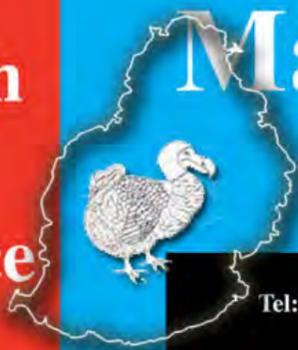


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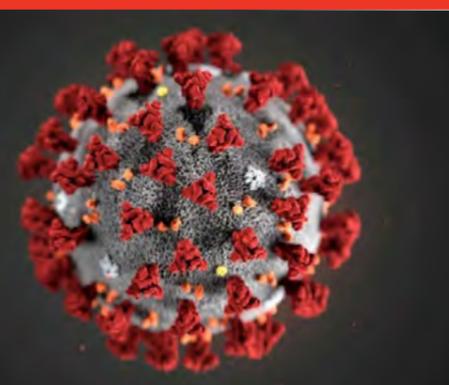
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A taste of Mauritius in Southampston, UK

A meeting with Shelina Permalloo, winner of 2012 UK's MasterChef Television Competition

by Yvonne Goder-Persand



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Shelina Permalloo

Shelina Permalloo is a British-born chef of Mauritian descent from both parents. Shelina became a well-known public figure after winning the BBC's UK television programme MasterChef in 2012.

MasterChef is a very competitive production screened in over 60 countries worldwide with the UK's BBC version hosting talented undiscovered chefs. Shelina brought to light exotic, mouth-watering traditional Mauritian dishes that captured the British audience. In reward for her memorable food she was rightfully crowned the winner of MasterChef 2012.

This great achievement of winning in such a hit show like MasterChef, competing with the greatest talents in the UK made Shelina a celebrity instantly within the Mauritian UK community in addition to the British. Many of her dishes were either Mauritian or Mauritian-inspired including her winning final menu of octopus, mutton curry and a mango dessert. With a continued following, she published a best selling Mauritian cookbook 'Sunshine on a Plate' in 2013 and a second cookbook 'The Sunshine Diet' in



Yvonne Goder in front of the Mauritian restaurant in Southampton

2015.

Shelina opened her first Mauritian restaurant



Mauritian Chicken 'House Cari', yellow rice, chutney, Mauritian sunshine salad, plus 'House Burger', again Chicken 'Lakaz Clucker

'Lakaz Maman' a Creole translation of 'Mama's House'. She has accredited getting much of her inspirations from her mum's Mauritian cooking. This picturesque restaurant is situated in her hometown of Southampton since 2016. The restaurant is cosy and does get fully booked very quickly as being close to the University of Southampton, Southampton F.C. (Football Club), Southampton Marina and the Port of Southampton, this a very busy place.

We ventured out to Lakaz Maman to taste some of this award winning food for ourselves. The usual opening times Monday to Friday are limited to only 5pm-10pm so before you travel all the way to Southampton please book well in advance as phone lines also do not open until this time so it is best to book at least a day before to avoid disappointment. Saturday and Sundays are open for a longer time from 12 noon-10pm but again to avoid disappointment please book in advance.

We tested out the Mauritian Chicken 'House Cari' which was served with yellow rice and chutney, the Chicken 'Mauritian Sunshine Salad' and the 'House Burger' again Chicken 'Lakaz Clucker'. We found the herbs and spices very pleasant and at a reasonable price for the House Cari and Salad. We would have liked bigger portions for these but we agree it was very tasty. The Chicken burger could either be served with chips or salad and we selected chips. We found the burger to be great value for money and most definitely recommend this dish of shredded chicken.

We had a great time, although fully booked, we felt lucky to even get a seat, the decorations were colourful inside with the orange/red sunshine logo outside, it undoubtedly stood out. Inside we could not help but notice the Mauritian Sega music playing. For this reason we can only give gratitude to Shelina for being a female entrepreneur and businesswoman and sharing our Mauritian cultural values within the UK.

She deserves all the applause she has received, even if we are a little critical, this is her first restaurant and we are sure she is learning as she moves forward.

We had a great time in Southampton and recommend Lakaz Maman restaurant (just book in advance). We also found it to be clean and hygienic and overall a great experience. Shelina Permalloo is one of our stars, probably the most distinguished Mauritian personality currently in the UK and we support her work and efforts. We are extremely proud of her.



A Shelina Presentation

Image: Shelina Permalloo from Instagram @shelinacooks

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More info can be found on www.lakazmaman.com

The New Party of Nando Bodha



As foreseen, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nando Bodha has effectively created his new party known as 'Rassementement Mauricien' which was officially launched at the Press Conference he held on July 23.

His main reason for resigning from the Government in February last as Minister and Secretary-General of the ruling party, the MSM, was because he considered the situation in the country was extremely grave. He enunciated the reasons

why, among which the point that the country was in debt in the sum of 400 billion rupees, the prevalent corruption, the black economy owing to the drugs trafficking, and generally speaking the country is run by incompetent people as a result of political appointments.

Mr Bodha told the press of the programme of his party to redress the country beginning with the reform of the Constitution after 60 years of independence. The Prime Minister should hold office for two terms only, and reform should be introduced in every aspect of life in the country. The measures he preconises constitute practically the electoral manifesto of his party, that will be based on meritocracy and not on the whims of politicians.

