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AL JAMA-AH WELCOMES THE PART 1 RELEASE OF THE STATE CAPTURE REPORT

AL JAMA-AH welcomes the release of the first part of the report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture.

Commission Chairperson, Acting Chief Justice Raymond Zondo handed over the first of three parts of the report to President Cyril Ramaphosa earlier this week following almost four years of multiple postponements, countless testimonies, and startling revelations.

Al Jama-ah leader and Member of Parliament, Hon Ganief Hendricks says despite 17 amendments made to the Constitution, “it has not made the cut to deal with state capture and corruption.” The party is of the view that those involved in the allegations of state capture be held accountable for their actions.

The party will insist that the Minister of Finance Mr. Enoch Godongwana meet with political leaders this month before the finalization of the budget. The first part of the Zondo Report should also be tabled in Parliament as soon as possible for further studying of its findings.

Al Jama-ah remains concerned that thus far the government has spent R1 billion for the Commission to do the work it has been assigned to do and that those implicated in the findings, spent another billion rand allegedly using state money.

Al Jama-ah fully supports the Commission’s appeal for an establishment of a single, multifunctional anti-corruption authority which could be called the Anti-Corruption Authority or Agency of SA (ACASA). Such an independent and anti-corruption body would serve to confront the abuses inherent in the present system.

The party will submit a written question to the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services to request his willingness to allocate funds to enable law firms to assist in preparing affidavits to get police to open cases of those fingered in the report, and to further ensure the Commission does not suffer the same fate as other Commissions such as the TRC.

Al Jama-ah is indeed looking forward to at least five companies and five individuals to be brought to court before the release of Part 2 of the report. The party has written to the Zondo Commission to take such initiative.

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