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Al Jama-ah calls on taxi associations to end the senseless violence and to stop holding innocent citizens hostage

We condemn in the strongest terms the taxi violence that is causing loss of life and income to the communities who are in the grips of a slower sown economy due to COVID with already many job losses.

The Al Jama-ah party is calling for an immediate end to the violence between the two rival taxi associations, Codeta and Cata in Cape Town. However, we also strongly condemn the law enforcement for seeming to not have any clue as to what to do as protectors of the people.

Al Jama-ah fully comprehends the economic struggles of black owned taxi businesses but strongly condemns the killing of innocent commuters, bystanders, the burning of private vehicles, busses and killing of its drivers.

We further appeal to the taxi associations to resolve their issues and to appoint responsible leaders to deal with matters when conflict arises. Majority of commuters depend on the transport services provided by the taxi industry. The industry has a responsibility towards providing save transport and travelling to commuters and not to hold them hostage in their disputes.

We also question the Western Cape's law enforcement agencies who appear to be "paralysed" by this senseless violence. The Province must act swiftly and bring the perpetrators to book.

The taxi violence is causing economic instability and already struggling commuters stand to lose earnings they and their families desperately need and depend on. The perpetrators of violence must be dealt with effectively to prevent similar acts of violence. We appeal to the taxi associations to engage responsibly and to find lasting and amicable solutions to their differences of operations.

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