefit from this. The husband has his Estate and the women hers but now can benefit from the 3rd Estate to which both of them contributed. Presently only the husband benefits from the third Estate.

Other laws will be to give the poorest of the poor guaranteed employment at the cost of Social benefits but the government will provide free medical care and better pensions.

Honourable Hendricks has a lot of law making to attend to until his term of office ends and is available to be re-elected to continue his

efforts, and continue mobilizing families to benefit from government programmes to get out of poverty as he is currently doing.

A good Leader must have members to take over and his succession plan is work in progress. He needs more members

of parliament from AL JAMA-AH to help him with work in 40 committees of Parliament. He also needs members from other communities to join him as AL JAMA-AH is a party for all communities. In the nine provinces AL JAMA-AH must have a voice.



## HOW TO JOIN ONLINE

MEMBERSHIP

**STEP 1**  
Visit [www.aljama.co.za](http://www.aljama.co.za)

**STEP 2**  
Click download to access membership form

**STEP 3**  
Complete the form

**STEP 4**  
**Pay R15 into our BANK ACCOUNT**  
ACCOUNT NAME : Aljama  
BANK : Nedbank  
BRANCH : Howard Centre, Pinelands  
ACCOUNT : 1202085571  
BRANCH : 198765  
TYPE : Cheque Account

**STEP 5**  
Send completed form as well as proof of payment to [info@aljama.co.za](mailto:info@aljama.co.za)

# AL JAMA-AH HAS A VOICE IN PARLIAMENT

As from January 2022, Hon Ganief Hendricks participated amongst others, in the following debates for which he only receives 3 minutes speaking time on each debate held during preliminary sessions:

- Freedom Day – Palestine
- International Women’s Day
- Human Rights Day
- Russia-Ukraine War
- Vote of No Confidence in President Cyril Ramaphosa
- Members Statement on Eid-ul Fitr
- Motions Without Notice on Hajj Visas for Muslims
- Human Rights Day
- Child Protection Week
- Al Aqsa Week
- Ramadaan
- Muslims are Peaceful
- KwaZulu-Natal Floods
- Agriculture
- Land Reform and Rural Development
- Budget Votes on: The Presidency
- Water and Sanitation, Human Settlements
- Health
- International Relations
- Small Business Development

The National Assembly is one of two Houses of Parliament, and it has four functions which are:

- Electing the President;
- Passing laws/legislation;
- Ensuring the members of the executive carry out their work properly and efficiently;
- Providing a forum for representatives of the people can debate issues on a public platform.

The year 2022 started with Parliament engulfed in flames, thus Members of Parliament could not access their offices. The Al Jama-ah offices which are on the fourth floor in the Old Assembly building were severely affected as the roof collapsed on it. However, Parliamentary work continued at all levels.



Honourable Ganief Hendricks discussing the way forward with President Cyril Ramaphosa

Other forms of communicating the public’s questions and enquiries to the government are through written questions to the Presidency and Ministers; Oral questions and Supplementary questions.

Several Motions Without Notice have been submitted on prominent members of the community who have passed on; those celebrating milestone birthdays; sport individuals who have reached success or attained medals; career persons who have achieved awards; community activists who achieved awards, etc.

Notices of Motions have also been submitted to bring pertinent issues forward for parliament to discuss.

## AL JAMA-AH PARTY’S POSITION ON

### THE PUBLIC TRAVESTY OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND COMMUNAL JUSTICE IN ZI- ONIST ISRAEL, OPPRESSED SOUTH AFRICANS, AND IN- DIA’S RIGHT-WING HINDU GOVERNMENT

As the former oppressed communities of Apartheid in South Africa, we are very familiar with the bulldozing of our homes between the 1950’s and 1970’s. The Apartheid state pursued an inhumane state policy in Fietas, District Six, and several other areas around the country where scores of families were physically driven out of their homes to live in the wastelands of our country; furthermore, their homes were razed to the ground. This tragic event did not only take place in South Africa, it also continues to this day in the Zionist Israel. This Zionist State carry out similar activities against the indigenous Palestinian communities.

The callous Zionist State, however, demonstrated that they do not care at all about these communities; they used the state’s right to accomplish these incon-

siderate policies without showing any remorse and lack of accountability.

These acts are now being applied in the Republic of India where the right-wing Hindu government has ignited anti-Muslim rhetoric by not only removing early South Asian Muslim history from the curricula it has started evicting Muslims from their areas and bulldozing their family/communal homes.

These governments have adopted a ‘don’t care a damn’ attitude using their shrewdly devised domestic policies to perpetuate inhumane practices despite the UN resolutions. Each of these states, without any justification in their sacred texts, have calculatingly employed these laws to maintain complete power over people whose rights they have usurped and taken away.

**STANDS IN SOLIDARITY  
WITH PALESTINE**



## LEADER OF AL JAMA-AH ON A MISSION

# TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND YOUTH

The Leader of the AL JAMA-AH Party Hon. Ganief Hendricks is unstoppable in his mission to get women and young people to benefit from government programmes that will help uplift them and their families out of poverty. Hendricks is approaching cabinet Ministers in Parliament for their support to encourage the various departments to roll out socio-economic programmes to empower women and youth.

