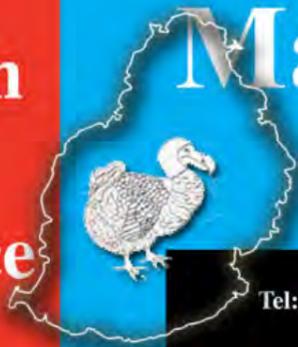


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## Why do some men hate women?

*Carried for nine months in the body of a woman, ejected into this world from the legs of a woman, fed on the milk from the breasts of a woman, cleaned of the mess in his backside by the woman, why does such a man harbour so much hatred for womankind? Is there something wrong in his mental make-up?*

P.C.

*An introduction to the article below*

## What's wrong with China?

*Countries of the West are dead worried about China's headway on the path of prosperity and economic supremacy.*

History shows that the West turned the Africans into slaves and robbed their countries' natural resources. They killed Indians and took away the wealth of India. America, England, and even France are still selling arms to other nations to destroy one another. The Chinese are engaged in a new form of colonialism: They invade no other country, They kill nobody on foreign soils, They enslave no one, They sell arms to no country. On the other hand, They bring money: they make donations and loans to poor countries and invest in joint ventures for development. Yes, there is every reason for the West to be afraid of China.

China even shed blood of their own people to get rid of certain scourges on its land like the local people's opium addiction encouraged and supported for commercial profit by the British colonials, and all religious bigotry brought by the Europeans, and the bigotry of their own. Today, the Chinese are not shackled. They are free of all religious inhibitions and their progress is spectacular

The country is clean; the people have drainage and toilet facilities almost, if not, everywhere. The Chinese have landed on the hidden surface of the moon which is in total darkness. What are they doing there? It worries the West that they may find minerals of greater importance than gold, silver, diamond etc,

found on earth, resources better than uranium and better fuel and energy that could take them further into space leaving the West planted on earth.

The article below signed by Egyptian Ismail Bashmori, circulated many times on the net, tells us a lot about the potentials of China as a country and its potentials as a nation that will dwarf America for supremacy as the 'No 1 Country' in every sense of the word. The speed at which China is moving, this prospect cannot be considered as sheer speculation. However, readers will themselves have the opportunity to assess and determine the article's objectivity or its bias inclination. Mr Bashmori asserts that China will be the next Super Power but President Joe Biden has publicly declared "Not under my watch". This is a threat that should be borne in mind that America is determined to stand in the way of China at the risk of causing a lot of destabilisation in the world. Yet, China is the Supplier No 1 to all the countries of the world, including the Americas and Europe, and makes manufactured goods affordable in poor countries. Almost everything we buy is made in China.

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## Perspective on today's US-China situation

by Ismail Bashmori

(An Egyptian writer living in Toronto)

I'm going to give you a summary of my entire impression of China as an Egyptian observer. I've been studying the country intensely for the past years — its government, society, history, and transformation — and over the past 3 months I've spoken to hundreds of Chinese and China-haters on this site and heard everything they had to say.

By now I've learned roughly as much about China as anyone can learn without knowing the language or living in the country, and I've reached my conclusion. You might think I'm crazy. That's OK with me. I've seen the facts and my opinion of the truth has become rock-solid. And China attracts a lot of haters, know-nothings and armchair experts.

### Greatest Country on Earth

The truth is that China is the greatest country on the face of the earth. It makes all other countries look insignificant and contemptible. It is the most brilliant, most industrious, most ambitious, most educated, meritocratic and technocratic, most modern, sophisticated, and civilized, and best-governed country in the world of our time, by far. It is the first non-white, non-Western country to reach this status since the 1600s.

The determination of this country is indescribable. Supernatural. There is no force that can stop it from accomplishing anything it wants to do. It can set a goal that seems completely outlandish, drug-induced, hallucinatory — and it can make it happen. That's

precisely what it's been doing. Forty years ago a flush toilet in China was a luxury. Today it has its own indigenously built Chinese Space Station. Believe me when I tell you that that is a tiny example of China's capabilities.

I am a patriotic Egyptian and Middle Easterner. Yet I freely admit that compared to the Chinese, we are simply monkeys. A race of dumb animals. It doesn't matter who we are. Egyptians, Syrians, Pakistanis, Indians, Africans, even Americans. Next to the Chinese, we are pathetic. We can't do what they do.

We would have a mountain, an Everest of changes to make, and we would whine and bicker and fail at

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every one of them. China's story since the 1980s has been one of an almost divine metamorphosis. Next to China the entire Western world from Alaska to New Zealand has stagnated. Next to China the entire developing world from Brazil to Madagascar has progressed only at a crawl. China, my friends, is the mother of all gargantuan bullet trains.

Every day it manages to create something new and astonishing. And unlike the United States, unlike the British Empire, unlike the French, Dutch, Germans, Spanish, Portuguese or any other Western nation that had its turn at being a superpower in the past four centuries, China doesn't need to run anybody over or take something from somebody else, to rise majestically.

### Hatred of China

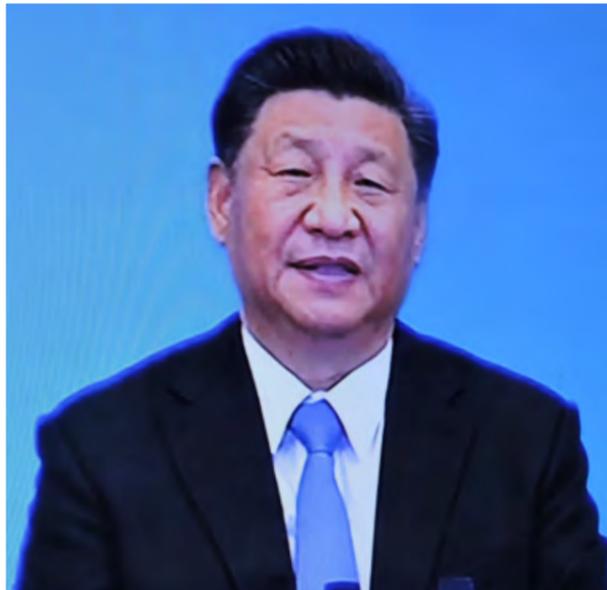
China is also standing up to the Western world all by herself. The West hates and fears that China is shooting up to the top. They can't believe their four-hundred-year-old global supremacy is being challenged. They hoped that the more China developed, the more it would submit to their influence, interests, and leadership. That didn't happen. So now they will do anything possible, short of a nuclear war, to make China end. Their goal is to destroy this country. That's why, although the United States has killed several million people and turned several regions of the earth into hellscape since I was born in 1988, your TV, newspapers, Google newsfeed, and social media are all cursing, condemning and pandering panic and hatred of China 24 / 7.

