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Al Jama-ah Political Party prepares an emergency plan in the event of the electricity grid collapsing.

Al Jama-ah Party is deeply concerned about the very real possibility that South Africa could soon have a grid collapse. The party is taking heed of serious warnings from engineers at the power utility that the minimum period for the electricity to be switched back on after a collapse of the grid is 14 days.

Although some of our people will resort to inverter systems and generators, these only serve as temporary measures. Al Jama-ah's party leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks says statistics have revealed that after a national blackout, it generally takes 48 hours before people take to the streets.

"Al Jama-ah has come up with its own plan to support the new Minister of Electricity. We are approaching philanthropists and donors to fund five megawatt facilities throughout South Africa. This will start in selective areas in the City of Johannesburg where Al Jama-ah's provincial chairperson, Alderman Imam Abubakr Thapelo Amad is the executive mayor," explains Hendricks. The first five megawatt facilities are expected to be operational within the first 120 days of the CoJ's new mayor's term of office.

"Within two weeks Muslims will start fasting during the month of Ramadaan. We are concerned about the safety when people go to mosque for prayers in the early hours of the morning and at night after having fasted the whole day," says Hendricks. The party has thrown its weight behind Amad's request to the Johannesburg's electricity entity to keep the lights on. Al Jama-ah's Member of the Western Cape Legislator Maulana Galil Brinkhuis will raise it with the Premier and so too will Moulana Hoosen Khan address it with the Mayor in Durban.

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