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AL JAMA-AH BANKS ON BEING STRONGEST OPPOSITION PARTY CHALLENGING CLASS BASED SERVICE DELIVERY

SOUTH AFRICA — Findings of a class-based service delivery system are expected to be the norm in all DA-led municipalities, following a scathing assessment by Political Economist Dr. Dale McKinley regarding the Public Protector's findings against the Democratic Alliance (DA) in Cape Town.

Speaking on Radio G's Dialogue Rakes with host Al Fassengosu, Dr. McKinley highlighted how the DA's administration has fostered systemic inequality by providing efficient municipal services to affluent suburbs and the CBD while consistently neglecting working-class communities such as Khayelitsha, Langa, and Philippi.

Dr. McKinley argued that the Public Protector's Report No. 12 exposes an infrastructure and service delivery gap that directly contradicts claims of superior administrative efficiency.

He noted that this maladministration and failure to fulfil constitutional obligations reflects broader political challenges, drawing comparisons to similar governance failures in coalition-run municipalities like Johannesburg. According to Dr. McKinley, the confirmation of these long-standing grievances is reshaping the political landscape ahead of the local government elections, driving frustrated voters to parties like AL JAMA-AH.

AL JAMA-AH is set to be the strongest opposition party in municipalities where it has a presence, positioning itself as South Africa's best alternative party.

Its expanded caucus of 6 strong councillors in the City of Cape Town—up from 3—will lead the charge to demand constitutional accountability, equal service delivery, and an end to apartheid-era spatial inequalities. This vanguard in Cape Town will be actively backed by AL JAMA-AH councillors across Madibeng, Drakenstein, Johannesburg, and Durban, ensuring a unified nationwide push against municipal neglect.

The party demands the full implementation of the Public Protector's remedial recommendations regarding the DA-led City of Cape Town, emphasizing that severe shortcomings in housing administration, sanitation, water supply, refuse removal, and public lighting in vulnerable areas require urgent corrective action.

In a special edition of ALJAMA TIMES, AL JAMA-AH detailed legal and constitutional compliance issues surrounding municipal performance, pointing to recent reports

confirming that informal settlements in the City of Cape Town have grown by a staggering 167%.

In response to this rapid expansion, central to AL JAMA-AH's platform is the uncompromising position that each shack dweller there must get land tenure on the land their shack occupies. AL JAMA-AH proposes scaling the Johannesburg land tenure model—a progressive framework designed to recognize property rights for informal residents that previously stalled across metros due to a lack of political will.

To drive this commitment, AL JAMA-AH has officially appointed a dedicated Land Tenure Commissioner for Khayelitsha. The Commissioner will work alongside AL JAMA-AH's Smart City Team, leveraging cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence to develop an innovative concept document designed to systematically transform informal settlements into fully serviced suburbs.

The party grounds this tenure security initiative directly in Constitutional Court jurisprudence. Highlighting landmark rulings—including the apex court's Tafelberg judgment, which held that municipalities and provincial governments breach Sections 25(5) and 26 of the Constitution when they fail to provide social housing and redress spatial apartheid—AL JAMA-AH stresses that municipalities are legally bound to protect land rights, prevent arbitrary displacement, and proactively upgrade informal settlements.

The publication also highlights Western Cape High Court rulings declaring certain fixed municipal water, sewerage, and cleaning charges unlawful.

AL JAMA-AH warned against governance and service delivery failures extending across Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, and Tshwane, urging voters to hold municipal leadership accountable nationwide.

In response, AL JAMA-AH advocates for comprehensive municipal reform focused on affordable services, housing equality, infrastructure rehabilitation, secure land tenure, and transparent procurement. Drawing on the executive leadership of Hon. Ganief Hendricks as Presidential Champion of the City of Johannesburg for the District Development Model (DDM), the party promotes policy solutions such as predictable flat-rate electricity arrangements for qualifying households, structured municipal debt relief, dedicated infrastructure maintenance funding, and the immediate execution of stalled informal tenure frameworks.

The party's core message remains clear: municipal services and land tenure security must be provided based on human need and constitutional rights rather than income level or geographic location.

AL JAMA-AH calls on all citizens to back its growing council caucuses to enforce lawful administration, restore human dignity, and ensure equitable service delivery for every community.

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