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STATE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL ADDRESS ON 30 MAY 2021

In his address yesterday (Sunday at 19h00), the State President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, announced that South Africa will revert to Alert Level 2.

He also announced that curfew will be adjusted to: 23h00 (11 pm) to 04h00. The number of in-person gatherings, including church gatherings, are adjusted to **100** for indoor services and **250** for outdoor services. Funerals remain restricted to no more than **100** people, and, as before, night vigils, after-funeral gatherings and 'after-tears' gatherings are not allowed.

The above adjustments are subject to mandatory mask-wearing (covering mouth and nose), social distancing of 1.5 meters among people, washing of hands with soap in running water or sanitising of hands with 70% alcohol sanitisers and limitation of the service duration to two (2) hours.

Although I understand that Government should from time-to-time act in the best interest of its people, I am dumbstruck that church gatherings have also been restricted despite all efforts on the part of the church to comply with Covid-19 safety measures. Our Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday gatherings in 2021 never lend themselves to be super spreader events. The President, in my view, should have acknowledged this and retained the church gatherings' status quo (in Level 1). I have witnessed a few high-profile funerals and high-profile Court cases where these safety measures were completely disregarded. I feel that the church has not been treated fairly.

Even so, I urge our pastors and assembly leaders to comply with the above safety measures.

I would also like to urge our senior citizens including pastors, above 60 years, who don't have a problem with vaccination, to register for the vaccine.

I call upon all AFM formations to resolutely fight against the pandemic by being part of the campaign of driving down infections.

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