Mr Bodha laid emphasis on the fact that the key word of his movement is 'rassemblement', the grouping of all Mauritians, and to implement the programme of his party he is working on the grouping of all Opposition parties within and outside Parliament. He said that he had been talking to MMM's leader Paul Bérenger, and PMSD leader Xavier Duval, Labour *Parliamentary* leader Arvind Boolell, actual Labour leader Navin Ramgoolam, Roshi Bhadain of the Reform Party, several small parties' leaders, leading activist Rama Valayden, activist Bruno Laurette, and main syndicalists. Mr Bodha did not state that once he ensures the collaboration of all these factions how he would cohesively put the operation in practice to get rid of the government.

One thing he made clear was that after over half a century, local politics should be revamped. The present class of politi-



Nando Bodha

cians should be replaced by younger elements and those who have had their day should be out, and possibly him too. Why not? was his a reply to a journalist who asked him whether in the recycling process he too should go.

The 'Rassementement Mauricien' has a team of only 24 members, all raw in matters of politics. That's why Mr Bodha said he was trying to assemble all the Opposition parties among whom there are experienced politicians. But if these politicians are to be out of politics, it will be difficult for the inexperienced young parliamentarians to run a government and deliver!

Cyril Louis

La Plus Grande Escroquerie Des Temps Modernes



Par
Eliézer François

NON ! Je ne prétends pas être un 'Je-sais-tout.' Je ne prétends pas être un savant, ni un grand scientifique non plus ; encore moins, un virologue et épidémiologiste. Je suis plutôt un admirateur du poète Rudyard Kipling avec son poème 'IF' que j'ai eu l'occasion de citer depuis le début de cette pandémie : -

« If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs ... »

Je suis comme 'Le commun des mortels,' mais avec un certain degré d'intelligence et de discernement. D'autant plus, que je me sens hanté par ce conseil du grand roi Salomon dans Proverbs 2:21

« Have two goals : wisdom – that is, knowing and doing right – and common sense.
Don't let them slip away... »

CORONAVIRUS

Je me permets ici de reproduire un extrait d'un texte que j'avais mis sur ma page Facebook, March 16, 2020, au début même de la pandémie Covid-19 : -

« What's in a name? » C'est la question que se pose Juliette dans la pièce 'Romeo and Juliet' de William Shakespeare.

Qu'on l'appelle Coronavirus ou Covid-19, l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé (OMS) a déclaré mercredi 13 mars 2020 que cette épidémie ressemble à une «Pandémie» c'est-à-dire, tout comme la grippe espagnole qui décima la population mondiale de mars 1918 à mai 1919, faisant cinquante millions de victimes.

Né en Chine, le missile balistique intercontinental, Covid-19, a voyagé à des vitesses vertigineuses pour atteindre presque tous les continents. Même le 'Commander in Chief, Donald Trump,' qui au début disait que les États Unis d'Amérique étaient invulnérables, a finalement concédé qu'il n'a pas encore inventé un anti-missile pour contrer cette attaque venant de la Chine.

La Plus Grande Escroquerie:

C'est à partir de là que cette escroquerie a débuté, soutenue principalement par l'OMS et le Big Pharma. Immédiatement, on a vu se déferler sur la place, une horde de savants, de scientifiques, de médecins, de professeurs, de virologues, d'épidémiologistes, d'experts, des spécialistes en sanitation, etc, etc. Ils ont tous été unanimes à prescrire, au niveau mondial, l'utilisation d'un liquide special pour le lavage des mains après chaque 30 minutes, des désinfectants pour les chariots dans des Supermarchés, pour des balustrades, des vitres, etc etc. Qu'en-est-il de la fameuse distanciation sociale de 1m50, 2m, 2m.50, des salutations d'usage, ainsi que le test et le port du masque par toute la population mondiale?

On se demande, pourquoi l'OMS ne s'est pas prononcé contre la tenue de tous ces événements sportifs? - Formule 1 Grand Prix d'Autriche, Tour de France, Le Tournoi Tennis de Wimbledon, l'EURO 2020, Les Jeux Olympiques de Tokyo, malgré que 80% de Japonais sont contre, Le Festival de Cannes. Est-ce-que les participants à ces événements sportifs et récréatifs avaient respecté les consignes venant de l'OMS? Tout ça a pris l'allure d'une Farce de Molière!

Les Vaccins Anti-Covid-19

Pourquoi autant de vaccins différents sur le marché mondial? Il semblerait qu'il existe entre 21 et 25 différents vaccins actuellement. Parmi on retrouve: Pfizer, L'AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Sinopharm, Covaxin, Sputnik, Covishield, Hayat-Vax, etc. Quelle en est l'efficacité de tous ces vaccins anti Covid-19?

Pourquoi l'OMS n'a pas insisté pour obtenir la fabrication d'un seul vaccin à 100% efficace, qui aurait pu être produit dans plusieurs pays simultanément? Si le ou les vaccins validés par l'OMS sont vraiment efficaces pour combattre la pandémie, pourquoi un patient positif a-t-il besoin de deux ou trois doses et même quatre doses bientôt? Le plus rigolo dans toute cette affaire est la déclaration suivante sur Covid-19: "L'OMS prévient que l'épidémie pourrait ne pas s'arrêter malgré les vaccinations."

Si tel en est le cas, pourquoi insister sur la vaccination au niveau mondial? Diable! Pourquoi vouloir imposer une vaccination obligatoire sur des personnes en bonne santé? Le passeport vaccinal n'a pas sa raison d'être. J'y reviendrai. Entre-temps, qui sont ceux qui sont en train de faire

des milliards d'euros de profit? Sans nul doute, c'est le Big Pharma avec la bénédiction de l'OMS. L'industrie pharmaceutique dans son ensemble s'enrichit davantage.