China is the worst fear of our planet's Western masters. They want you to despise and dread a country that's done nothing to you, that hasn't invaded anyone, bombed or sanctioned anyone, that hasn't overthrown any foreign government, or used its military on anything since 1979. You'll hate China and pray for its collapse, so that the West can continue to do what it's done since the age of Hernán Cortés and Francisco Pizarro — rape and pillage the earth from Latin America to Southeast Asia, and disguise its blood-spattered imperialism in the soft power and propaganda of "Western civilization" and world leadership.

China is the only major country in the non-white developing world, to stand up to the West. To look it in the eye when challenged or threatened, and say, No, I'm not afraid of you. Do your worst. I'm just as big as you are. All other countries in the Global South are simply Western puppets who submitted long ago. Even the most powerful ones. Saudi Arabia, Brazil, India — their leaders are busy listening to the United States, pen and paper in hand, writing down all its demands and going, Yes sir, Mr. Yankee sir. Let me get on that right away for you.

The 1500s—1000s BC were Egypt's time. Antiquity belonged to the Greeks and Romans. The 1700s belonged to France, and the 1800s to Britain. From 1945 to the Pax Americana but believe me, there isn't much Pax in it. There's plenty of Pax if you're in Europe or Australia. But the Middle East? Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Iran and Yemen in the past 20 years. Latin America? They've destroyed that part of the world beyond any hope of recovery. Africa? It's only been spared because of disinterest.

The US sees Africa as nothing. The whole West does.



*President Xi Jinping under whom China is growing faster and faster.*

### Rise of China as a Great Power

But in the twenty-first century, we are witnessing the rise of China. We are decades away from China becoming the greatest power on earth. This will be China's time, and there's nothing anyone can do about it. Attack China all you want, curse her and monger rumours and hysteria — but the truth is that none of your accusations are backed up by evidence, because you are a stooge of the Western press which is under the thumb of Western governments that want to stay on top of the world for all eternity. And the truth is that China is not affected by the noise and manoeuvres of her enemies. What's going on now, this stupid new Cold War, is nothing. For her first thirty years, from 1949 to 1979, China was basically blockaded and isolated economically and politically by the West. It didn't even have a seat in the UN General Assembly. And it was dirt-poor in those days, barely a speck of the global economy, a tiny fraction of Japan's or Germany's GDP — not even able to prevent famine. And it still didn't submit to pressure or take any orders. Why on earth would it do that now?

China will be the next global power. There's nothing that can be done about that. The first stage is that its economy only needs to grow at 4.7 percent per year to become the world's largest by 2035. That means the usual, historical bare-minimum of 6 percent is already overkill. The US can build as many bases as it wants, slap as many sanctions as it wants, recognize whatever bogus genocides it wants. That's what it's been doing all along. Has any of it made a difference? China can adapt to any situation. It took China a mere ten years to go from being barred by the US Congress from participating in the "International" Space Station, to building its own Space Station from zero.

See, the US has an \$800-billion war budget, 800 military bases, 13,000 aircraft, 500 warships, 6,000 nukes — but it doesn't have what China has: invincible national resolve. It takes the US about 5 years to renovate a bridge, and it takes China 43 hours. There's simply no competing with that.

China doesn't need to be a military superpower or empire. That was never part of the plan. US troops, God bless their souls, will continue sitting in their

bases, scratching their balls, costing their government \$800 billion a year to do nothing. Meanwhile, China will continue to actually develop. That's the part of the equation that America totally missed, because it has barely developed since Reagan's day. China is a better place to live today than at any time in its previous 5,000 years; Americans saw their highest standard of living in the 1960s, and those (good) days will never come back.

So yes, China will be the next global power, and the Chinese are vastly superior to us in every way. This is a fact that everyone can attack but that nobody can change, like the theory of evolution. The difference between me and other people is that I ask, Why is this a problem? Why is this something to be afraid of? Why doesn't it mean — that the world will finally get better?

### Countries Invaded or Overthrown

Look at you silly ..., talking about China like it's going to be the next Nazi Germany. Even many Middle Easterners I know fit in this foolish category. Did you notice when the US invaded or overthrew the governments of 20 countries in the past 32 years (my lifetime)? Did you even know? You think just because you're ready to forget all that because of Beyoncé and Game of Thrones and Snapchat and other US cultural exports, it didn't happen and isn't still happening?

But, I'm scared! China's big and bad! Because the US is feeding me terror-bytes about Hong Kong, Taiwan, Tibet, Tiananmen Square, Great Leap Forward! I don't see any dead bodies, I can't show you one invasion or one example of Chinese regime change, I can't even find Hong Kong on a map or tell you one factual detail about Tiananmen Square, but the US State Department and all its media are telling me CHINA BAD! Wa, wa!

Even my father, brother, brother's in-laws have no real knowledge of any kind about the Western terror-bytes that have given them such an apprehensive feeling about China. And they're Egyptian and Syrian, so imagine how blank the typical Westerner is. Blankness doesn't stop prejudice and gullibility. That's what most China-haters are. As gullible as children getting told about the boogeyman to procure their obedience.

Aren't you at least curious to see what a world with a non-white, non-Western leader might look like, after 400 years? Because God knows that leader won't be us. It won't be Brazil or Africa, or the Middle East or India or Indonesia or Nigeria or Pakistan. We're a mess.

China was a mess too. But we remain a mess many decades after we achieved independence, and the Chinese went their own way, disentangled their mess and created their destiny. We're not made of what the Chinese are made of. We might be one day, if we stop taking orders and cozying up to Western puppet-masters. I'm not holding my breath for that to happen.

### Innocent until proven guilty

Where's your concept of innocent until proven guilty? You turn a blind eye to the country that gave you dozens of destroyed nations and millions of

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corpses to see as proof of its brutality, because it also gave you some amazing sitcoms! While a country you don't have the slightest objective knowledge of, is already Nazi Germany to you because its adversaries, who are also your historical and present-day oppressors, tell you so?

