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Al Jama-ah Political Party has mixed feelings towards President Cyril Ramaphosa's cabinet changes; it is of the belief that there should have been more younger appointments and more women in the cabinet.

Al Jama-ah's Party leader and Member of Parliament, Hon Ganief Hendricks said the cabinet reshuffle announced by the President yesterday, proved to citizens just how out of touch the government is with the needs and concerns of citizens. It has failed to balance the cabinet with youth.

"The President should have made more younger appointments and the appointment of more women in the cabinet are encouraging. The new appointments do not represent the country's religious and cultural demographics. It is disappointing to see the lack of inclusivity in the reshuffle. President Ramaphosa should have brought other opposition parties into his cabinet to be more inclusive," says Hendricks.

Nonetheless, the President has made his cabinet reshuffle by appointing Mr Paul Mashatile as his deputy after last week's departure of Mr David Mabuza. Al Jama-ah calls on political parties to support the appointment of former Tshwane mayor, Dr Kgosietshe Ramokgopa as the Minister of Electricity. Al Jama-ah says during these critical times the new ministerial post might add value to the current energy crisis.

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