Le Président Jair Bolsonaro du Brésil est accusé de tentative de corruption dans l'achat de vaccins anti-Covid. Lui aussi, comme beaucoup d'autres, veut s'enrichir, à travers l'achat des vaccins. Les dirigeants de certains pays qui se servent des vaccins pour étendre leurs influences politiques. Donald Trump a été un très mauvais Président de l'Amérique, tant dans sa politique intérieure que dans sa politique étrangère. Cependant, on doit lui rendre hommage pour ses attaques contre l'OMS à propos du commencement de la pandémie Covid-19 en Chine.

La Vaccination Obligatoire

Je suis personnellement contre la vaccination obligatoire qui, d'après moi, est une mesure anti-démocratique. Elle va même à l'encontre de l'éthique médicale. Aussi, je soutiens à 100% tous ceux qui actuellement militent contre la dictature à Maurice. Par ailleurs, j'ajoute ma voix à celle des jeunes contestataires sur la vaccination obligatoire. J'ai lu avec beaucoup d'intérêt les commentaires de Véronique Papillon dans son texte 'Vive la démocratie', dans Le Mauricien du 6 juillet 2021. Je cite:

"La deuxième vague de 2021 n'a pas été plus tendre au vu de l'obligation vaccinale. Ce qui me dérange dans cette décision n'est pas le vaccin en soi mais l'obligation. Déjà, en reprenant les directives de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé, l'obligation doit se faire selon certaines conditions, dont l'opinion publique. Sauf que le public n'a pas son mot à dire. En voyant l'extension de la vaccination vers d'autres tranches d'âge et secteur, il faut se poser la question suivante : cette obligation sous prétexte de nous protéger n'est-elle pas une incursion dans la sphère privée et intime, en particulier quand nous voyons certaines compagnies qui demandent à faire vacciner les membres de la famille ? Où est la liberté de choisir ? Pourquoi nous forcer ? Quelle en est la motivation ? Encore une fois, c'est le règne de la peur puisque l'obligation priverait de travail, et par extension de services et de nourriture, celui ou celle qui ne s'y plie pas. Elle contribuerait ainsi à instaurer une politique de discrimination dans un contexte où des personnes se battent pour leurs droits. Où est donc la belle démocratie de notre île?!"

Actuellement, Maurice se sert de plusieurs vaccins: - Covershield, Covaxin, Sinopharm, Sputnik, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Johnson&Johnson. Elle vient de recevoir 500,000 doses supplémentaire du vaccin Sinopharm; 165,600 doses du vaccin Johnson&Johnson et 5,000 doses de Hayat-Vax. "Pour ce qui est du Covaxin, du Sinopharm ou encore du Sputnik, les essais cliniques ne sont pas encore terminés." Dr Shameen Jaundally dans Le Défi 5 Juillet 2021.

Une autre citation: "L'efficacité de certains vaccins utilisés à Maurice contre les variants pas encore établie." Pourquoi donc, obliger tous les mauriciens indistinctement, les jeunes surtout, à se faire vacciner? Grands dieux! Quel vaccin choisir? Quant aux variants, ils ne cessent de multiplier: variant indien, variant anglais, variant brésilien, variant Delta, variant Delta Plus; Quoi encore! Deux dernières citations: (1) "Après le vaccin, un Jeune Sportif paralysé partiellement du visage." (2) "Des caillots (de sang) qui apparaissent après l'administration de la première dose de l'AstraZeneca."

En guise de conclusion, j'aimerais partager avec les lecteurs ces quelques conseils pratiques et sensés que j'ai puisés sur l'Internet: -

Prévention et soins

Auto isolement: Cà veut dire que vous devez: rester à la maison, surveiller l'apparition de tout symptôme pendant 14 jours. Vous devez vous mettre en isolement si vous avez eu un diagnostic de la Covid-19, vous attendez les résultats d'un test de Covid-19...

L'éloignement social: Cela veut dire: éviter les endroits très fréquentés et les rassemblements non essentiels. Limiter les contacts avec les personnes présentant un risque plus élevé (ainés, personne en mauvaise santé, etc). Quoi faire si vous êtes en auto-isolement, mais que vous devez sortir? Si vous devez sortir de votre domicile, portez un masque et couvrez-vous la bouche et le nez avec des papiers-mouchoirs. Tentez de maintenir une distance entre vous et les autres personnes. Ce faisant, vous réduisez le risque de transmettre le virus." A noter qu'on ne parle pas d'un test de toute la population mondiale, ni le port d'un masque universellement, encore moins, une vaccination obligatoire pour toute la population mondiale.

Eliézer François JP

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THE MAGIC OF EID FESTIVAL



By Ahmad Macky

The festival of Eid-ul-Adha was celebrated on July 20 and the article arrived too late for publication in the previous issue.

EID has always been a Muslim tradition of celebrations since time immemorial. Some people try to change such a tradition into a transition, but it does not work. EID FESTIVAL is the time to be thankful for the blessing of our existence on Earth and to take stock of all achievements. At the same time EID is a festival of renewal i.e., to start afresh, to start again strong, and it's another chance for salvation and good deeds.

Eid is a joyful occasion for socializing with the loud boisterous family dinners or the quiet intimate meal with our loved ones. Let us not forget that many religious people have different thoughts on life. They are mindful of what EID brings to the homeless, the sick in hospitals, the street children, and the poor in general. While some are enjoying, others are suffering and yet the tradition of EID is still maintained.

Many people seize the occasion to change their habits if possible, to renovate their homes and update their businesses and to adopt new resolution. Some prefer to stay at home and enjoy EID among members of their families while others, especially the young ones, prefer to go to the seaside where they organize social activities and even religious meetings.

