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AL Jama-ah calls on ANC NEC to supply weapons to Western Sahara

The Al Jama-ah party is calling on the NEC of the ANC to send weapons to Western Sahara to help defend themselves against aggression from Morocco.

The party says Western Sahara supplied the ANC and other SA liberation movements with much-needed weapons and tanks during the liberation struggle against apartheid. “The ANC has signed agreements with Western Sahara to supply them with weapons and must now deliver,” says Hendricks.

Al Jama-ah is also lobbying a special envoy of the ANC led by Mr Jeff Radebe to remind the party of its agreement with Western Sahara. The party is disappointed by the King of Morocco’s refusal to meet with a special UN envoy who is visiting neighbouring countries to find an amicable resolution.

Last week the UN secretary general special envoy for Western Sahara, Staffan De Mistura embarked on a 3-Nation tour of Algeria, Morocco, and Mauritania to engage on solutions on the disputed territory. De Mistura’s tour was part of the implementation of the Security Council Resolution 2602 which calls on all parties to engage in discussions to find solutions to the conflict.

Al Jama-ah is, however, sad that Muslims in North Africa refuse to sit at a roundtable to carry out the Qur’anic injunction to hold shura (consultations).

Hendricks will at the invitation of the Sahrawi president, visit Western Sahara to thank him for agreeing to every proposal by the international community to end the conflict and bring about Uhuru to all people in Africa.

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