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AL JAMA-AH forms Villagers League on small business projects

The Al Jama-ah Party has established a Villagers League which is spearheading two small business projects in rural villages in KwaZulu-Natal and in the Eastern Cape.

The formation of the Villagers League was established to spearhead two job creation projects initiated by Al Jama-ah. The party's leader and Member of Parliament, Hon Ganief Hendricks who serves on the Portfolio Committee on Small Business Development was instrumental in assisting a fishing cooperative in Mpame Village in the Eastern Cape to receive a fishing boat from the Department of Small Business Development. The other cooperative project he assisted, is peanut butter manufacturing in Groutville in KwaZulu-Natal .

"It is the first time that any political party has formed a structure with the concept such as the Villagers League. The structure aims to transform rural villages into smart villages. The first two smart villages will be the fishing village in Mpame and a peanut butter manufacturing village in Groutville," says Hendricks.

The League which has offices in Groutville, Umdoni, Harding and Mpame villages is co-chaired by Councillor Asghar Khan (MPAC Chairperson Umdoni Municipality) and Councillor Goodwill Cele (uMuziwabantu Local Municipality). The Executive members of the League includes Comfort Nxumalo and Imam Abdullah Thulani Lenkwa of Mpame village near Umtata in the Eastern Cape; Mrs Veli Luthuli of Groutville, Mrs Abdul Aziz of Pietermaritzburg and Ms Fikile Thwala of Maphumulo.

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