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### Restoring and rebuilding communities in KZN

Communities in Kwadukuza, Umzinto, and Groutville in Kwa-Zulu Natal province have been hard at work cleaning up with intent to also save jobs that could have been lost as a result of the recent mass looting.

The chaos and destruction impacted businesses big and small and the livelihood of the people living in these small towns. The All Jama-ah Party Leader Honorable Ganief Hendricks made a call to all ward councillors in the affected areas to act and lead from the front in the restoration efforts. “We felt that it is important to rebuild communities, because as results of the looting, relationships have broken down, says Hendricks

“The most important thing was to save jobs. As we know that unemployment in our country is a big challenge, we cannot afford to see the numbers increasing. We are also assisting affected business to apply and access relief from the Department of Small Business and other government agencies,” adds Hendricks.

During the clean-up operations Al Jama-ah provided the volunteers with safety bibs marked “Peace maker”, brooms, refuse bags, and helped the affected communities with food parcels and bus fares for the volunteers.

Al Jama-ah councillor in Umzinto Muhammad Asghar Khan says, “It will take a while for things to go back to normal, one step at a time, we are working with different stakeholders and experts gearing towards the rebuilding of the damaged infrastructure.”

Groutville councillor Veli Luthuli “says as we rebuild and restore, we will continue holding hands and protecting our resources. I am saddened that some of our children might not be able to go back to school when schools reopen because their schools were vandalised.”

Kwadukuza councillor AK DAWOOD says, “His ward has always been battling with youth unemployment, and the looting made the situation worse. For us as a community, the rebuilding is crucial; we need to save jobs and work on the effects of unemployment.”

Councillor Dawood further states that “food distribution has taken place to all irrespective of colour race or creed.”

Community members needing assistance from their councillors can contact them on the following numbers:

- Umzinto councillor Muhammad Asghar Khan 079 526 8674

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