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Al Jama-ah WC denounces WCPP's show of solidarity with Ukraine

The Al Jama-ah Western Cape strongly denounces the Western Cape Legislature's show of solidarity with Ukraine who is under military attack from Russia.

Whilst the party regrets the loss of lives, it is not, however, surprised by the DA-run WCL's support and solidarity for Ukraine, a strong ally of the Israeli apartheid state.

"It is absurd of the Speaker, Masizole Mngqasela to say that the province will not remain silent on any human rights abuses. Just last year he silenced me when I delivered a Members Statement calling on the Legislature to show solidarity with Palestinians. Palestinians' lands are illegally occupied by Israel! The Palestinians are subjected to brutal attacks from the Israeli apartheid regime and this same Speaker silenced me when I called for the province to show solidarity with the Palestinians," says Al Jama-ah's Member of the Western Cape Legislature, Maulana Ghalil Brinkhuis.

We call on the WCL to stop its hypocrisy! The criticisms used against Russia's President Vladimir Putin for its attack on Ukraine, are equally valid for Israel's illegal occupation and brutal aggression of Palestinians.

It is absurd that the WCL wants to have a show of solidarity with Ukraine but refuse the same support for Palestine, Kashmir, Cuba, Venezuela, Libya, Iraq, and other countries who have been targeted in contravention of International Laws. These countries have been destructed by wars of aggression led by US/Nato forces.

The Al Jama-ah party does not support any governments who have alliances with countries who illegally occupy, invade, and brutalise its citizens. Al Jama-ah will not be part of the WCL's hypocritical solidarity event for Ukraine this evening!

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