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Al Jama-ah welcomes deployment of SANDF at Eskom plants

The Al Jama-ah Party has welcomed its positive call that security and intelligence forces be redeployed at all Eskom plants after the CEO Andre de Rutter resigned.

Following evidence of sabotage at Eskom plants, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the deployment of members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) at four of the power utility's plants.

Leader of Al Jama-ah in Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks says drastic measures are now needed to protect the country's power utility. "The sabotage and criminal syndicate at Eskom have been made public knowledge a long time ago. It is a pity that Eskom's complaints of sabotage were not given a priority to deal with as a matter of national security," says Hendricks.

The party says this drastic action to deploy SANDF members to protect the power stations is long overdue. The Load shedding and blackouts have affected everyone in the country, having access to electricity is one of the most important services in fighting poverty and stabilising the economy. The load shedding not only harmed the economy but also attributes to criminal activities especially in gang-infested areas.

"We further call on government to extend the SANDF deployment to all Eskom plants. Securing the lights must be a matter of national security going forward," says Hendricks.

We need to further note that it is unacceptable how a criminal element has been allowed to hold the country hostage and impacted on the life and livelihoods of its residents. "This type of behaviour should not be tolerated," adds Hendricks.

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