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### **AL JAMA-AH EXPECTATIONS FOR SONA**

Al Jama-ah calls on President Cyril Ramaphosa not to leave a legacy behind of load- and water shedding, and Day Zero levels in thousands of villages.

Al Jama-ah expects the President to report back on the severity of the drought in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) and the preference given to water orange trees instead of providing the water to residents. Al Jama-ah expects the President to state that he will introduce a 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution which will give people their right to water instead of only access.

The Cape Flats remains the “Cinderella” in South Africa, which the party’s leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks have mentioned in the previous two SoNAs. “I hope that Cape Town will no longer be a African and white preferential area for jobs, student grants, houses, small business grants and personal security. The party further calls on the President to stop the auctioning of cultural and sports assets on the Cape Flats to white developers. The President must reign in the City of Cape Town,” says Hendricks.

There is a perception that under the President’s watch detention without trial exists in South Africa. We call on the president to act against this blot created by the judiciary. At a meeting to discuss the July 2021 looting, Hendricks raised his concerns with the President that the country is not in safe hands and that the executive security cluster does not make the cut. The nation wants to hear how the president will put measures in place to make our country safe.

Al Jama-ah calls on the President to announce a restructuring of the debt moratorium to ensure relief to those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, who’s homes, vehicles and other assets are in danger of being repossessed.

Thirty-two years ago, from this same venue, former President Nelson Mandela raised fundamental issues to be addressed and implemented for a democratic South Africa. He thanked the international community for their contribution in the anti-apartheid struggle. Israel supported apartheid South Africa and has implemented this brutal system in occupied Palestine. We expect the President to announce the implementation of measures to cut all ties with Israel.





Mandela then spoke about addressing the inequalities of apartheid. But the previous and current governments failed to restructure the political and economic systems to effectively address the inequalities of apartheid. The economy remains in the hands of the former colonialists, wealth in the pockets of a few black elites, the poor of the poorest remain landless and continue to live in poverty.

There must be measures to end corruption and to redress the collapsed water and roads infrastructures. Millions of people rural villages are denied their right to water and in KwaZulu-Natal residents must endure water shedding. We further expect the president to address the bad infrastructure and corruption at Eskom to bring about an end to loadshedding.

The youth has been described by Mandela as having “energised the entire struggle,” but the unemployment rate amongst youth remains high. “The latest statistics reveal that two out of every three young people are unemployed. Government and its social partners must implement interventions to stop the increasing rate of unemployment which contribute to the social unrests in our country,” says Hendricks.

Al Jama-ah says youth development must be prioritised with special emphasis on female and disabled youth, building of new schools, the standard of education needs to be readdressed. The industrialisation of South Africa should create access to employment opportunities, economic growth, and emphasis on supporting local businesses. The standard of education needs to be readdressed as our public schools are stuck with an archaic system. We would like to hear some progress being made on a roll out plan for Wi-Fi and gadgets in schools. There should also be a consistency with providing schoolgirls with sanitary towels.

Gender Based Violence matters are not dealt with as a priority leading to victims losing faith in the Justice system. Crime in South Africa remains high and we want to see harsher punishments and a zero crime tolerance to be implemented.

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