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Al Jama-ah calls for better leadership in Dirco

The Al Jama-ah party says South Africa needs better leadership at the helm of its Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Dirco) after it issued a letter of sympathy to the SA Jewish Board of Deputies at the death of a South African mercenary killed in Palestine.

Party leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks attended the Portfolio Committee meeting on Dirco where the DA demanded that government send a letter of sympathy to the Jewish community. "I am shocked that the chairperson of the PC caved in to the DA's demands. We definitely need better leadership than that," says Hendricks.

Al Jama-ah fully supports the call made by Hon Mandla Nkosi Mandela to Dirco Minister Naledi Pandor to retract the letter of sympathy sent to Sajbod. Mr Eliyahu David Kay went to apartheid Israel to serve as a mercenary against the people of Palestine who are waging a liberatory struggle against Israeli occupation of their land.

We find it implausible that the Ministry of Dirco would glorify the South African zionists serving in the apartheid Israeli military who carry out daily brutal atrocities on Palestinians. Mr Kay died while defending apartheid and it should be our government's duty to reprimand South Africans from serving in the zionist military army. In fact, we are calling on the government to not only act against South Africans serving in Israel's repressive military army but also those who serve as mercenaries in other countries.

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