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### **JUSTICE ALLIANCE LAUNCHES COURT CASE ON BEHALF OF THE ADAMS FAMILY - VICTIMS OF RACISM AT OOSTERVAAL CAMP SITE IN LANGEBAAN, WESTERN CAPE**

Mr and Mrs Adams and their niece Taufeequah made statements to the Police on 18 January 08 alleging that on January 3 they (as well as two younger children) had been chased out of the showers at the Oostervaal Camp Site, and subjected to foul racist taunts which would have disgraced even the apartheid era. They had paid a fee of R.50 for the family to have a shower. The Police have taken no action to date.

Mr and Mrs Adams are 'fruit and veg' street traders and cannot afford legal fees. JASA has accordingly investigated their case, and on Thursday March 20, filed a claim in the Wynberg Equality court seeking damages and an apology from the two persons they are able to identify as taking a lead in victimising them, Mrs Desire Swanepoel and Mr Kalla Ligthart. Jasa acts 'pro amico' on their behalf.

Mr and Mrs Adams claim damages in the sum of R5000 each, and Taufeequah claims R.10,000 as she was humiliated almost naked in front of some dozen people. Each asks the court to order in addition an unconditional apology and costs. JASA, also a Complainant, asks the Court for an order that unfair discriminatory practices at the camp site shall cease forthwith.

The allegations, and the Respondents' response, were widely reported in the Press on January 10 and 11, 2008. Copies of the Particulars of Claim filed in Court are available from Jasa by email: [jasalaw@mweb.co.za](mailto:jasalaw@mweb.co.za).

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