

MEMBERS IN PARLIAMENT

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CAN WE BE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT?

QUESTION: Al Jama-ah is a political party in South Africa. We are aware of the stance of the Mujlisul Ulama of S.A. on the issue of participation in non-Muslim politics. There are about 2 million Muslims in South Africa. If the Muslim community has no Voice in Parliament and in the provincial and municipal tiers of government, who will speak on behalf of them? There is a range of issues and needs of the Muslim community, both religious and secular. But there is no Muslim Voice to address the authorities in the national and provincial governments regarding the needs of the Muslim community. Given this situation, what scope is there in the Shariah for Muslims to act as representatives of the Muslim community in the different tiers of government? If there is any such scope, what are the guidelines?

ANSWER

Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan: *"Those who do not rule according to that (Shariah) which Allah has revealed, verily they are the kaafiroon."* This aayat as well as other Qur'aanic Verses and Ahaadith explicitly and emphatically prohibit participation in non-Muslim politics. It is not permissible for Muslims to be part of the **law-making** process of governments. The only law for Muslims is the Shariah.

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