Come on. Let's wait to see one dead body, one invasion, one regime-change operation from the Chinese, before we fly into rage and hysterics about them! Is that so crazy? We've seen centuries of horror from the US and we're still giving 'Murica' the benefit of the doubt, even when the brutal truth is crystal-clear.



## Space probing

For myself, I see China as hope. Hope that a colonized, brutalized, primitive and humiliated country, can rise above its past — refuse to be weak any longer — rebuild itself from nothing, with iron resolve, and become too strong to be overrun by the West again! Hope that a non-white, non-Western country can look deep within itself and find its own solutions to its problems — proving that (foolishly) trusting the West to guide us isn't necessary! Proof that if we can do what the Chinese did, there will be no limits for us.

Imagine a world where the US, France, Britain, Australia, are no more important than Uzbekistan or Paraguay. A world where the World Court might be headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, the World Bank in New Delhi, the United Nations in Jakarta, the IMF in Cairo. A world liberated from the US banking system and the dollar as its reserve currency, so that Washington can no longer tell 200 other countries who they can and can't trade with.

A world where an American can be tried for war crimes at the Hague, not just an Iraqi or Liberian or Serb. A world where we don't hear about a non-Western-made vaccine and grunt to ourselves, Oh, it must be poison. A world where we don't have to immigrate to the same countries that turned ours into hellholes, to work as sales clerks or taxi drivers, or even if we're brilliantly employed — to drain our brains from our homelands in the best of cases, and use them to reinforce Western riches and supremacy in exchange for a fat paycheck, instead of using them to make our own countries semi-habitable.

## Space Station and Mars Landing

When I hear that China has built its own Space Station, landed a rover on Mars, ended extreme poverty,

built the Earth's biggest city, dam, telescope, 5G network, highway, air purifier, or whatever the heck it is that will come tomorrow — I feel the same pride as if I were Chinese. It's not happening for all of us, but it's happening for one of us and that's a start. There's got to be such a thing as developing-country nationalism — a common nationalism for all the countries that were colonized and plundered, and remain economically and politically captured by their ex-rulers. A nationalism for the Global South.

We are too divided, too brainwashed, too fooled and



weak — most of us still worship the countries that destroyed us, are non-Western on the outside and Western on the inside, are hating and fearing and buying all the lies about the only one of us that's made it, and are leaving our countries in droves to let them burn while we “make a better life for ourselves” in the West.

Do you want to live on a Western-dominated Earth for another 400 years? If you do, keep doing what you're doing. But I don't!

the Soviet Union. Rest in peace. Even FRANCE and JAPAN for God's sake. What does the United States do when any other country says NO, or simply becomes too powerful, too good at honest competition? IT CRUSHES IT LIKE A BUG. Japan was a Western-style democracy crawling with US troops, with a US-authored pacifist constitution and almost no military and an extremely pro-US government and populace, and it STILL got crushed when it looked like it would become the #1 economy in the 80s.

## Global Importance

Do Indians really believe that if China goes down, India will be allowed to become a great power? Do they not see that a strong or wealthy India would immediately fall victim to the same despicable US tactics? Don't make me laugh.

I remember 10–15 years ago when China was still relatively poor and impotent, and Bush and Obama would talk about China as sweetly as swans. Obama happily had dinner with Xi Jinping in late 2015, called China a crucial partner of the United States, and said the US welcomed China's rise; it was all horseshit. Today Biden, who was there with Obama in late 2015 as Vice-President, angrily rebukes a reporter who merely said that Biden and Xi were old friends. America has taken off its mask: China made it, it wasn't supposed to make it, so now it must die. What a difference 5 years can make. China went from “crucial partner” to “number one threat.”

We should be helping and supporting China to keep climbing to the top, and giving her some serious solidarity as she withstands the new Cold War of Western imperialism. It's been a long 400 years. China is the first non-Western country to even come close to reaching a status of ultimate global importance.

## People of the Republic of China on the March



You know what'll happen for all of us if America's sick wishes come true and its global thuggery does make China collapse? Nothing. Eternal repetition of the status quo. More enslavement, hijacking of our resources and weak corrupt governments, neo-colonialism, invasion, regime change, sanctions, MISERY. Haven't we already seen this? Libya, Cuba, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Belarus, Iraq, Iran, Vietnam,

She is akin to the first member of an impoverished family to go to university. That is our family of nations. And when China gets to the top, believe me, it won't be a repeat of the French, British, or American Empire. Not a single developing country on earth will be worse-off because of China becoming #1. There will be something good in this for all of us, so let's wake up.

*Ismail Bashmori*

## Creole with Tears?

In the article below, **Eliezzer François** expresses himself on the question of introducing the Creole language as the medium of instruction in the educational institutions of Mauritius.

The question that I have been asking around is whether it is necessary to replace English and French by the Creole language as the medium of instruction in our primary and secondary schools, and even in the country's tertiary institutions.

Since the 1960s there has been a campaign by some Mauritian intellectuals to introduce the Creole language in local schools at all levels, by intellectuals who had themselves been educated at European universities where they were happy to be able to study with ease in English and French as the mediums of communication. At no time have the people of Cassis, Roche Bois, Ste Croix, Black River etc, where live the majority of the Creole community, rebelled against the use of English and French to teach their offspring. The call comes from the sons of 'petits bourgeois'. The question is why? Is the change desirable for the sake of change itself?

English and French languages are universally the same with the exception of a bit of the americanism in English spelling. One can understand the written English and French in whatever country one is because these languages remain the same.

The Creole language will never be universally understood as a written language because it is spoken and written differently in different countries. The spoken Creole of Mauritius is different from the spoken Creole of Reunion Island, The Seychelles and the Caribbeans. There are Haitian Creole and Louisiana Creole based on French; There are Jamaican Creole and Guyanese Creole based on English. There are countries whose Creole is based on Dutch, Portuguese and Spanish. Some countries pronounce and write the word Creole as Kriol and even Kreyol. Perhaps *ces grands messieurs* will tell us how to make the Creole language universal as English and French are. Perhaps it is not necessary to make the Mauritian Creole universal

and we should keep it insular.

There is a lot of hypocrisy among *ces grand messieurs*. It has been established that most of them send their toddlers to maternal schools where the medium is French and avoid those where the medium is Creole.