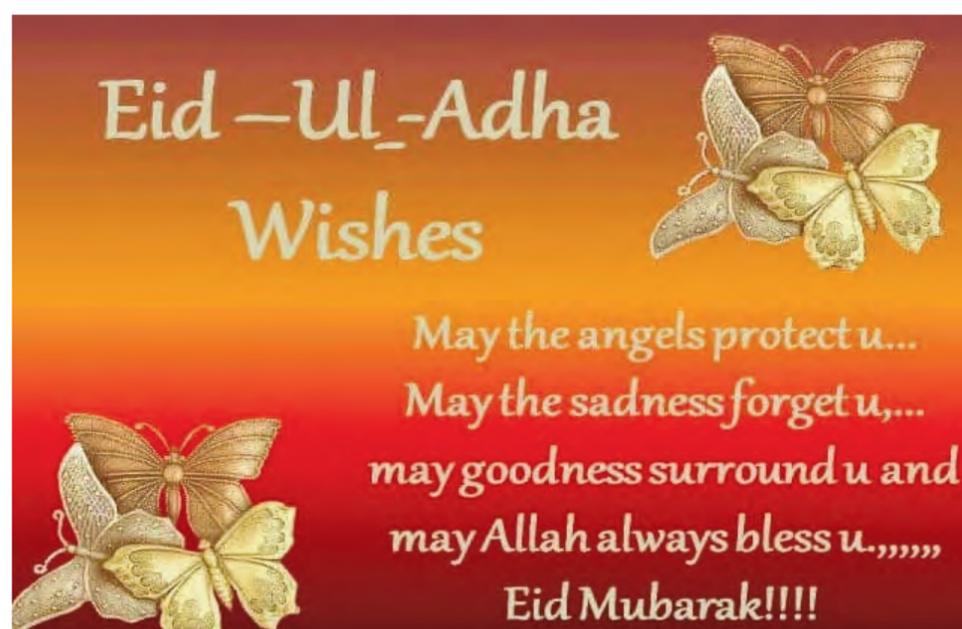
In Mauritius, EID is observed by the traditional sacrifice of animals. In the evening, houses are illuminated with dazzling multicolour lamps, and fire crackers are let off throughout the period of the festival. People never get bored with EID festivities across the island.

The weather could sometimes be a bit of a let-down and prevent people who like outdoor activities to enjoy themselves. On the other hand, many Muslim families avail themselves of the opportunity to gather and celebrate in hotels. Others celebrate around warm fire on the beaches with barbecues and other exotic feasts. This is the tradition of our EID, year in and year out.

As we celebrate EID many people, as stated, give some thoughts to others less fortunate than themselves. Such kindness does exist among most Mauritians. Otherwise, EID does not have any moral values. In short, EID is regarded in Mauritius as an opportunity for enjoyment, and a time of relaxation from work and daily business transactions.

The enjoyment of Eid is not about discovery of new and better places to live, but about a new and better way of living.

This article was originally submitted to LE DIMANCHE-L'HEBDO



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Rodrigues News

By Paul Draper,

Port Mathurin



The Bitter Lemon Story

Rodrigues has been given the title 'Lemon Island', but sometimes the taste is bitter.

On MBC TV Rodrigues News recently the Rodrigues Commissioner for Trade & Commerce, Mrs. Franchette Gaspard Pierre-Louis was offering her explanation of a Lemon Project that has run into difficulties. (also reported in full in Le Mauricien July 19th)

Citrus fruit growing in Rodrigues goes back to the early 1930's and is documented in the book 'The Island of Rodrigues' by Alfred North Coombes. It is said that at one time almost all Rodriguans had a lemon or other Citrus fruit tree growing in their yard near their home after the Citrus fruit tree cuttings were brought to Rodrigues



Small lemons of Rodrigues suitable for pickles in jars

from the Barkly Agricultural Station in Mauritius.

The problems that arose from plants being introduced that were infected by a 'canker' is also mentioned. *The first 'bitter' lemon in the story perhaps.*

Today trees bearing the small lemons are found all over the island, but some are still affected by the canker discovered in the 1930's. Despite that, the squeezed out juice of just one small lemon can sufficiently flavour a jug of water.

The flavour is unique and unmistakable and exclusive to Rodrigues.

The lemons or limes are used for making pickles and chutneys in Rodrigues; some are bagged up and shipped to Mauritius. But in their abundance many are just left to rot on the ground.

Many visitors have asked why there is no outlet that could use some of these



unused lemons, and it was a few years ago that the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Commission for Trade and

Commerce took an interest in the possibility of setting up a lemon processing plant in Rodrigues to commercialize the lemon juice from Rodrigues.

In addition, there had been a positive interest noted of Lemon Oil Essence being used in the production of cosmetics.

This interest came from a former Academic at the University of Mauritius now engaged in cosmetic technology and development in Mauritius. This person had also written a book about the Plants in Rodrigues and was very knowledgeable on the subject and also had contacts in the world of cosmetics- notably in Europe.

The Regional Assembly of Rodrigues therefore went ahead and solicited funds from International funders of such projects, such as the UNDP and the EU to build and run a Lime Processing Plant at Graviers, Rodrigues.

