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Al Jama-ah puts the record straight on untruths about the party

On or about 27 October 2021, Darul Iftaa Western Cape, duly represented by Mufti Ebrahim Smith, released a decree (Fatwah) regarding the non-permissibility to vote for Al Jama-ah in the upcoming elections.

On 28 October 2021, Al Jama-ah's Legal Officer Mr. Yusuf Khan Dalwai, together with Al Jama-ah's Candidate Ward Councillor for Ward 81, Moulana Shafiq Nolan, engaged with Mufti Ebrahim Smith to provide context and an explanation with regards to misconstrued media publications, in particular the one of SABC.

Mufti Ebrahim Smith was satisfied with the explanation respectively and has wished Al Jama-ah well for the upcoming elections. Same may be verified by Mufti Ebrahim Smith as well.

On or about 24 October 2021, Jamiatul Ulama Western Cape, duly represented by Ihsaan Abrahams released a Press Statement advising voters to not vote for Al Jama-ah. This is based on his alleged claim that Al Jama-ah Political Party are 'Shi'ah Agents'.

Al Jama-ah's position is that this alleged claim is baseless and without merit and an attempt to derail the Party from its campaign for the upcoming elections. Al Jama-ah has attempted to engage with Ihsaan Abraham's in this regard, however he is yet to confirm his availability.

Similar allegations were levelled against Al Jama-ah in other provinces by either opposition parties and/or disgruntled individuals. Al Jama-ah's view is that they are doing so for short





term political gain and not because there is any truth in those allegations. To try and cause division, within the Muslim community, by alleging that Al Jam-ah are not true believers, is the advancement of hate speech. We caution those involved in sharing mistruths need to first determine the truth before blindly sharing posts which slander the character and beliefs of another.

In conclusion, we urge voters to feel free to engage with Al Jam-ah for further clarification they may require.

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