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Al Jama-ah Political Party calls for an end to looting and violence

Leader of AL JAMA-AH in Parliament comes out strongly against protests and violence which has to stop with immediate effect.

The Party is deeply concerned by large scale looting, destruction of property, impact on livelihood, the damage to a mosque and temple due to a fire initiated by looters, a Gift of Givers warehouse looted and the ultimate concern of the loss of lives.

We salute the Honourable President, MP Ganief Hendricks for strongly suggesting to President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa to grant Mr. Jacob Zuma a Presidential pardon from imprisonment in respect of the charge of contempt of court.

One of the reasons for such suggestion by Honourable President Ganief Hendricks of the Al Jama-ah party was foreseeability of the repercussions of such an action and to avoid and save South Africa from the havoc currently prevailing as a result of the imprisonment of former President Jacob Zuma for charges of contempt of court. This suggestion was not given any serious consideration and attention and was perceived in a negative light and many expressed their disdain at the request and failed to consider the repercussions attached to the relevant sentence issued by the court.

Be that as it may, we certainly appreciate the foreseeability and stance taken by Al Jama-ah, the foresight and wisdom of Honourable Ganief Hendricks in his attempt to protect the citizens of South Africa from the repercussions of imprisonment of former President Zuma on contempt of court charges where alternatives sentence was at disposal of the court in respect of the relevant charge or a pardon where remorse was displayed and in event willingness of co operation was provided surrounding the main case at hand.





What can be further be stated is that if the court had provided due care to the contempt of court sentence and followed due procedures and taken into account mitigating circumstances such as age, health, reality of Covid-19 pandemic and failure to ensure a fair sentence such as house arrest, fine and suspended sentence has resulted in the situation faced which could have been avoided.

The photos leaked of Zuma incarceration that has gone viral indeed has made the situation worse as this is not the procedure advertised in respect of all incarcerated.

It is highly concerning that the ruling party under the leadership of President Cyril Ramaphosa has lacked foreseeability and blatantly ignored concerns raised surrounding the imprisonment of Former President Zuma.

The intelligence agencies failed to pre-empt the current situation and to ensure proactive action is implemented to ensure law and order is maintained and chaos is prevented.

It is a travesty that the Government has failed the citizens of South Africa by not putting measures in place timeously to protect the citizens of this country from imminent threats made on their personal property in lieu of the relevant imprisonment of Zuma.

Al Jama-ah will not condone the criminal behaviour disguised as a protest which was aimed at looting and destruction of businesses and livelihoods.

Al Jama-ah is disgusted in the fact that even places of worship was targeted by criminal behaviour. Al Jama-ah recognizes the impact of poverty on our citizens, however the looting and destruction did not resemble the need from hunger but it was more a portrayal of a lawlessness.

We demand the deployment of SANDF and all necessary law enforcement to protect the citizens of the country and their property with immediate effect. We demand that action be taken and arrests be effected against those opportunistic criminals who have damaged and destroyed property and who has looted businesses and private properties. We are in a midst of a pandemic and it is evident that now more than ever a firm stance needs to be adopted and implemented.

Al Jama-ah demands government stops procrastinating on decisions and ensures protection to the citizens of this country.

In so far as the address provided by President Cyril Ramaphosa to the nation we are concerned that indeed it lacks the air of authority required to deter the current chaos and criminal elements.



It is a disgrace the lack of respect displayed in the midst of the address by the President looting and destruction proceeded. It raises further concerns on the divisions within the ANC impacting on decisive strong leadership.

The dissident ANC faction plan to use Zuma as an excuse for their members to loot and destroy properties, is a blot on the African Nation Congress.

After meeting with political party leaders, President Ramaphosa must arrange for us to meet with the delegation of the ANC NEC, as we demand the fact that they stop looting. And every ANC NEC member must be deployed all over South Africa to stop their members and supporters to stop looting and burning.

The ANC after being responsible for the Mayhem in the country, cannot expect religious and community leaders alone to take to the streets and urge their members and criminals to stop their war.

It is easy to see what is happening as we carefully plan by dissident ANC leaders, it is sad that trade union leaders are not doing anything to save the jobs of their members. If this does not stop, Parliament must sit and approve a state of emergency.

Every small town like Umzinto in KZN, has been completely destroyed and this is unacceptable. It is a double whammy for South Africa as we lose lives to covid and we lose livelihood due to the ANC factions

At request of Zulu and Black Uluma, AL JAMA-AH is facilitating a zoom crises and peace meeting with Ulema throughout the country

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