This was done, and the processing plant was built

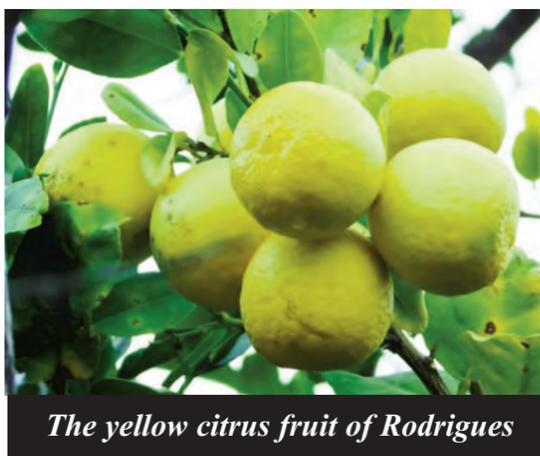
and equipped, and a Co-operative Society was formed for the local people in Graviers to run the processing plant. A range of lemon based products were envisaged to be offered for sale through the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Company, which is owned and run by the Government in Rodrigues.

The Lemon Oil-Essence project for cosmetics was also planned to be developed side by side with the Lemon Juice plant at Gravier.

This new plant would also be built adjacent to the Lemon Juice plant and would be equipped with all the equipment needed to extract the Lemon Oil-essence with funds raised by the government in Rodrigues and the oil essence produced from the Rodrigues Lemons would be sold to the company in Mauritius for the production of Cosmetics.

The next 'bitter-Lemon' event, as it were, occurred when, due to various reasons, the Lemon Juice processing plant ceased operations and became inactive and the plant closed down.

In her Press conference last week, the Rodrigues Commissioner for Trade and Commerce detailed some of the reasons why the proposed Lemon Essential Oil project had also run into trouble.



The yellow citrus fruit of Rodrigues

It seems now that the Cosmetic Company in Mauritius wanted to buy the lemons from Rodrigues but do all the processing and extraction of the essence in Mauritius and not in Rodrigues.

All the plans for the plant in Rodrigues are therefore now in suspense as, if this is the case, the fully equipped processing plant will not be needed.

One can only speculate on the real reasons why the most promising project has come to this unhappy point.

Did the cosmetic company want to sideline the Rodriguan authorities and buy the lemons direct? Or did warning bells ring with them about dealing with a supply organization for their products,



Lemon Processing Plant closed up on Paul's visit

over which they had no control and was run by politicians and their appointees, who, despite their good intentions, might not be there after the next election?

Were they advised that the setting up of such projects by the government in Rodrigues did not present a very good track record of success, and that there were empty buildings scattered around the island that had once been promising projects to be run by local Co-operatives but had not flourished?

The Commissioner for Trade and Commerce in Rodrigues has had her say, now it is up to the Cosmetic Company in Mauritius to give their side of the story.

Whatever..... let's hope that something can be recuperated from the present situation sometime in the future.

From Prega Vencatasawmy's F/B posts

PRIVATE DIARY OF ANANDA RANGA PILLAI

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Translated from Tamil by John Frederick Price



I purchased the two books only a couple of days ago and they were very cheap, both at £12.33 on Amazon. I hope, if the reading gets gratifying, to order more!

The other day I posted the abridged version in French, of only one volume. I have been aware for a very long time, and sometimes excited, about the journal in Tamil compiled in 12 volumes and spanning over 5200 pages!

I am in awe of such a gigantic endeavour by Ananda Ranga Pillai to chronicle the court of Dupleix, Governor of Pondichéry, as the chief Dubâsh.

Ananda Ranga Pillai was born on 30th March 1709 at Perambûr, a suburb of Madras, and emigrated to Pondichéry. In 1747 he occupied the post of Dubâsh until 1770, keeping a diary in Tamil, in bound volumes of the size of large account books.

As a record, the diary is on the whole a deeply interesting, and probably valuable account of historical, political, and social events appertaining to the period embracing "the rise, the zenith, and the beginning of the decline, of the French power in India"

As Dupleix was the Governor of Pondicherry during the French period, there are references to Isle de France (later Mauritius) that enlighten us a lot about the French occupation of the two countries!

"Jean François Dupleix was born at Landrecies, France, in 1697. He arrived at l'Île de France on 25 November.

Le 3 décembre à l'église de Saint François à Pamplemousses, il tint sur les fonds baptismaux Jean Joseph Xavier Kerjean, le fils de son neveu, qui l'accompagnait dans son voyage de retour.

A l'île de France, il fournit 24,000 piastres de lettres de change aux Forges de Rostaing et Herman's. Il obtint le 24 juin 1729 la concession d'un terrain aux Trois Îlots et il la vendit à Jean Routier de Granval en Avril 1731". (Dictionnaire de Biographie Mauricienne numéro 31)

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THE SEESAW OF POLITICS

by Claude Canabady



This government is currently going through the eye of a storm with criticisms emerging even from the most unexpected quarters. It has been constantly under fire lately and is having great difficulties to repel the continuous attacks heard on the airwaves and seen in the media.

The consequences could have been even much more calamitous except that help comes from the least expected sources that is the opposition parties. They seem to have great difficulties to rally and unite their forces in order to offer a cohesive alternative. This, at a time when a strong opposition is needed more than ever to ensure that democracy is well and alive in our island. Unfortunately the squabbles in their midst are legend and despite the efforts of some of them, the opposition remains disunited and could hardly be termed as a government in waiting, that is the first bit of good news for the government.

The second welcoming tidings for them, which is perhaps even more gratifying, is the fact that an out of favour politician wants to soldier on because he perceives himself as the only alternative to the coveted seat of power, that is despite being rejected by the electorate on two successive occasions. He continues to think that he can make another comeback like the famous comebacks of Frank Sinatra.

To quote a famous saying from a well-known politician 'Arette rêver camarade' because you will be doing a disservice not only to your party but equally to the country. No doubt that will be recalled in history. I find it a terrible shame that generally, some politicians do not realize when it is time to call it a day, time to take their reverence and hang up their boots as the saying goes in football parlance.