He has secured “material grants” for struggling and unemployed seamstresses in Mitchells Plain from the Department of Social Development.



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### PROGRAMMES ON THE RADAR AND ACHIEVED

- Dressmaking
- Turning open public spaces into food gardens;
- Assisting unemployed people in Groutville in KwaZulu-Natal to grow peanuts along the Umvoti River in order to manufacture peanut butter;
- Sponsored and supported several Youth Day events: a learners' Career Expo in Umdoni, KwaZulu-Natal;
- Commemoration and Awareness Programme on 1976 uprisings – Paarl, feeding;
- Sports tournaments in Bokmakierie and Hazendal (Western Cape) and sports tournaments in Mtubatuba, KwaZulu-Natal;
- Youth Rally in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga.



### AL JAMA-AH ON THE FOREFRONT OF RESTORING DIGNITY OF WOMEN

The community of Sandvlei comes out in force on Womens Day to support Al Jama-ah's quest to have Muslim marriages Nikah certificate legalized as a matter of urgency to remedy the constant injustice faced by women. Our Women's Day program included a ratib ul gadat, as well as a presentation given by our party leader on the update of Nikah, nafaqa and talaq bills before Parliament and ended off with handing out gifts, lunch and dessert.

The Al Jama-ah party calls on the South African government to look at strategies for the “Silencing of guns” by implementing a socio-economic response and to support the United Nations and African Union calls for the handing in of small guns and light weapons. The UN and AU declared “small arms enablers of armed violence, as well as a serious threat to peace, security, and stability.”

The bodies also called on people across the African continent to come together during September's Africa Amnesty Month for the surrender and collection of illicit small arms.



“If we want peace in Africa then there should be no guns on the streets. Should small guns not be handed in, then we may have to deploy a standby force to encourage people to hand in their small guns and light weapons,” says Hon Ganief Hendricks, Al Jama-ah Member of Parliament. Between January and March 2022, over 6 000 families mourned the death of a loved one.

“This means 68 people were killed daily, that is, three people every hour during a 3-month period. Firearms are the most used weapons to commit these heinous crimes,” according to the South African Police Service and mortuary surveillance systems.

The high levels of unemployment, poverty and inequality are major contributors to crime in South Africa. Hendricks says during oversight visits to various Constituencies in several provinces, unemployment and poverty were recorded in every area that was visited. “Lawmakers must listen to the unemployed masses of whom many have a skill to sustain themselves but need help with resources. We must assist people towards sustainable employment opportunities so they can empower not only themselves, but also the village or town they are living in,” says Hendricks who serves on the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development.

# CREATING EMPLOYMENT

*As MP and responding to calls for help in the party's Constituencies, Hendricks has identified and acted on assisting communities in three different provinces with creating employment such as:*

- Reviving Cape Town as the Mecca of the Clothing Industry – In collaboration with the Department of Social Development, strategies are being put in place to provide free material to 200 unemployed women in Mitchells Plain who are skilled in dressmaking a chance to earn a living and sustain their business further.
- Fishing boat for Mpame Village in the Eastern Cape – Hendricks assisted a fishing Cooperative to receive a fishing boat that will enable them to catch fish and create more employment and sustainability.
- Growing peanuts to manufacture peanut butter in Grootville, Kwa-Zulu-Natal – About five cooperatives of youths and unemployed adults have been established on National Youth Day. They will be taught how to grow peanuts and manufacture peanut butter to sell locally, nationally, and internationally.

South Africa is known to have one of the highest unemployment rates in the world and the crime rate is a serious problem and concern in the country.

*“We all want peace and a crime-free environment, but to acquire this we need to address the socio-economic conditions of the people,” says Hendricks.*



# TWO PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS

The Party has submitted two Private Members Bills, Muslim Marriages, and the Maintenance Act. Islam has a rich history of more than 350 years in South Africa and Al Jama-ah is the first Muslim party represented in the South African Parliament. The Bills are proposing amendments that will protect women against Gender-Based Violence.

It is also Parliament's first time to have reached an agreement with the Legal Department of Parliament on certification readiness of one Private Members Bill and another Private Members Bill on amending legislation to the Maintenance Act.

The two bills are:

- Interim Registration of Muslim Marriages Bill
- Maintenance Amendment Bill



**Nikah Ceremony**

The Nikah is a contract that has to be signed by the groom and the bride. Their signatures confirm their agreement to marry each other.



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Honourable Ganief Hendricks discussing the way forward with President Cyril Ramaphosa



Party leader Ganief Hendricks with deputy President of South Africa discussing DISTRICT SIX

## SMALL BUSINESS STARTER PACKS AND SKILLS TRAINING

The Deputy Minister of Small Business Development arrived in Mitchells Plain at the invitation of Hon. Ganief Hendricks to launch the small business starter packs and skills training. At the invitation of Hon. Ganief Hendricks, the Deputy Minister went on an oversight visit to District 6 to fast track the handing over of keys of 108 housing units to claimants. Hendricks also met with the Minister of Social Development to discuss provisions for a budget to fund projects for young people to move them out of poverty.

On the radar at the request of Hon Hendricks, President Cyril Ramaphosa will visit and launch a fishing vessel in Mpame, a rural village