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National Dialogue - Al Jama-ah says: 'A stable coalition is not a Constitutional Principle.'

Al Jama-ah Party says the National Dialogue on coalition governments and the motion to impeach the Public Protector were both raised by the official opposition, the Democratic Alliance (DA).

The Party notes with concern that the African National Congress went the extra mile to use their majority to support the DA. The party says limitations on motions of no confidence in office bearers such as Speakers and Mayors; implementing thresholds to keep small constituencies and political parties out of the three tiers of government; and delaying the handover of governing after an election, will harm democracy.

"A multi-party democracy is a Constitutional principle while a framework for coalitions pushed by bigger parties like the ANC and DA, is not a Constitutional principle is in fact opposed to the Constitution," party leader, Hon Ganief Hendricks.

He further adds that the DA's three Private Members Bills are based on the narratives of the "Stellenbosch cabal," supported by the Dullah Omar Foundation at UWC and the ANC-controlled Salga (South African Local Government Association) and other structures. "This tripartite alliance reminds one of the deceitful Codesa experiment that after almost 30 years continues to deny ordinary South Africans their economic freedom and land they fought for," says Hendricks.

The party believes the threshold will exclude some of South Africa's diverse communities and smaller political parties from the three tiers of government which will further increase extra Parliamentary Resistances because many voices will be excluded from Parliament. "We already have a low voter registration and a lower youth voter registration. This is unconstitutional and the Constitutional Court must stop it as it will undo the gains of decades of struggle!" says Hendricks. He adds that one of the gains achieved was One Man One Vote."

(Voice Clip by leader of Al Jama-ah, Hon Ganief Hendricks).

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