Of course, seasoned politicians can and should still play a prominent role in the affairs of the State without being involved on a day to day basis. Their wisdom and past experiences can be invaluable in guiding the newcomers on how to ply their new role.

ONGOING TROUBLES

Apart from the above preamble, the reasons for the ongoing troubles the government is facing, are twofold:

1. The competence and standard of some who currently hold high office.

I can only assume that some ministers are doubling up in their ministerial obligations because there is a dearth of competence and quality among the rest of the potential aspirants to ministerial duties in the ranks of the government.

They are simply not up to the expected standards to take up the cudgel and step to the mark. I have no doubt that there are some capable, competent and talented ministers, especially among those currently holding two ministerial portfolios but to expect a minister to manage the double responsibilities even to a reasonable standard, let alone sustain the expected levels, is simply not realistic.

It is rather unfortunate for whatever circumstances other than what I have stated above, that no one else can be nominated even at a junior ministerial level, to at least support even on a temporary basis those holding those double responsibilities.

Perhaps in future, all political parties should select their potential candidates on the following criteria, that is not only to perform to a very high standard as a member of parliament but also to assess them in a scientific way in their potential to hold higher office, not on the basis of their ethnicity or which constituency they might represent, but on their ability not only to deal with ministerial duties on a day to day basis but to anticipate potential problems and react accordingly.

2. The second reason, equally as important, is the way the quality of communication is imparted at different levels of responsibilities within the ranks of the government

If ever there is one aspect which can be considered to be the Achilles heel of this government, it is in the quality of its communication and the way it is disseminated.

First, the authorities need to realize that it is not only the quality and depth of the content of what is to be communicated which is important but the ability of the person delivering the message. He or She should be very eloquent so that the message can be clearly understood. For example, if the person fronting the event speaks in a staccato style as it has been the case in a not too distant past, the message will not be clearly understood and lost in transmission along the way.

If only a policy of total clarity and transparency could be adopted minus exceptions when information cannot be divulged for reasons of state security restrictions; that would help the government no end in communicating instead of the opacity that prevails most of the times. Even to obtain the simplest of information is equivalent to negotiating an obstacle course.

Practically, every explanation is sometimes given reluctantly and seems to be shrouded in mystery. This tends to create more confusion in the mind of the ordinary citizen than helping him/her. This reluctance to impart basic and clear explanations seems to be hallmark of some of the so called experts in information, who are paid at great costs from the government coffers.

What it is really bewildering, is that never before have the authorities held so many tools to communicate effectively with the population, that is, through print, television, online media, social media, emails, text notification and mobile apps and yet seem unable to do so even at a basic level. That fact can be reflected in the number of complaints you hear and read daily across all the media.

For what it is worth, I will give a free piece of advice to all those in charge of communication at the highest level in government. Remember when trust is at an historic low, it is imperative to revamp the strategic and communication approach by adopting a more participatory and inclusive approach and by fostering a meaningful two-way communication and engagement so that the population can understand and feel understood.

So, please take heed!

Editor's note: We are given to understand that this article has also been submitted to the daily Le Mauricien by the author.

Labour leader censured by newspaper readers

Following the publication of an article recently in Le Mauricien, we read the comments below expressing disapproval of the Labour leader.

In his article in the previous columns, Claude Canabady makes allusion to "an out-of-favour politician" who can only be ascribed to the Labour Leader aspiring to a come-back. 14 readers took the pains to offer their views on the Labour leader, and only one favours his return to power.

With this sort of censure it is unlikely that Labour can come back to power. It may be necessary for the Party to make him an offer which he may not refuse: The Réduit prospect.

Monk • il y a 5 jours

Aiooooo. Navin, Arvind, Mohamed, Assirvaden et compères. Nou fine plein trouve zotte figure et écoute zotte banne disques rayés. Lève paket aller do !!!!!

Jacques Hiesse • il y a 4 jours

Un mégalomane entouré d'un troupeau de moutons de Panurge, triste spectacle.

Politico • il y a 2 jours

Kant to koze to la force contre un adversair MSM le grand magnat finance du coffre publik, rempli arr advisers, tres rusé dans fabrikation la bouette, couma pension vieillesse capave triblé, montré to potentiel infantri, aviation, missile, commando lere la to koze to la force.

To vine avec 2 ou 3 bourik et to p blague bcp. Fer pitié. Navin lor ki to p koze to la force ? Leadership naiiba, fine fonne, zero pour monte la pente ! Ki amélioration apré defaite ? Narien !!!

To garçon un gran kuma SSR, to docteur, to avocat, deja un premier ministre, un London intellectuel, camarade géni anglais plein, plein, pas montré toi un laryage, mo cher Navin. Pas vive dans reve, guette un p le réel.

Kote ca Parti Travailleste to papa, entouré par Sceneevassen, Dr Chapéron, Abdul Razack Mohamed, Ramlallah, la gazette Advance ?

Pareil couma Bérenger mette dehors banne bon element reste jis garde banne zapote et mamelouk, ala Parti-Travailleste Navin. Toi Navin a la veil election ki to declare la lisse candidat, Prof Université, docteurs, avocats to mette dehors et bane agent, rodeur boutte, Louis de Funes, to fine donne ticket.

To ti premier dimoune ki ti dire ki MMM fine vinne un Corbillar arr Berenger, moi p dire toi ki Ptr. c Navin fine fer Ptr. un group cok-mor.

