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Al Jama-ah remembers 'Black Wednesday' 19 October 1977

The Al Jama-ah Party remembers 'Black Wednesday' 19 October 1977 / Black Solidarity Day when the apartheid government banned 19 Black Consciousness (BC) organisations, two newspapers, The World and Weekend World and detained several anti-apartheid activists.

The banning of the media served to hide the brutal acts of the apartheid government and to cripple BC organisations who managed successful community programmes to assist the poor and oppressed people. The banning followed a month after the murder in detention of BC leader Steve Bantu Biko.

The Al Jama-ah Party calls on media institutions to pursue the journalistic code of ethics for fair and objective reporting. "The independence of media is a fundamental cornerstone of democracy. It's a shame to see the bias reporting on not only national issues, but also on international news. Media should report on the truth without any distortions," says Al Jama-ah's Member of Parliament Hon Ganief Hendricks.

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