Most Mauritians speak *franglais* where the word 'sorry' occurs frequently while expressing themselves in French. I can hear that little girl asking her father "Shall I ferme the la porte, daddy?" In expressing ourselves in Creole, shall we able to confine ourselves purely to the vernacular?

In our Parliament, when swearing takes place some MPs find it more convenient to use Creole expressions as *Pute* or *to gagne dimal*. The swearing in Creole will be more palatable when Parliament will admit Creole also as a medium of expression. And Hansard in Creole! Mauritians not familiar with written Creole find it painful to decipher a text. Most people will have to equip themselves with a Mauritian Creole dictionary. Good business for the authors.

It has been said in that in certain regions, people of the same country speak different Creole according to their localities. In the West Indies, different countries have different Creole Academies specialising in Creole but totally alien to each other. Now we shall have the Creole Academy of Mauritius like the Akademi Kreyòl Ayisyen (Academie Créole Haitien).

Some Mauritians were known to be ignorant in two languages: English and French. Now Mauritians will be ignorant in three languages including their own mother tongue: Creole. Many locals are known to murder English and French. Now, we shall be murderers of our own tongue as well for being unable to write it properly. Talking of Elisa Dolittle, Professor Higgins says "By law she should be taken out and hung, for the cold-blooded murder of the English tongue." Fortunately, in Mauritius it's not a capital offence to murder the languages.

But as they say everything must be tried once. The inclusion of Mauritian Creole as the medium of instruction is something that must be tried. It is understood that the country is so far in it that going back is no option

P.C.

# Pleure, ô pays bien-aimé

« **Pleure, ô pays bien-aimé** » est un roman de l'écrivain sud-africain Alan Paton, publié en 1948. Contemporain des débats de l'apartheid en Afrique du Sud, il dénonce la ségrégation raciale dont sont victimes les Noirs."

Quand j'ai lu dans Le Mauricien mercredi 18 août 2021 : - « Une vingtaine d'individus, dont des professionnels de l'éducation, ont signé une déclaration commune en faveur de l'utilisation du Kreol Morisien (KM) comme médium d'enseignement ... », la nouvelle m'a sidéré. Et quand j'ai vu les noms de certains signataires - des intellectuels, des détenteurs de diplômes universitaires, je me suis posé la question - 'Où va l'île Maurice dans le domaine de l'Éducation et de la Culture ? ' Tout comme Alan Paton, je ne peux m'empêcher de crier: Pleure, ô l'île Maurice bien-aimée.

## Apprendre la Langue Créole ?

Je me permettrais de reproduire un extrait d'une conférence de presse que le Mouvement Authentique Mauricien (MAM) avait tenue le 5 décembre 2013 : -

Je l'ai archi déclaré en public - je n'ai jamais eu honte de la langue ou patois créole. Je suis né créole, un descendant d'esclave ayant comme langue maternelle le créole. Je ferai tout pour que le créole reste le moyen de communication par excellence pour les différentes ethnies qui composent la communauté mauricienne. Je suis et je resterai 100% en faveur du parler créole, des ségas, des danses folkloriques, des pièces de théâtre, etc. Par contre, je suis 100% contre l'étude, l'apprentissage de la langue créole à l'école. Ceci représente non seulement une perte de temps et d'énergie, une perte d'argent, mais un cul de sac intellectuel pour les petits descendants d'esclaves. Apprendre le créole comme une langue écrite est un non-sens, tandis qu'avec l'anglais et le français, deux langues internationales, le p'tit créole, le p'tit descendant d'esclave a la possibilité d'étendre ses horizons culturels et intellectuels.

Il va sans dire, qu'au niveau primaire, les enseignants utilisent régulièrement le créole parlé pour faire comprendre certaines choses aux élèves de leurs classes. Cette pratique peut continuer. Pourquoi le p'tit créole a besoin d'apprendre à écrire le créole ? Quel est son avantage ? Pourquoi a-t-il besoin d'un dictionnaire créole ? C'est pour faire quoi avec ? Qu'on le veuille ou pas notre système d'éducation est compétitif. La compétition existe dans toutes les sociétés à travers le monde. Ainsi, alors que les p'tits descendants d'esclaves se débattent pour apprendre à écrire le créole, leurs petits camarades de classe : hindous, musulmans, tamouls, chinois et blancs se distinguent en anglais et en français. On aimerait bien savoir combien d'autres enfants mauriciens, à part les petits créoles, prennent la langue créole écrite comme matière à l'école.

## Rémy Ollier

Quand Rémy Ollier avait donné un mot d'ordre à la population de couleur, il leur a dit ceci : « Instruisez-vous. » Certes, il n'a pas dit qu'il fallait apprendre comment écrire le créole - 'kréol morisien', 'graphie harmonie', etc; encore moins, créer une Académie Créole. Sinon, l'île Maurice

n'aurait jamais pu produire des intellectuels, des hommes de lettre, des journalistes, des écrivains et poètes qui ont fait honneur au pays. Parmi on retrouve: Raoul Rivet, André Masson, Marcel Cabon, Yves Ravat, Gabriel Martial, Clément Charoux, André Decotter, Pierre Renaud, Jean Georges Prosper, Edouard Maunick, Rivaltz Quenette, Emmanuel Juste, André Legallant, Arthur Martial, Régis Fanchette, Raymond Chasle, Pierre Georges Télescourt, Jean Erenne, Leoville L'homme, Jean Urutty, Edwin Michel, R. Domingue, Jean Claude D'Avoine, Joseph Tsang Mang Kin et tant d'autres.

Avec la langue créole écrite, jamais nos compatriotes mauriciens auraient pu se distinguer et se sentir à l'aise en Australie, Canada, France, Angleterre, Belgique, Suisse et dans tous les autres pays anglophones et francophones. Puis-je demander au Dr. Arnaud Carpooran et à Jimmy Harmon s'ils ont écrit leurs thèses dans la langue créole ou sur la langue créole ? Ensemble avec l'Église ils causent un tort immense aux descendants d'esclaves. Tous ces experts en linguistique, avec la complicité de l'Église, veulent créer un esclavage intellectuel pour la communauté créole. Ils veulent mettre les créoles dans un ghetto intellectuel.

