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AL JAMA-AH calls on Presidency to closely monitor the Harding Municipality.

The Al Jama-ah's party leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks has called on the Presidency's intervention into alleged corruption and looting at the uMuziwabantu Municipality in Harding, KwaZulu-Natal.

Addressing the Debate on Vote 1: The Presidency in Parliament earlier this week, Hendricks questioned the Presidency who is now in charge of municipalities, on its oversight of municipalities. The Presidency's oversight on municipalities' responsibility is to ensure that budgets for municipalities approved in Parliament this month for the year 2022/2023 must be fully spent on service delivery including the uMuzibwabantu Municipality in Harding.

In his address Hendricks calls on the Presidency to monitor the situation in the uMuziwabantu Municipality closely where allegations of alleged corruption have been levelled against some of the ANC councillors. Al Jama-ah's Deputy Mayor Sheikh Saeed Thulani Ncane who supported the progressive mayor for his efforts to investigate matters of alleged corruption, has since been removed from his position as Deputy Mayor as well as the DA Speaker.

The removal of Al Jama-ah's Deputy Mayor occurred despite an earlier order from an envoy of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the governing party and Premier of KZN that "Al Jama-ah's Deputy Mayor should not be touched". Hendricks says that ANC rogue units in Harding are fighting the ANC's renewal movement with the complicity of the KZN MEC.

"We are calling on the Deputy President to give urgent attention to the situation at the uMuziwabantu Municipality as it is clear that the Mayor is being undermined by ANC councillors who are not interested in service delivery to the people of Harding," says Hendricks.

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