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**The recent address by President Cyril Ramaphosa to the nation on 1 January 2021, has raised serious concerns by AL JAMA-AH party.**

The AL JAMA-AH party is questioning President Cyril Ramaphosa's recent address to the nation on the status of Covid in the country without having consulted all political parties.

As part of the country's democratic process, the President since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, consulted with political parties or informed the parties ahead of his address of government's plans and actions.

It is expected from political parties to be responsible stakeholders in encouraging its constituencies to adhere to the Covid-19 health and safety regulations as regulated by government. But lately, political parties have not been consulted on important decisions to be made relating to the Covid-19 regulations.

AL JAMA-AH believes it is of paramount importance for political parties to be consulted on critical issues raised by party leaders such as:

- 1. The state of the country's economy**
- 2. Government's Covid-19 Vaccination programme**
- 3. A probable third and fourth infection waves**
- 4. Mechanism to prevent PPE and other Covid-19 related tender corruption**
- 5. South Africa as a Democracy**
- 6. Municipal elections**
- 7. A progress report on PPE prosecutions.**

AL JAMA-AH has been approached by the leader of the United Democratic Movement, Hon Bantu Hlomisa to join his party to raise concerns on the President's failure to consult with all parties. However, AL JAMA-AH has taken a decision to raise the matter with office of The Presidency on the lack of engagement with party leaders. We therefore urge the President to open the doors to address the issues raised by party leaders.

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