## Graphie Kreol

Voyons ensemble ce qu'écrit Paul Domingue dans son article intitulé « Ne laissons pas cette graphie Kreol pervertir notre langue créole » Cet article a paru dans la page Forum du journal Le Mauricien. Je cite : -

« Cette innovation déplorable de cette graphie exécrable qui pue le souffre étouffant et qu'on nous impose à l'école, à l'église et partout ailleurs, ne serait que le pire des malheurs qui eussent pu s'abattre sur nous comme une affreuse plaie aux conséquences répugnantes. » Et plus loin, dans ce même article : -

« ... ce système graphique ... risque de provoquer une éruption scabieuse mentale chez nos jeunes étudiants. C'est perdre leur temps en les embrouillant dans un exercice non profitable et les dérouter dans l'étude du français... »

## L'Académie Créole - Une Mascarade.

En voici un autre extrait d'un texte que j'avais écrit sur l'Académie Créole : -

Non. Ce n'est pas une Académie Créole que les descendants d'esclaves réclament au gouvernement Lepep. Cette mascarade représente plutôt un nouveau coup de massue que le Premier ministre, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth assène à toute la communauté créole. Est-ce-que Pravind Kumar Jugnauth et le gouvernement Lepep peuvent nous dire à quoi servira l'Académie Créole? (L'Akademi Kreol Repiblik Moris) Est-ce-que le leader du Mouvement Patriotique, Alan Ganoo, peut nous expliquer l'utilité d'une Académie Créole aux jeunes de Baie du Cap, le Morne, African Town, et à ceux qui habitent le long de la côte Rivièrè Noire? Tous les enfants mauriciens commencent à apprendre deux langues internationales, l'anglais et le français, à partir de la maternelle. Ce sont les deux principales langues qui sont utilisées à l'ONU. Pourquoi donc Alan Ganoo insiste-t-il pour que

le kréol morisien soit utilisé au Parlement Mauricien? Si un député sent qu'il ne peut pas s'exprimer soit en anglais ou en français au parlement, il ou elle ne devrait pas poser leur candidature. Est-ce-que Alan Ganoo a pensé aux nombreux visiteurs étrangers et touristes qui viennent au parlement pour suivre une séance parlementaire? Sait-il le nombre d'étudiants de HSC qui viennent écouter les débats parlementaires afin d'être mieux équipés pour leur General Paper ?

## General Paper (GP)

Le Mauricien 12 février 2012, je cite :- «... Le PM (Navin Ramgoolam) a exprimé sa fierté que le gouvernement ait introduit le créole à l'école. Si au départ, il n'était pas convaincu que c'était une bonne idée, il a affirmé que Dev Virahsawmy lui a expliqué en quoi ce serait important. » Erreur monumentale ! Qui est Dev Virahsawmy ? Un très bon Prof de langue anglaise. Il enseigne ou donne des leçons de GP (General Paper) aux élèves de HSC, à l'instar de feu Frank Richard dans les années 50. Si un/e étudiant/e de la HSC échoue en GP, il/elle n'a pas de certificat même avec l'obtention de 3, 4 distinctions dans les 3 ou 4 autres matières optionnelles. Donc ! Voilà pourquoi j'ai toujours combattu l'idée de mon ami Dev Virahsawmy d'introduire le créole à l'école. Pour la même raison, je déplore la démarche de ces vingt individus qui militent en faveur de l'utilisation du Kreol Morisien (KM) comme médium d'enseignement, surtout en grade 10. J'aimerais bien savoir ce qu'en pense le PM, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, lui qui parle de maintenir ou de hausser le niveau de notre système d'éducation.

Par ailleurs, je me permets de demander à tous ceux qui prônent la création d'une Académie Créole et qui militent pour l'utilisation du kréol morisien au parlement ou comme médium d'enseignement, où ils ont obtenu leurs diplômes universitaires? Je les invite à se laisser guider par un esprit de sagesse et de discernement. En tant qu'un ex-Prof de langues, sans aucune prétention de ma part, je suggère que le gouvernement lepep construise pour tous nos jeunes étudiants de bonnes écoles primaires et secondaires. Qu'on leur donne du travail, des ateliers d'apprentissage aux différents métiers, des facilités pour le sport et le gymnase. Ce sont là les quelques revendications des Ti-créoles (selon une expression de feu Père Henri Souchon), pas le Kreol Morisien, encore moins, une Académie Créole. Que le gouvernement lepep nous épargne une nouvelle SINÉCURE!

## Pour Rappel

Afin de rassurer tous mes compatriotes mauriciens sur ma prise de position, je suis né à la rue Yoloff, Camp Yoloff, un quartier pauvre de Port Louis. Je n'ai pas honte de parler le créole qui est ma langue maternelle. Je n'ai pas honte du ségas non plus. Cependant, j'ai eu le bonheur, le privilège et la joie d'enseigner l'anglais, le français et le latin aux élèves de SC, HSC à Maurice; et aux élèves de VCE en Australie.

En guise de conclusion, je me permets de citer Martin Luther King Jr. qui, s'adressant aux jeunes étudiants de Barratt Junior High School in Philadelphia, sur leur 'Life's Blueprint,' leur avait dit ceci :

«If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward»

Oui ! Mes chers collègues professionnels de l'éducation, let us move forward not backward.

*Eliezzer François JP*

# The Rodrigues Newsletter

From Paul Draper,  
Port Mathurin



## A Rodriguan Athlete at the Paralympics in Tokyo

All eyes and ears were open in Rodrigues in the hope that Eddy Capdor would bring home honours at his participation in the Tokyo Paralympic Games. Eddy was accompanied to Tokyo by his coach Fabrice Ramsamy

Eddy Capdor went to the Malabar SEN School in Rodrigues and was trained by Fabrice. He excels in a number of sporting disciplines but he



Far left: Eddy and Fabrice in the Stadium at Camp du Roi competed in the Long Jump event. Coming 9th in the final that took of the last day of th competition,



Eddy is considered to have put up a good performance for both Rodrigues and Mauritius.



9th position for Eddy Capdor on the scoreboard

## March against Alleged Paedophilia in Rodrigues

Protect our children, says the banner in Creole



The authorities are reported to have uncovered a paedophilia ring allegedly operated by a hostel owner in a certain locality of the outer island of Rodrigues.

