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**Al Jama-ah says the Electricity Minister 'has wrong end of stick' by blaming technical issues for the country's energy crisis.**

Al Jama-ah Party says the newly appointed Electricity Minister Ramokgopa is set to disappoint the South African nation by not taking a firm stand against corruption at the country's power stations.

The party supports the National Mineworkers Union (NUM) for rejecting the Minister's findings that technical issues and not corruption are to blame for the energy crisis.

"There is a criminal syndicate at every power station in the country where key officials are implicated in. We call on the Minister to take a firm stand by dismantling the criminal syndicates and to put in place emergency powers," says Hon Ganief Hendricks MP and leader of Al Jama-ah.

Hendricks adds that the steps against corruption must start at the Medupi Power Station in Lephalale in Limpopo where the situation is the worst.

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