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## A VOTE FOR AL JAMA-AH AND ITS IMPACT ON THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE

### Introduction

In the dynamic landscape of global politics, issues and causes often transcend borders, connecting people with common concerns and values. The Palestinian struggle for self-determination and statehood is one such issue that resonates with people and political entities worldwide. This blog will delve into the idea that a vote for Al Jamaah in South Africa carries implications for the Palestinian cause, elucidating the stance and potential impact of this political party in this specific context.

### Understanding Al Jama-ah interaction with government

Al Jama-ah works with the with the government where it can so that it can influence the government to support the events and the issues of Palestine in the United Nations and as we can see during the Al Aqsa flood the government and the African National Congress has come

out strongly in support of the Palestinian people and that is why it is important to have a good working relation with government so that we can influence their international policies especially with regards to Palestine. We feel that Al Jama-ah's support of the African National Congress on matters relating to Palestine has influenced the government to take a strong view in the United Nations and government has now called for the international court of justice to arrest the Prime Minister of Israel and all the generals that is implicated in the genocide in Gaza. While many have problems with the African National Congress as a result of the Zondo commissions report Al Jama-ah feels that we must continue to have a working relationship just for the sake of Palestine and for the sake of Gaza.

Al Jama-ah, or the Al Jama-ah Party, is a relatively smaller but influential political party in South Africa. It is known for its unique approach to politics and its strong Islamic identity,

which sets it apart from mainstream political parties in the country. Al Jamaah has garnered support from South Africa's Muslim community and has consistently engaged with issues that align with their values and beliefs.

### Al Jamaah's Connection to the Palestinian Cause

Al Jamaah, like various other political entities across the world, has demonstrated a particular interest in the Palestinian cause. The party's engagement with this issue reflects its commitment to advocating for justice and human rights. Here's how a vote for Al Jamaah in South Africa is linked to the Palestinian cause:

1. Lobbying for Policy Changes: Political parties like Al Jamaah have the potential to influence domestic policies related to international issues. By voting for Al Jamaah, individuals align themselves with a party that could advocate for policies in support of the Palestinian cause.

### 2. Humanitarian Aid and Solidarity:

Al Jamaah in South Africa has, at times, organized humanitarian aid and solidarity events in support of the Palestinian people. Voting for the party may indirectly support these humanitarian initiatives.

### Conclusion

The Palestinian cause transcends borders, connecting individuals and political parties worldwide. A vote for Al Jamaah in South Africa can be seen as an expression of support for the Palestinian cause, reflecting the party's advocacy for the rights and self-determination of the Palestinian people. By doing so, individuals contribute to raising awareness and potential policy changes related to the issue. In this way, Al Jamaah, with its unique Islamic identity, plays a role in South Africa's involvement in the global effort to seek justice and peace for the Palestinian people.

## AL JAMA-AH UNITING WITH OTHERS TO REMOVE DA

There is no political party in South Africa that can claim to have the moral high ground to rule South Africa.

AL JAMA-AH has played its part in 6th Parliament and is well placed to do so in next parliament on 5 May 2024 as it is ready to increase its sole seat to five (5).

But its challenge is the Western Cape. Israelis with dual citizenship (including South African citizenship) are redeployed from Israel to Western Cape to help with massive funding and resources and numbers to put in place a Zionist police province and later put this in place in all municipalities including City of Cape Town in 2026.

So AL JAMA-AH wants to unite all those that do not stand with Israel. Hon Ganief Hendricks has been encouraged and motivated by Ulema like Moulana Shafiek Nolan and Sheikh Ebrahim Gabriel's to remove the power of the DA from the Western Cape. He has engaged with Emaum Shaikh, Mandla Mandela and Marius Fransman who was the first to host Hamas years ago.

Hon Ganief has engaged with others for a united front to remove the power of the DA. Justice, good morals and ethical values was the foundation values of the liberation movement in South Africa.

Muslim thought leaders in South Africa following in the footsteps of the Natal Indian Congress, the Transvaal Indian Congress and the Colored People's Convention and later the Native Council of South Africa.

AL JAMA-AH over 17 years espoused the foundational values of the liberation movement in all three tiers of government.

This was expressed in 5 law bills, questions to the President, the Deputy President and Ministers. It came out in declarations on reports, motions and statements and in mini plenary debates.

This revolutionary approach also expressed itself in the Constituency work the Party did in 6 provinces and the service delivery of its dozen ward councillors and PR councillors.