At his hostel, the owner is alleged to have forced underaged college girls to have sexual relations with his clients. According to the allegations, he has been secretly filming the sexual scenes with a view to blackmail the clients and force the girls to stay on the game while he pockets the money

The owner is reported to be in detention while the case is being investigated by police. CIDs from the Mauritius police force have been sent to Rodrigues to help with the investigation.

It has also recently been reported in the Mauritian press that a pastor has been arrested in Rodrigues for sexually abusing young boys in the island.

In some quarters it is believed that all the allegations are pure gossips.

P.C.

## Reine de Rodrigues



The statue 'Reine de Rodrigues' is located at Pointe Canon – which is on a hillside overlooking Port Mathurin.

Adjacent is a big Canon-type gun point which was probably erected by the British.

The site is easily accessible by road or by the footpath.

Recently the whole area has been improved and made into a sort of Greek style amphitheater.

Paul Draper

## Marie, Reine de La Paix



The statue of Reine de Rodrigues (pictured further up) is very much like the Statue of Marie Reine de la Paix perched on the elevated Edward VII Boulevard at the foot of the Signal Mountain in Port Louis.

Likewise, this shrine can be reached by car or on foot.

The Boulevard which a public venue accessible at any time, day or night, is kept in trimmed condition by the City Council of Port Louis. It is a plus site for a panoramic view of the city.

P.C.

From Prega Vencatasawmy's F/B posts

# Jean Fanchette

by Prega Vencatasawmy

Jean Fanchette, born in Rose-Hill (Mauritius) on May 6, 1932, was a Mauritian poet, editor and psychoanalyst of the French language.



Colonized by France from 1715 to 1810 (called Isle de France), Mauritius then fell into England, to which it was officially surrendered by the Treaty of Paris of 1814.

English speaking, the colony will maintain a link with the French language, practised by the press and literary background. Jean Fanchette will inherit this culture marked by France, and that's why it's in Paris that he'll choose to follow his medical studies, but also to enter poetry.

Shortly before his disappearance, on March 29, 1992, he wrote: " The two essential currents of my life are psychoanalytic practice and literary creation, enlightened by this obscure twinkle that poetry exposes. "

He published his first poems in the 1950s, which will be crowned by the Paul Valéry Prizes in 1956 and Félix Fénéon in 1958. In 1959, he founded with Ana ss Nin Two Cities, a bilingual literary magazine in English and in French, in which authors as diverse as Henry Miller, Yves Bonnefoy or Lawrence Durrell will be published.

Became a neuropsychiatrist and psychoanalyst, he published in 1971 the essay Psychodrama and Théâtre modern for which he obtained the award of Mascareignes in 1972. Four years later, his novel Alpha du Centaure received the award of the French Language by the Académie Française ..

Finally, he relaunched Two cities editions in 1977 to publish his texts, and those of other authors.

After his disappearance in 1992, the municipality of his hometown, Beau-Bassin/ Rose Hill, created the Jean Fanchette Prize, which has been chaired several times by Jean Marie Le Clézio (Nobel Prize in Literature) and Tahar Ben Jelloun, Published at Stock in 1993, then in 2009 and 2016 at Philippe Rey Editions, the anthology L'île Equinoxe that brings together the essentials of Jean Fanchette's poetic work.

According to his publisher, "prints of formal rigour, his writings say the nostalgia of the original island, abandoned early to settle into the homeland of exile. This ripping now leaves the poet only a 'provisional identity', unstable state of equilibrium that tells him that he is never 'from here' "

JMG Le Clezio, who shares the Mauritius link with Jean Fanchette, has defended his work a lot, even speaking, about the poem Venus de Mer, "arguably one of the most beautiful poems on the curse of slavery, this exile that lasts beyond the belly of slave boats".

For more information:  
A very complete site, with numerous testimonies and articles on J. Fanchette, along with a selection of his poems:  
<http://www.jeanfanchette.com/>  
<http://www.institutfrancais.mu/.../hommage-a-jean-fanchette>

# TOURISM

Mauritius expects to welcome over half a million visitors during current financial year, according to Finance Minister Renganaden Padayachy's forecast. Mauritius opens up to the world from October 1 as per schedule below.

## 15 July - 30 September

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- \* You will have a PCR test on your day of arrival, day 7 and day 14
- \* After a negative PCR test on day 14, you can freely explore the island and move to new accommodation or to your home

## Explore the island

### OCTOBER ONWARDS Full opening of the island

Fully vaccinated travellers will be allowed entry subject to a negative PCR test 72 hours prior to boarding

Relax on the island and explore attractions throughout your holiday

#### LEARN MORE

Ts & Cs apply. Dates subject to change. Visit MPTA travel advice page for full details.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS APPLY

Source: Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MPTA)

### Ban of British stamps

The stamps issued by Britain for use in the British Indian Ocean Territory will no longer be allowed for use in the Chagos Archipelago, as decreed by the International Postal Union.

This decision is considered as a victory for Mauritius in the consolidation of its sovereignty claim over the Archipelago.



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# Olympics

## Curtains on the greatest show on earth

by Mylene from Japan



Symbols: The five rings representing the 5 continents for Olympics; For the Paralympics, the three crescent-shaped Agitos.

I must say I was one of the sceptic that thought the 2020 Tokyo Olympics would be the worst ever. After all, it was announced there would be no spectators, athletes were confined to the village, and there would be none of that festival atmosphere of streets overflowing with tourists and locals.

Post-Olympics, even with the oppressive heat and the controversial decision to move the race walks and marathons from Tokyo to Sapporo, some 1,112.4 km apart, I surprisingly agree with the 89.09% of people polled that, the Games were a success.

Despite the difficulties, there were many monumental firsts, some listed below.

Skateboarding, surfing, karate and climbing made their debut as an Olympic sport. Some would say the Games have caught up with the 21st century to embrace a young audience.

Sky Brown aged 13 became the youngest GB Olympian, winning bronze in women's park skateboarding. Born to a Japanese mother and British father, she is one of the new tribe of global athletes

Momiji Nishiya 13 won the first-ever Olympic gold medal in women's street skateboarding. An enormous feat as there are almost no skate parks in Japan.

The first openly transgender woman, weightlifter Laurel Hubbard represented New Zealand in the women's 87kg plus. A historic moment for trans rights supporters

Although Laurel Hubbard did not get a medal, 25 year old transgender, non-binary (Rebecca) Quinn did, when the Canadian women's football team took the gold.