Allé renforci Parti Travailleste avec element valable mette dans park tou to bourrik. Mes conseil pas rode vinne PM, ca pas pour marché pour un unité des forces tant pour ena Berenger, valeur du jour Ptr un lékip cok-mor, koumars travail pour Président pas rubber stamp, militant pour la détruire le demon source du mal ca pays la, tou pouvoir constitutionel nomination tou PM brulé mette lenfage lor la ca meme seul cheval de bataille.

Et aussi li important vive en bon voisinage avec Bodha, li capave vinne un pousse maitresse pour complete le puzzle. Pas faire lennemi avec tou losition, rode tou kalité simin pour un accorité et unité. Pas koze grand noir couma un imbécil. afficher plus

Anil banymandhub • il y a 3 jours

Navinchandra Ramgoolam shall be PM next election with PURE labour. Stuff cast, forget cash politics. Right soldiers on the ground. MMM trounced us in 1976 for true ptr. Work, be humble, be honest and we can not lose the wave. Ptr alone against MSM. The rest best join GRA!

Le Templier • il y a 3 jours

Voilà que les crabes carrelats au sein de l'Opposition galimatias se remettent à s'entre-dévoiler mutuellement. Quel spectacle !

• **New Man • il y a 3 jours**
Ramgoolam dire partout ki MSM represente moins ki 5%.Dire moi couma MSM capav vine ene adversaire pou Ptr .Li oussi dire ki le Ptr pli grand parti Moris.

Li conne la force so parti. Li dire 40 tickets pou li. Le reste bane ti partis mormions couma MMM ,Reform ,Pmsd ,Parti Bodha partazé. Sa faire 12 pou MMM 6 pou Pmsd , lReform ,l Bodha. Lorla ena boucou ticket couma dan no 4 à 14 se bane ticket perdi davance sa.

Soogrim • il y a 3 jours

Macarena boy p dire li kone so la force, eh bien tou dimoun kone tres bien ki li p koze la force de so comunaute. Dans moris, si pa jugnaut, pou ramgoo, jamais pou ena ni mohamed, ni duval ni berenger. Et mem lialiance de l'espoir p jouer lor la, si pa pou badain, pou nando. Akoz sa mem zot fine rode l'indépendance moris, pou boire dusang. c'est ban loup deguiser en mouton

Politico • il y a 4 jours

« Notre adversaire, c'est seul le MSM » ki to p faire pour assure to victoire, jis blaguer ! Meme to pas p bouge fixe, mis to p kilé. Es-ki l'image to Parti Travailleste fine rehaussé ?

Mo pas trouve ca . To mette banne bouffon pour redore blason PT. To fine trouve un Assirvaden comme un President Parti Travailleste D'Anquetil, Rozemon, SSR to papa et to fine trouve dans Shakeel Mohamed un Abdul Razack Mohamed. President grand specialist dans standing orders dans l'AN et zaffaire Soodun !!! et l'autre p amene role Louis de Funes dans lunch room !!! Ca meme to banne bataille contre MSM pour to gagne victoire.

Exception faite pour Osman Mahomed, Ramful et Dr Aumeer, membres to Parti Travaillestes ki to mette devant banne bouffon inclu Arvin. Attan to 3 ieme defaite. Prend torche alle rode dimoune ki ena crédibilité. Ployé mette dans sac gonni banne bouffon avant ki koze seul MSM to adversair et to la force.

Moi toujours mo vinne avec solution kant mo critiqué. Mo l'esprit dir moi ki kant to dir MSM seul to adversair, c to lesprit de vengeance. Oui li encore bon dans sa situation de cote pays fine infecté par la mafia.

So strategie bataille contre MSM repose dans l'unité de tou parti politique anti MSM. Mo trouvé ki Berenger pas oulé toi comme Premier Ministre et ena bcp les autres.

Oui, capave faire toi vinne un President avec un pouvoir constitutionel mette sur pied banne Commission d'enquete lor corruption, cover-up, etc sans l'aval l' Assemblée. Et ki le Premier Ministre pas pour ena pouvoirs constitutionel dans n'importe ki nomination. Pouvoirs constitutionel actuel du PM ca meme la source de corruption, inefficience ki p mette pays lor caisse et grand la cour mafia . Mo dire sa tous les jours comme un la priere.

Declare maintenant pour consolide lintente et un force uni contre MSM to pas vinne PM mais donne toi President pour nomme Commission d'Enquete sans passe par l'Assemblée.

Berenger et Duval pas Vaish (driving force) pas pour vinne Premier Ministre. Pena simin, un suicide si essaye ca. Peu-etre un modéré comme Bodha comme PM. afficher plus

White shark • il y a 5 jours

Arrogance Arrogance Navin peu encore crier haut et fort moi qui zorro dans la cour opposition sans pouvoir .li peu chagrin le temps macarena .pouvre Arvind peu subir caprice Zorro.Moi Moi Moi devise de navin.

New Man • il y a 5 jours

C'est moi le boss ! Navin remet à leur place les Berenger ,Bhadain ,Duval et le miniscule Bodha.

Et surtout l'agwa de service ,Arvin Boolell.

Celui çà est une fois encore humilié et réduit à sa juste proportion.

Quelle resonante claque de Navin à Arvin Boolell !

Est ce que la nouvelle winning formula de Berenger, à savoir une alliance de l'opposition excluant Navin Ramgoolam soit encore possible ?

La balle est désormais dans le camp du hésitant Arvin Boolell .

