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AL JAMA-AH is perturbed at the hacking of its MP's Parliamentary email which was used to invite top members in the legal fraternity to join a "Virtual Teams Meeting" to discuss "Public Prosecutor vs Speaker".

The AL JAMA-AH party has raised concerned at the hacking of its Member of Parliament, Hon. Ganief Hendricks' parliamentary email which was used to send invitations to top lawyers, advocates and judges involved in the litigation in the high profile case between the Speaker of Parliament and the Public Protector.

Hon. Ganief Hendricks says the invitation gave the impression he had sent the invite. "The invitation to the various legal eagles were sent at 12:02 at midnight, Friday 12 February 2021, the night of the SONA. The invite created a buzz amongst those invited and they inquired about the agenda," he said.

"Hacking a Member of Parliament's email is a threat to our democracy. I will take this matter up with the Parliament's Programming Committee Chair, the Speaker. Parliament needs to do more to protect its MPs from this kind of harm," he said.

Hendricks says he is wondering what is behind the reason for choosing his email account to send out fake invitations. He was fast asleep when the invitation was emailed. Some of the legal experts who received the invitation include: Judge M Samela, Zahira Bhawoodien, Judge E Steyn, Senior Counsel Dali Mpofu, U.K Naidoo and Melanie Faure.

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