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AL Jama-ah welcomes call for investigation into missing firearms

The Al Jama-ah party welcomes calls by the Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Police for an urgent investigation into 160 missing firearms at the Norwood Police Station in Johannesburg.

The party's Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks says the investigation of the missing firearms must be a top priority of the newly appointed intelligence chief, minister in the presidency Mondli Gungubele. "This investigation should be a priority. On the Cape Flats innocent people are shot and killed every hour due to such negligence of confiscated firearms. The Cape Flats are not safe because of the lapses in security by the intelligence," he adds.

Al Jama-ah further welcomes the Committee's chairperson Tina Joemat-Petterson calls for urgent strategies to prevent the "loss" of weapons at some of South Africa's police stations. The party wants to see strict disciplinary action taken against police officers found guilty in the "loss" of firearms.

Drastic changes should be implemented to the dysfunctional Central Firearms Registry (CFR) to carry out effective administration free from corruption. Latest research revealed that having access to a firearm is a major risk factor in intimate femicide. About 80% of victims attacked by their partner were killed by a firearm.

Al Jama-ah says the 13 SAPS' depots should be classified as national key point areas and be safeguarded by camera surveillance and all depots should be monitored by an intelligence officer.

The party reiterates it is unacceptable that those found guilty and sentenced for stolen police-owned firearms be allowed parole and that they should serve their full sentence.

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