AL JAMA-AH Councillors ran some of the most hardworking and influential positions in municipalities occupying positions as Executive Mayor, Deputy Mayor, chief whip,

Mayoral committee member, chairs and deputy chairs of municipal committees. In Parliament it's sole members served as member of portfolio committees of Intelligence, Water, Sanitation and Small Business and ad hoc committee to remove Public Protector and ad hoc committee to appoint new Public Protector as well as an ad hoc committee to amend national security legislation. Here, Hon Ganief Hendricks is the sole champion to remove torture. Like all political parties, AL JAMA-AH attracted votes with its manifesto and that was



Hon Ganief Hendricks, leader of AL JAMA-AH in Parliament.

to get the Nikah performed by the Imam in the mosque to be registered on the National population register and trigger a valid South African marriage certificate with type of marriage recorded as an Islamic marriage and in the event of death the death certificate to have an entry 'married'. Drugs and gangsterism was harming the Muslim community and to acknowledge the role of Pagad to limit the harm, it was an election promise to assist in the parole of Pagad lifers sentenced for their combative roles which AL JAMA-AH gave the status of Freedom Fighters.

A third manifesto promise was to govern where, AL JAMA-AH had the balance of power as the party is, against coalitions. The fourth manifesto promise was to be a platform for all communities by supporting members outside the Muslim faith to occupy the most senior positions the Party gets in government.

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# AL JAMA-AH FORCED TO HALT REGISTRATION OF NIKAH CERTIFICATES



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THE AL JAMA-AH Party has achieved its 2019 Election Promise made to South African Muslims that should the party win a seat in National Parliament; it would fight for the recognition of the Nikah

(Muslim marriage in accordance with Islam) which would restore the dignity of Muslim wives.

These amendments meant much to our women folk, who were married and given a nikah (marriage) certificate, and the children, who were previously viewed as illegitimate; with these modifications, their respective statuses have radically changed; and this thus corrected an irregularity that the couples were 'never married' and that the children were born 'out of wedlock'.

For many centuries – during colonial and post-apartheid times- Muslim marriages were not recognized thus imposing many hardships on women

and children. After 375 years of Islam in South Africa, the recognition of the Nikah is long overdue! Finally, the Nikah performed over the many centuries can now be added to the South African National Population Register along with births, deaths and divorces of Muslim wives and husbands.

The Registration of Muslim Marriages was finally approved by cabinet followed by a circular issued by The Department of Home Affairs on the 27 June 2023.

Adding to the latter's historical achievement by Al Jama-ah's leader, Hon Ganief Hendricks, the Portfolio Committee on Justice that dealt with the Divorce Bill decided to amend it in accordance with the proposal made by him.

The Party had 'oversight desks' at each of the four DHA (Mitchell's Plain and Wynberg in the Western Cape; Harrison Street in Johannesburg and Umgeni

Road in Durban), however there were teething problems. Hendricks stated that, "it has come to our knowledge that the Nikah marriage is being registered under 'The Recognition of Customary Marriages Act' instead of 'The Recognition of Muslim Marriage'." He added that, "if left as is then in the near future, the Muslims might encounter major negative consequences in the years ahead; and this should be avoided at all costs."

The DHA and the party, which are involved in this process, wish to ensure the process complies with 'the agreement' as well as with the 27 June 2023 Circular. Now for this issue to be smoothed out, the party's legal counsel is engaging with the DHA officials, and soon thereafter, the party's spokesperson will inform the Muslim community about the outcome.



## WHY VOTE AL JAMA-AH, IS IT THE TRUSTED PARTY

Following the recent development in the city of Johannesburg amid 2019 when the government of local unity (GLU) removed the Democratic Alliance (DA) from government in the city of Johannesburg. Al Jama-ah occupied a position of section 79 oversight committee on governance, the committee does oversight on the office of the executive mayor and that of the city manager. This position was occupied by its sole councillor at the time, his name is Thapelo Amad.

Towards the end of the year in 2019 the GLU is threatened by its own collapse, during the fall out of the Patriotic Alliance (PA) and the African National Congress (ANC), subsequently, Al Jama-ah wins a ward from the DA in Lenasia ward 9, at the time Councillor Thapelo Amad is appointed in the mayoral committee by the executive mayor Cllr. Geoff Makhubo to oversee the department of development planning and the Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA).

Al Jama-ah successfully makes its mark in government, we've ascended into the livers of government, through that we have successfully entered the Land question debate, we have demonstrated our ability to govern and transform the lives of the historically marginalized. We have successfully tabled reports and of two major projects that seeks to open the corridors of economy and address the historical injustices of the spatial planning in the city of Johannesburg, carried by council. The previously marginalized communities are placed in the peripheries in the North and South of Johannesburg, the two Mega Land projects are called the Southern Farm and Lanseria Mega project.

