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AN AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE

SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

**DECLARATION OF SEVEN (7) KRAMATS IN THE “CIRCLE OF TOMBS” SITUATED AT
VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE AS NATIONAL
HERITAGE SITES**

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), in terms of section 27 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999), SAHRA hereby declares seven Kramats as listed in the Schedule as part of the “Circle of Tombs”, Western Cape as National Heritage Sites.

Statement of Significance

“A prophecy made over 250 years ago said that there would be a “Circle of Islam” around the Cape. It is believed that this Circle is formed by the shrines of Islamic Saints, the tombs of the Auliyah (Friends of Allah), and some of South Africa’s most influential spiritual leaders.

Referred to as Mazaars or Kramats, these shrines are regarded as highly sacred places that represent the advent of Islam to southern Africa (a religion that was suppressed in South Africa until 1804); and are symbolic of the resistance against religious, social, and political oppression by the Dutch, slavery, and British Colonisation both in South Africa and in Indonesia Archipelago.

These shrines are places of sanctity that provide spiritual benefits to those who visit and partake in the remembrance of the Auliyah. The Kramats inspire reverence and peace, not because of architectural achievement or aesthetic appeal, but because of the character, knowledge, and spiritual presence of those buried there. These Saints, further, contributed to shaping the cultural character of the Cape and the traditions regarding the history of these Saints have been passed from generation to generation mainly through word of mouth. Subjected to harsh forms of cruelty and torture for their roles in resisting oppression by the Dutch, and British both in Indonesia and at the Cape, the Saints never wavered and continued to teach unity and peace amongst different faiths. In keeping with these teachings many non-Muslims also visit the Kramats regularly.”

Schedule

The demarcation of the sites is as follows:

Kramat Site ID	Name of the Kramat	Erf No	Province	Town	SG Diagram
140060	Sayed Abdul Aziz	Erf 86923; Cape Town	Western Cape	Muizenberg	2822/1935
140056	Sayed Jaffer	Erf 2802; Camps Bay	Western Cape	Cape Town	3908/58
140057	Sheikh Ali Sayed Bassier	Erf 1491; Camps Bay	Western Cape	Cape Town	

140061	Sayed Abdul Malik	Erf 3333/3715; Oranjezicht	Western Cape	Cape Town	1316/2018
140062	Sayed Abdul Haq	Erf 178079; Cape Town	Western Cape	Cape Town	15555/2003
140055	Hazrat Sayed Mehboob Ali Shah	Erf 24544-RE; Cape Town (Maitland Cemetery)	Western Cape	Cape Town	3439/1884
140054	Sheikh Abdul Kader	Erf 1815; Vredehoek	Western Cape	Cape Town	7613/51

Coordinates:

Kramat Name	Point	Latitude	Longitude
Sayed Abdul Aziz	A	-34.10722	18.466204
	B	-34.107247	18.466204
	C	-34.107247	18.466185
	D	-34.10722	18.466186
Sheikh Ali Sayed Bassier	A	-33.952647	18.387798
	B	-33.952705	18.387779
	C	-33.952689	18.387706
	D	-33.952631	18.387725
Sayed Abdul Malik	A	-33.942375	18.417457
	B	-33.94248	18.417439
	C	-33.942487	18.417496
	D	-33.942352	18.41753
Sayed Abdul Haq	A	-33.947962	18.418034
	B	-33.948005	18.418063
	C	-33.948039	18.417981
	D	-33.947995	18.417954
Hazrat Sayed Mehboob Ali Shah	A	-33.919045	18.519991
	B	-33.919289	18.52006
	C	-33.91934	18.519787
	D	-33.91909	18.519722
Sheikh Abdul Kader	A	-33.938788	18.439176
	B	-33.938822	18.439187
	C	-33.938828	18.439159
	D	-33.938795	18.439148
Sayed Jaffer	A	-33.969770	18.371607
	B	-33.970140	18.372558
	C	-33.970520	18.373380
	D	-33.970540	18.373507
	E	-33.970960	18.374467
	F	-33.970960	18.374612
	G	-33.970990	18.374748
	H	-33.971140	18.374899
	J	-33.971370	18.375480
	K	-33.971380	18.375754
	L	-33.971440	18.375902

M	-33.971610	18.376053
N	-33.971930	18.376798
P	-33.972200	18.376731
Q	-33.971700	18.374862
R	-33.971360	18.374070
S	-33.971080	18.373084
T	-33.970810	18.371655
U	-33.970800	18.371621
V	-33.970620	18.371571
W	-33.970430	18.371679
X	-33.970310	18.371707
Y	-33.970240	18.371703
Z	-33.970270	18.371644
A1	-33.970230	18.371642
B1	-33.970140	18.371648
C1	-33.970130	18.371648
D1	-33.970120	18.371693
E1	-33.969920	18.371622
F1	-33.969780	18.371365
G1	-33.969770	18.371512
H1	-33.969840	18.371510
J1	-33.969900	18.371522
K1	-33.969950	18.371535
L1	-33.969950	18.371416
M1	-33.969780	18.371365
N1	-33.970230	18.371496
P1	-33.970140	18.371623
Q1	-33.970160	18.371617
R1	-33.970200	18.371605
S1	-33.970230	18.371605
T1	-33.970250	18.371607
U1	-33.970280	18.371611
V1	-33.970300	18.371551
W1	-33.970310	18.371528
X1	-33.970280	18.371515
Y1	-33.971270	18.378808
Z1	-33.971280	18.379141
A2	-33.971520	18.379150
B2	-33.971520	18.378820

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