



## **Press Release**

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### **Al Jama-ah questions the government's failure on protection for whistleblowers**

The Al Jama-ah party is calling on South African President Cyril Ramaphosa to explain why government fails to provide whistleblowers against corruption with the necessary protection.

The party is saying it is indeed tragic and sad that the lives of whistleblowers are in danger after testifying and exposing corruption within state parastatals. Al Jama-ah says the departure of Athol Williams to another country where he feels he will be safe, raises eyebrows on how serious South Africa is to eliminate corruption.

He has a legitimate right to feel unsafe in South Africa following the assassination of another whistleblower Babita Deokaran in August this year. The President must explain why government failed to provide the necessary protection to Williams and Deokaran who acted in the public interest.

The fact that whistleblowers only get protection after a credible threat has been received is not to say the least of the worst part of our protection laws. After the last whistleblower was killed one would believe better plans would be put in place to protect those who come out to fight corruption.

Al Jama-ah further questions that if there are protection services in place for whistleblowers, whether it is effective enough and why whistleblowers still do not feel safe after testifying.

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