The development will cater a mix use of the infrastructure and will resuscitate the broken economy during the covid 19 pandemic, it will also create the agility to integrate the society, turn the city into a construction site and bring industries closer to people, with that we advocate for the principle of Batho Pele, which means People first.

Al Jama-ah during the period of the covid 19 pandemic, further embraced the notion of the "New Normal" and launched the online system called Construction Permit Management System (CPMS) in

the department of development planning, that seeks the ease of making business, online application of building plans, approvals, illuminating queues and alleged corruption of city officials. We've opened access of the department to communities, through partnerships and stakeholder engagement, many lives were transformed, SMME's were empowered and equal given the opportunity to build and employ families, aspirant high school children were empowered through the I AM THE FUTURE initiative that was championed by Cllr Amad.

The above is the clear demonstration of Al Jama-ah being the trusted political party in South Africa, the only trusted by other political parties and the society at large. The DA did not have full confidence in its own partners but had full confidence in Al Jama-ah so is the ANC and many more political parties, we're promptly growing as a political party that represent all communities. The unwavering support comes from both Muslim and people out of Islamic faith. The block enjoyed the sideline support of the EFF (Economic Freedom Fighters) and the ANC. Together we overthrew the MPG.

Al Jama-ah marks history in the city of Johannesburg, one of the minority parties in the country, the first to hold the leverage of government, in the mayoral chain. It has three councillors namely Kabelo Gwamanda, the current executive Mayor of Johannesburg, Thapelo Amad the former executive mayor of Johannesburg and current chairperson of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Gauteng, and lastly the beloved ward councillor of ward 9 Johannesburg. Cllr Imran Moosa who is a chairperson of the section 79 oversight committee on Environment Infrastructure and Services Department (EISD).

The succession plan of the GLU from councillor Thapelo Amad to councillor Kabelo Gwamanda ensured a smooth transition of government and continuity of services, it is also translating that Al Jama-ah is capable to lead the biggest city in Africa with the net worth of R83 billion and 6 million residents to be entrusted to Al Jama-ah. The report is the synopsis of the sequence of successful story in the city of Johannesburg, the second series of the current administration will follow and it is under the stewardship of Executive Mayor Cllr Kabelo Gwamada.

## AL JAMA-AH FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2024

The democratic dispensation ushered in 1994 introduced an electoral system that ensured proportional representation. This is beneficial for smaller political parties at both national and municipal level. It ensures that those who elected them have a voice in Parliament and at local government. It also gives an opportunity to small parties to have the balance of power as in the case of AL JAMA-AH in the City of Johannesburg.

Al Jama-ah is one such party. It was started in 2007 as a faith based political platform and later catered for all communities. It's political programme and activities are based on the foundational values of the liberation struggle reflected in the Constitution which includes deep commitment to ethical leadership, equality, justice, and freedom. In pursuance of these values, the party focusses on problems experienced by poor communities throughout the country and made the resolution of such problems part of their manifesto including:

- promoting full employment with decent work as defined by the International Labour Organisation to reduce the high unemployment rate in the country;
- basic services such as water advocating its provision should be a right;
- reduction of crime with focus on personal protection in one's home;
- reducing homelessness;
- stopping gender-based violence;
- encouraging entrepreneurship;
- promoting ethics and morality in all areas of life; and
- fighting corruption and promoting justice.

Al Jama-ah's growth from the 2009 national elections to the last national elections in 2019 and local government elections in 2021 demonstrates that communities are responding positively to its programme and activities.

### THE 2024 ELECTIONS

The national elections in 2024 will be held on the 30th anniversary of freedom. Certain polls have suggested that the ruling ANC may achieve less than 50% at the polls. Whether this happens or not, the political landscape will become more robust and coalitions may be required at national level as is currently the case at local government level.

Al Jama-ah stands ready to continue its upward trajectory with increased seats in national and provincial parliaments and be an effective party.

This will enable it to hold the balance of power in some co-governing / independent instances and thus play a constructive role in advancing in practical ways, the vision in the Bill of Rights. In doing this it will be guided by moral ethics and justice and through constructive partnerships with parties sharing its vision.

The party has demonstrated its ability to achieve much with little funding. It is confident that with sufficient funding, it will not only increase its percentage of voting throughout the country but can expand its important programmes including those aimed at improving the quality of life for communities in the townships and rural areas.

The party therefore appeals to funders to support us in deepening ethical political leadership that puts communities first.

