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### **AL JAMA-AH calls on SA President to look at knowledge on African Jurisprudence when appointing the country's new Chief Justice**

Al Jama-ah's Leader in Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks has advised President Cyril Ramaphosa when appointing a new Chief Justice, that he should have knowledge of African Jurisprudence has been guided by such jurisprudence in most of his judgements.

Hendricks responded to the President's engagement with political parties on the shortlist of Chief Justice to be appointed soon. Although the party has no objections with the applicants, it however, is concerned that the applicants' CVs do not reflect their competence on African jurisprudence.

Al Jama-ah says the South African oppressed masses thought a long struggle against colonialism and with 27 years of democracy there seems to be no moves towards making African jurisprudence part of our legal system. "We are an African nation and therefore African jurisprudence should triumph over other forms of jurisprudence. Sentencing of offenders must be executed according to African norms, culture, and jurisprudence," says Hendricks.

The party further calls on the President to scrap any legal precedence of the apartheid era from the statute books.

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It will be a travesty of justice if this is not done as we are an African nation and not European or American. For me African jurisprudence should trump other forms of jurisprudence and I look forward to the day when legal precedence that guide our Judges dating back to our harshest days of apartheid are scrapped from your statute books.

Mr President you must engage the 4 applicants and hear them on this matter before you make this important appointment.

It must be self-explanatory that sentencing must also be in terms of African norms, culture and jurisprudence. This is a legacy I would like to leave behind and I hope you will take my advice as a Leader of a political party in Parliament.