One of the biggest upsets. Simone Biles GOAT (greatest of

all time) withdrew from the women's team event because mental health issues which opened up a global conversation on the subject.

Uta and Hifumi Abe became the first siblings to win gold and it happened on the same day, hours apart. Uta won in the women's half lightweight category and her brother took gold in judo.

Tamyra Mariana Mensah-Stock became the first black woman to win a gold medal in women's freestyle wrestling.

Country firsts: Flora Duffy won gold in the women's triathlon for Bermuda  
Filipina weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz took the gold in weightlifting  
Turkmenistan won its first ever medal as an independent nation when Polina Guryeva got the silver in the women's 59kg weightlifting

Sunisa Lee, artistic gymnast became the first Hmong gold medalist. Hmong people are an ethnic group living mainly in Southern China, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar. They are members of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples' Organization

German gymnastics team chose to wear unitards and the Norwegian beach handball players were fined for choosing to wear shorts instead of bikini.

As competitors had to avoid unnecessary forms' of contact, the organisers said the 160,000 free condoms distributed to athletes in the village are souvenirs to take home.

The curtain has come down on an event many thought would never take place.  
Sayonara Tokyo, bonjour Paris. But it's not over yet....

## Hello Paralympics

Tuesday 24 August - Sunday 5 September

The Olympic village has reopened to welcome the Paralympic athletes with great emphasis on safety. Residents of the village will be required to take a daily COVID-19 test, wear a face mask and observe the distancing code. All events will be held behind closed doors and the government has urged fans not to line the roads for the outdoor disciplines.

4,400 athletes are expected to participate from 160 countries. 21 venues will hold 539 events across 22 sport to include para-badminton and para-taekwondo.

Cutting-edge technology coupled with innovative design means the athletes can perform ever higher, ever stronger, ever faster feats for a thrilling 13-day event.

These Games are just as important as the Olympics. It's not purely about podium glory, it helps to raise awareness, educate and challenge our concept of those who are physically and mentally impaired. More medals are won in the Paras yet there is less funding, less pay and fewer endorsements for the athletes. To think,



The four Paralympic Mauritian athletes and coaches



Welterweight boxer Mervin Clair (left) reached the Quarter-final on July 30

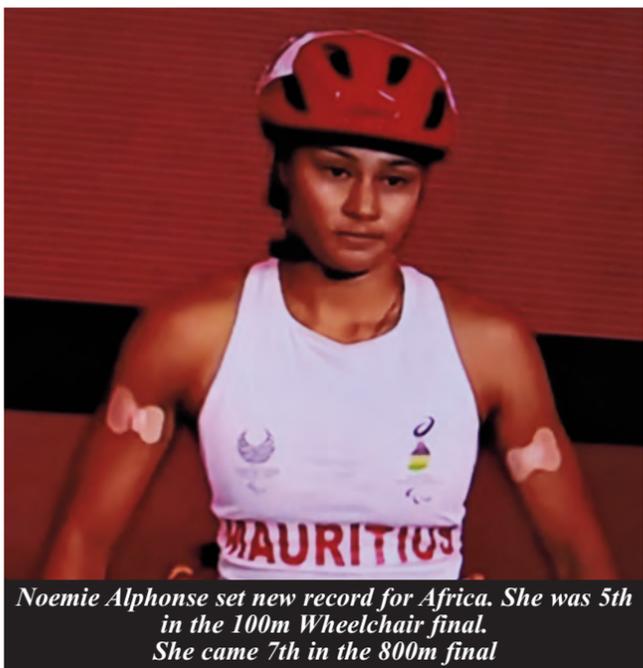


Eddy Capdor in the 9th place in the Long Jump final

over 30 million turned in to the opening ceremony in Rio and only some two million for the Paras, it's high time a lot of us changed our attitudes to recognise and applaud these guys.

We all know the Olympic symbol but what do we know about The Paralympic symbol, the three Agitos (Latin for "I Move") coloured red, blue and green. The three crescent-like shape encircles a central point to symbolise motion and bringing athletes together from every corner of the world. It also reflects the Paralympic motto, "Spirit in Motion," speaks for itself, right.

Ed Note: Text in red to highlight funny bits of the games.



Noemie Alphonse set new record for Africa. She was 5th in the 100m Wheelchair final. She came 7th in the 800m final

## Labour Leader tested positive of Covid virus



It has been announced that Labour leader Navin Ramgoolam has been tested positive of Covid-19.

He is receiving treatment at the Wellkin Hospital in Moka.

Health Minister Kailesh Jagutpal says he is personally monitoring the Labour leader's health.

## Amazon's No Box, No Label Returns

I am a regular shopper on the Amazon site. I buy everything and anything, from battery to bread mix, from clothes to camp equipment. Easy as pie.

But, when it comes to returning goods, I've always found it to be a complicated and arduous chore. What a surprise to discover that Amazon has introduced the no-box return option.

No more printer, no more tape, no more label, no need for a box and the service is free.

Bear in mind, not every purchase is

eligible, but if yours is, click on the no-box drop off option listed in the returns section.

Then choose a drop-off location, usually a local UPS stores or other nearby convenience store. You will then receive a QR code from Amazon Return Centre.

Simply show the QR code at your chosen drop off point, hand over the unwanted product (without a box or label) and it will be packed and shipped for you. Easy as pie.

Mylene



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# THE CHALLENGE: WORLD BANK/ IMF AND MAURITIUS



By  
Ahmad Macky

**This article that appeared under my pen in L'express in October 2006 may still be relevant**

Recently the IMF has been trying to dictate to Mauritius how to conduct its own financial affairs domestically. This is regarded by our Financial Service Sector as a blatant repressive attitude of a foreign body such as IMF to interfere in our local financial issue as to how our elected government should govern our own country. Is the IMF right to step on the toes of our government for an improvement in our financial and economic affairs? Only time will tell!

The World Bank position announced that it just would not do to "leave-everything-to-the-private-sector" in developing countries. This can be considered a timely eye-opener by particularly Third World governments such as Mauritius. What makes this news doubly welcome is the frequent association of both the World Bank and the IMF with failed development strategies in developing countries which evolved around the advocacy of increased privatization and the relentless wittling down of welfares and the public sector

Given this backdrop, the position set out in its recent World Development Report about "making services work for the poor" needs to be examined carefully. It would be wrong to conclude that privatization is the only means to "ensure the provision of improved healthcare, education and other services to the poor people". For very many in Third World countries like Mauritius and others, including some politicians, Think Tanks and academics, "structural adjustments" facilities extended by WB and IMF over the decades, have meant only one thing—increased hardships for the poor.