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# The Second Inquest of the Imam Abdullah Haron Case: Judge's Verdict, Family Response

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As a result of the political work that he undertook, he was monitored by the Special Branch according to the court records. During May 1969, he was apprehended and incarcerated under the Terrorism Act. He was taken to Cape Town's Caledon Square where he was imprisoned for 123 days and was held in solitary confinement. On the 27 September 1969, he was found dead in the Maitland police station cell.

The Imam's family was convinced that he was brutally murdered; in fact, when the Imam's body was returned to the family home and when they were busy washing his body, they witnessed the deep scars that were caused as a result of continuous torture. The result of the public outrage forced the apartheid state to give in; and the first inquest took place in 1970 a few months after the Imam's killing. The outcome of that inquest was

pathetic; for that investigation, the apartheid state appointed a team of individuals such as a magistrate, a prosecutor, and medical specialists to aid the state against Senior Counsel Cooper who acted on behalf of the family; as expected the state's pathetic defence team did not find anyone guilty of having committed the Imam's murder and all the accused were not found not guilty.

Decades after this questionable outcome, the Foundation for Human Rights took up the Imam Haron case to establish that there was wrongdoing. After much deliberations between the Haron family and FHR lawyers an agreement was reached to have the inquest reopened. During 2022, the first part of the second inquest was underway; the expert testimonies tangibly demonstrated that the first inquest's

findings were riddled with lies and that each of those who were involved paper covered the evidence. The Thulare verdict came as no surprise to the family; they knew – as stated earlier – that the Imam was killed by the Security Branch members. The judgement proved that the Imam was tortured since he was detained in May 1969. Over 123 days, he was regularly interrogated and this resulted him being severely assaulted.

Anyhow, the family members (the Imam's children) were relieved by the results; this implied that there was partial closure for them and the Cape community. The judge's judgement provided fresh evidence that helped to re-write the history of the Imam's death and the community's understanding of how he died; this re-written court record brought relief to them all and Al Jama-ah commends the outcome.



Imam Abdullah Haron was murdered on 27 September 1969.

## HILAAL TV INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

On 10 December 2023 Hilal TV – Islamic Channel's Presenter Luqmaan Shadrach interviewed Hon Ganief Hendricks, Al Jama-ah's President, and Member of Parliament on the party's readiness for the 2024 National elections. Al-Jama-ah has really made strides around the world. Hon e's been a great leader in the country. The interview was a live broadcast from the Channel's Cape Town studio.

**Q: So what makes Al-Jamaa different to some of the other parties that are out there? Why should our voters come to Al-Jamaa and say, I would like to cast my vote for Al-Jamaa?**

A: I think it is our roots; our roots go to the foundational principles of the legislation, the liberation movements. As well as the fact that we are a Muslim party that has opened its doors to all communities. And like I said, you know, most of the senior positions we occupy all over the country are occupied by non-Muslims.

Now that we are moving into South Africa which has problems such as corruption, bad morals, and no ethics in the governing party. Well, in some of the other political parties there's been reports of millions of monies that's been lost in the Western Cape. So, what has happened is that we have proven in the CoJ that we are a political party, that other political parties can trust and can co-govern. Al-Jamaa is not interested in coalitions because with coalitions you are tied to what agreements you reach with other political parties and it's a compromise. So, we rather support a strategy to co-govern. The fact is that we are governing the richest city in Africa (CoJ) and which was once known as an once city.

**Q: The Palestine issue and the conflict between Palestine and Israel is going on for many years, 75 years; it obviously came to**

**light more now since the 7th of November 2023. What is Al-Jama-ah's stance on that conflict?**

A: Our stance is that it's a genocide and that we need to stand with Hamas. Just recently I took a Hamas delegation to Parliament where we performed Salah-tul Ghaib on the grounds of Parliament, held one-on-one discussions and held a meeting with representatives from different organisations.

We support the EFF's motion calling for the Zionist ambassador to be removed from South Africa. We had an amendment to that motion that we also want the embassy of Israel to be demolished; we want the total eradication of the embassy in South Africa; any trace of Israel must be wiped off the face of South Africa.

Israel is not a state, it's a people. It was wrong in the first place to have given them a piece of land because you know, if you are an embassy and you get in a country that belongs to you, that is part of your country, and no one can come interfere there.

So, so we just feel that the land the embassy "owns" in South Africa must be expropriated without compensation. They in the meantime have recalled their ambassador. We hear that the ambassador is going to accept the question about a peace deal that's all. So, the ambassador is going to hold the answer. They're going to ask for a peace deal.

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(left): The Mandela Royal House confirms support for Hamas.  
(Bottom): AL Jama-ah takes Hamas and Resistance fighters of South Africa to Parliament in Cape Town.

