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AL JAMA-AH is pursuing economic opportunities for informal traders to lift their families out of poverty

The Al Jama-ah party condemns the ruthless confiscation of goods belonging to the informal traders who operate in the Gatesville Shopping Centre.

On Saturday June 25, 2022, members of the Metro police and Law Enforcement officers confiscated the goods of informal traders who are operating without a permit.

Al Jama-ah's leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks says, "The unemployment rate on the Cape Flats is high and families are embarking on various legal ways to put food on the table. The City of Cape Town should find amicable solutions to assist these traders instead of allowing law enforcement to confiscate and in the process damage their goods."

Hendricks says he is pursuing economic opportunities by engaging with various government departments to assist these informal traders to lift their families out of poverty. "They are selling basic goods in a space where there is a market for it. Unfortunately, they do not have the required permits, but confiscating and damaging their goods are unjustifiable," he says.

The party has called for a meeting with the CoCT's Economic Development to discuss the matter. Hendricks will also raise the matter with the Presidency to re-look at the red tape in applications for informal trading permits.

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