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### HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - AL- JAMA- AH Salutes the Heroes, Heroines, and Martyrs of SHARPEVILLE DAY – 21 March 1960

The Al Jama- ah party pays tribute to the heroes, heroines and martyrs of Sharpeville Day, 21 March 1960 who were shot dead by security police during a peaceful protest against the then cruel dompas system.

Let their sacrifices in ensuring our Human Rights not be in vain!

Al Jama- ah says Human Rights Day can truly be celebrated if our people are free from gang violence, Gender-Based Violence, criminal activities, and poverty. We call on the government to pull out all forces to stop the children's screams of fear as it echoes "Mommy! Mommy!" while their homes and play parks on the Cape Flats are under siege by ruthless gangsters.

"Though the right to life is declared protected in the Constitution of South Africa and international law, the reality is that individuals residing within gang infested areas are not guaranteed their right to an adequate quality of life as their rights to free movement, right to life and to freely associate are consistently violated," says party leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks.

On this Human Rights Day, we call for personal safety of our women, children and the vulnerable. As we prepare for the 2024 national elections, let us strive to prioritise, cherish and respect the Human Rights of All.

Al Jama- ah will have a luncheon in one of the Courts of District Six on the eve of an inter-ministerial visit the next day headed by Deputy President David Mabuza to symbolize District Six as the hub of the Resistance during the darkest days of apartheid. One of the first to have its residents favorably removed and the last to get Restitution. An digital version will be available on our website at <https://www.aljama.co.za/>.

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