The gradual shrinking of the State sector in developing countries and the corresponding rise of the private sector has almost routinely been put down to WB-IMF thinking and advice. The recent WB position that privatization can no longer be considered a panacea for all our ills, however, should set the developing countries thinking.

We hope our decision-makers, policy-planners and the local development community has taken a long, scrutinizing glance at this ground-breaking statement. We believe that successive governments have been easily caving-in to simplistic thinking on these issues. The private sector- it goes without saying- has a principal role to play in a country's development effort but it would be fallacious to presume that the interests of the private sector would easily correspond with the public interest. The private sector is vastly instrumental in energizing a country's productive sectors and in generating employment but it is private profit which, essentially, keeps the private sector humming.

The profit motive and public service, which is the function of the State sector, are usually at variance. How could a State, then, "leave-everything-to-the-private sector?" This is the most prime of issues, in this context.

In the case of Mauritius, the scaling-down of the public sector began in 1976, with the wide propagation of the "open economy" doctrine. There has been a social decline in this country. The number of beneficiaries in this country would give us a measure of those who are continuing to live on the social margins. The country's per capita GNP, as is well known, is no accurate pointer to how well the country is performing in an economic sense. If our development strategy, with its emphasis on the private sector, has worked so far, there would be equitable prosperity, which is clearly not the case.

Whereas the inefficiencies and excesses of centralized planning have to be eschewed and the private sector encouraged to participate vibrantly in the production process, the State should guard against abdicating its role as a service provider to the less privileged. The government needs to consider how these systems could be revived and energized from within.

This is the challenge!

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# London News

## Afghan Refugees

London boroughs are responding to the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Afghanistan by playing their part in supporting families fleeing persecution.

A London Councils survey shows that, alongside local authorities across the country, the majority of London boroughs have offered accommodation and essential local support such as counselling and school places to families in need.

As of Monday (31 August), 27 London boroughs had indicated a willingness and ability to take between 122 and 149 families coming into the UK via the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP). More offers from London boroughs are expected to follow in the coming days and weeks.

Details of the new Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme announced by the Prime Minister on Wednesday 18 August are yet to be published.

## Affordable housing plans a welcome boost for London

London Councils' Executive Member for Housing & Planning, Cllr Darren Rodwell, has welcomed the announcement this week of a new five-year affordable homes programme for London that will fund more than 29,000 new affordable homes, half of which will be provided by councils.

"We urgently need more affordable homes in London – especially social housing", said Cllr Rodwell

"So it's great news that this much-needed boost to housing delivery in the capital has been agreed. London boroughs are determined to play our part in making this happen. We want to see quality - as well as quantity – in the new homes built in our communities.

"We support this push for a new generation of affordable homes that London can be proud of."

## Waltham Forest Leadership

Cllr Clare Coghill's tenure as Leader of Waltham Forest formally ends on Sep 2.

Cllr Grace Williams, currently cabinet member in charge of children and families, who was elected to lead the Labour Group in July, will succeed her.

Cllr Coghill, who was first elected as a councillor in 2010 and became the council's first female leader in 2017, announced her decision to stand down earlier this year.

## Keep getting regular tests

Londoners still get free rapid tests twice a week. Regular testing, alongside #handsfacespaceair and people getting vaccinated will help us #keeplondonsafe.

**London Councils**

## International

# Is Us withdrawal from Afghanistan a fiasco?



**President Joe Biden** said *"the war is over. I am not going to start another one."*

U.S. President Joe Biden could be right when, criticised of the withdrawal timing, he said that there was no right time for the American soldiers to leave Afghanistan after 20 years of occupation.

It's true that, at any time, it would still be difficult to evacuate the thousands of Afghans who wish to leave the country as it was being taken over by the Taliban.

On the other hand, the U.S. could not carry on occupying a foreign country forever. A time would come when they would have had to leave anyway.

The Taliban say that they have changed. Changed? they have to ... to adapt to change. They cannot stay as primitive all the time, They have to evolve into the 21st century.

Yet, all the same, the 21st century is not free of bloodshed elsewhere on Planet Earth. The killing goes on.

It is almost a fact of life that man's vocation is to kill and he has been killing one another since human life began on earth. In very many respects it can be said that man is now much more civilised when, we have to bear in mind that, at the dawn of time he was very much of a carnivorous creature especially before the advent of agriculture to make of him a vegetarian. There was no venison and all.

Man had to eat to survive, and the neighbour's flesh was good game. Imagine a time when no man dared to fall sleep for fear of waking up in somebody's tummy the next

day. Children were easy prey and probably a bit easier to digest. This is what humanity descends from. Even man's god wanted blood when he (the god) ordered a chap to chop the head of his son for him.

In a way, this killing process still goes on. There is no place on earth at anyone time when there is no strife, no kidnaping, no murder.

Talibans, Daesh, Isis, Al Qaeda, Americans, British have all been having a spree of fighting and killing in Afghanistan.

The Islamic fundamentalists seem to have a great aversion to the presence of women in society. They want women to be toolly in purdah and not to be seen at all. Why? Apparently this instruction comes from their religious books. women have no right to any freedom except bearing children and to put creatures like themselves on this planet. Their tradition allows them to have several wives and concubines. This is perhaps why they wish women to be kept under their feet in order to satisfy their whims.

Women want to be free, educated and to serve their country in various capacities. This scares the islamist groups. But as we say elsewhere they have to come into the 21st Century. All the gadgets they use from the modest mobile phone to the tanks to crush opponents are fabricated by the Great Saitan, the West.

The Islamist Group cannot stand music in all its forms, persecute and kill artistes. What could be the problem with these people? They persecute young girls who want to evolve, to educate themselves and to be artistic. If there is a place known as hell, it cannot be far from a place on earth where women, singers and musical performers are downtrodden and killed. It is this sort of happening that makes people question the existence of a supreme being sitting wherever he is and just watches without any qualm.

P.C.



**Why are they afraid of women?**



**Afghan women fearing for their lives, who want to be educated and free. Will the Taliban allow them?**

**What is there to be afraid of these women?**

