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AL JAMA-AH SAYS PUBLIC PROTECTOR MUST RESUME HER DUTIES

The Al Jama-ah Party says the Public Protector (PP), Adv. Busisiwe Mkhwebane should resume her duties as soon as possible after the Western Cape High Court found her suspension as unlawful.

The High Court ruling validates Al Jama-ah's leader and Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks who represents the Party on a Committee of Enquiry in terms of Section 194 which represents all political parties in parliament, earlier position against Mkhwebane's suspension. The Party views the suspension of the PP as 'job impoverishment.'

Al Jama-ah recognises the PP as one of the cornerstones of the South African Constitution and is of the view that the PP should serve her full term especially after a rigorous selection process. "Dismissal of the PP before her full-term ends will destroy this important act in the Constitution which enables and safeguards ordinary citizens to get remedies when state structures and officials abuse their power and are not orderly held accountable," says Hendricks.

The Party says the cornerstone of the country's democracy gives enormous powers to the PP to ensure free, speedy, and affordable relief even for the most indigent. "Errors of judgement in law can be expected that's why there is redress to the High Court. Al Jama-ah is lobbying for legislative amendments to prevent cost orders to the PP's office and cost orders in her personal capacity," says Hendricks.

The party is concerned as to how matters are being dealt with which harms the provision in our Constitution which safeguards a free and speedy service to ordinary citizens. This will further cause the destruction of the institution. "Al Jama-ah wants to further strengthen the office with a Private Members Bill to counter cost orders versus PP. We will strive to keep the PP in office," says Hendricks.

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