Baya de la Cote • il y a 5 jours

No decency, no shame, his lust for power knows no bound; based on his track record, after 2 mandates the whole ppl suffered especially the tax payers & r still suffering on a/c of his past decision/action. At the end of the day he's just another fainéant, ené voyou ki laisse pei lor pilotage otomatic pou alle zouir dan UK;. Mem l'epargne li ti taxer pou amene so train de vie indecent, decadent !!! Aster la toute la ppl connait : banne fils a papa dans politique c ene Malediction pou pei...

Jay Tajah • il y a 5 jours

You want people who can change the country for everyone. No roder boutte. Despite some good policies, you hear all the time how people close to politicians expect to get favours to enrich themselves and their families.

It seems that some people cannot accept if a job is done well .

Soogrim • il y a 4 jours

ptr p dir li kone so la force, zot p reve deboute

Fuzzytruthseeker • il y a 5 jours

It's sad to tell, but when I gave Navin Ramgoolam all the headroom to stand tall, around October 2005, when he won the elections and I wanted to meet with him personally in the PMO after I would have reached Mauritius, making a special trip for the purpose, he signified to me that I should meet with Dr. Rashid Beebeegan.

He wanted to use me to settle his score with Anerood Jugnauth. I don't play such games. I take on a HOG like Anerood on my own. I had a score to settle with Sithanen, " marsan goto piments " -- as he himself described his previous situation in life. I managed, despite manhandling by police, to get access to his office. When I entered his office and saw him shaking and sweating, I was VERY nice to him. As for Ramgoolam himself, while he failed to stand tall at the right time, he partially corrected his mis-step one day later.

I and my family continued to suffer very, very much years after. I continue to suffer even now.

But, I am magnanimous enough to wish him well.

Happy 100th Birthday Kala Saida



Happy 100th birthday Kala Saida. I'm so happy and honoured that we managed to send you some birthday gifts (cake, card, flowers and the black shawl). Hope we can visit you next year, Inshallah. May Allah Bless You. Big hugs from Bashir and Devinia Sookia Mrs Saida Nursoo, living in Mauritius, was a primary school in her younger days. She is the aunt of Bashir Sookia who resides in California (USA)

Humour
Les syndicalistes ont tellement l'habitude de ne rien faire que lorsqu'ils font grève ils appellent ça une journée d'action
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Should Mauritius have the picture of a Dodo on its national flag, as pictured below? India has a Wheel on its flag. Other countries depict symbols from home. One cannot easily tell the Mauritius flag from those of other countries with similar colours. The picture of the Dodo will tell the difference.



Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Angus and Marla Darling of Bedford (UK) who celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary on July 27. They are seen here feasting on the favourite and appetising Fish & Chips at the Pen & Cob Restaurant by the River Ouse in Bedford.

BUDGET 2021-2022
NOT A POPULIST BUDGET BUT A REALIST
ONE TO BOOST OUR ECONOMY (Ahmad Macky, journalist)

A princely send-off for Suresh Taurah



Suresh loved horses and he even became horse-racing owners. He is holding the reins of a winner in above picture while his son Jason holds the reins on the left. Their wives were unfortunately hidden behind.



Drawn by horses on his final earthly journey



Suresh (centre) in excellent company. Left: Ravi Misra, extremely high profile Air Mauritius London Manager, and PM Sir Anerood Jugnauth

Suresh Taurah, former owner of Imbel Travel of Tottenham, North London, certainly went to meet his Maker in style.

They say he loved horses, and his family saw to it that he was carried in a horse-drawn carriage from his residence at Hadley Wood, known as the Millionaires' Row, in Middlesex, to the Golders Green Crematorium on July 18.

For two hours tribute was paid by relatives to the genius of Suresh who came to the UK in the 1980s as a penniless migrant and who, through the years, built himself a fortune by his wits and hard work.

Through Mauritius News I had known Suresh even before he created his Travel Agency. Over the years, from the time that he actually set up his travel agency on the

West Green Road and up to the time that he sold the business I have witnessed his meteoric rise on the London Scene.

We can't say that Suresh was a man of high education but I am certain he could give lectures to University students and the likes about how to make it big in business.

Suresh was always a jovial fellow, and

pleasant company but, mind you, a very shrewd businessman. I have had dealings with him and I know.

Suresh was a man who took good care of his family, it was thanks to the support of his family, especially his wife, that he could achieve so much in his business life.

P.C.

Homelessness in the UK

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Commission: Interim Findings London Councils has welcomed the publication of the interim report of the Kerslake Commission on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping.

The report calls on the government to continue the principles and funding of the 'Everyone In' initiative, which saw thousands of rough sleepers quickly brought into emergency accommodation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Following the launch of 'Everyone In' last year, around 5,000 former rough sleepers in London are now in settled accommodation. A further 2,400 people remain in short-term emergency accommodation such as hostels. Hundreds more are still on the streets of the capital.

London Councils' Executive Member for Housing & Planning, Cllr Darren Rodwell, is a member of the Kerslake Commission.

Following publication of the report, he said: "There can be no doubt that 'Everyone In' was a gamechanger and a major success. The government not only provided a clear directive but also invested crucial extra funding into homelessness services and worked effectively in partnership with local councils, the voluntary sector, and others. Thousands of rough sleepers were brought off London's streets in an impressively short timeframe, which undoubtedly saved lives.

"London boroughs want this work to continue and to do everything we can to help end rough sleeping altogether. The government shouldn't lose sight of what made 'Everyone In' a success. We need longer-term commitments – especially in terms of funding for local services. Giving councils sufficient resources is essential for reducing rough sleeping on a permanent basis. (Source: London Councils Bulletin)

Nadarajen Ramanjooloo

Editor's Note: Here in the UK they do not, unfortunately, have the activists to prod the Government and set the country aflame.