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## Man has left the Jungle but the Jungle has not left man

*The killer instinct of the jungle is still in man.*

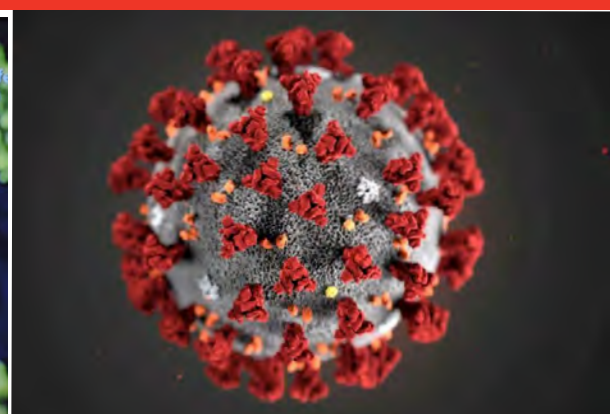
*Man's killer instinct is in Politics, Sport, Education, in every  
competition and even in Religion.*

*The Tribal Mentality is also very ferociously  
defended among men.*

## COVID NEWS

**Sinopharm on UK's approved list of vaccines**

**The virus is here to stay**



**We must stay vigilant to keep it out of our body!**

**Vaccination REDUCES Risk of Infection.**

***You are free to expose yourself and your family to risk. But not free to expose your neighbours!***

The UK will add China's Sinovac and Sinopharm and India's Covaxin vaccines to the country's approved list of COVID vaccines for inbound travel, the government announced Monday.

It had been announced that from 4am Monday 22 November, COVID-19 vaccines on the 'WHO EUL' would be recognized and all under-18s coming to England would be treated as fully vaccinated at the border.

In the UK, passengers who have been

fully vaccinated and have received their vaccine certificate from one of over 135 approved countries and territories are not required to take a pre-departure test, day 8 test or self-isolate upon arrival.

Instead, passengers will just need to pay for a lateral flow test to take before the end of their second day, post-arrival.

British Health Secretary Sajid Javid said the new announcement is a step forward for the travel industry, businesses and for family and friends seeking to re-

unite or go abroad. "The red list and quarantine system remain vital in protecting our borders, and as we've said, we will not hesitate to take action by adding countries to the red list if necessary," he added.

### LATEST NEWS

All arrivals to the UK will have to take the PCR test, it has been announced on November 28.

# To Travel or Not To Travel?

Where is the fun in travel anymore? asks one of our readers. The epidemic has put an end to the pleasure of travel to other countries to visit relatives, to see places of interest, to relax or simply for a bit of *depaysment*, and even to return to one's own country. Everyone has been expressing their views on the epidemics itself on the need for vaccination.

Europe is for the UK residents one of their of favourite playgrounds. The Covid infection and variants are spreading very fast and many European countries are going back into confinement. We read from the extract below of a HuffPost UK of the dangerous situation prevailing in Europe and we trust the publication will forgive us for sharing the alarming situation in our columns. There are so many of our UK readers with relatives residing on the Continent that it is good that they are made aware of the ravages being caused by Coronavirus-19 and its variants to prevent their trips being turned into a nightmare at this time of the year.

Our contributor, a vaccine-doubter expresses his views about the need for vaccination when the world is in disarray and we reproduce his contribution on [Page >>>> of this issue](#).

HuffPost UK

## Covid Update: Should You Cancel Your Trip To Europe As Cases Rise?

Rachel Moss

Mon, 22 November 2021

**Covid cases are soaring in some European countries – and you may be having doubts about any pre-Christmas trips you've got planned to the continent.**

Austria has entered a nationwide lockdown this week, with people only allowed to leave their homes for limited reasons, such as work and exercise.

Meanwhile Germany – another popular winter destination due to its Christmas markets – is also battling rising numbers. On Friday, Lothar Wieler, the head of the country's Robert Koch Institute, declared "a nationwide state of emergency".

Elsewhere in Europe, thousands of anti-lockdown protesters gathered this weekend – despite rising cases – in The Netherlands, Switzerland and Croatia.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is concerned that the latest European wave could lead to additional deaths of around 450,000 before February if not contained.

**So, should you cancel your trip to Europe? And if you do push ahead, what kind of holiday can you expect when you're there?**

What's happening at European holiday destinations?

Germany reported a record 52,826 infections on Wednesday (November 17) which is the largest jump in Covid cases the country has experienced since the pandemic began – and a 10-fold increase from a few weeks ago. Cases continue to rise.

The number of Covid patients in Germany's intensive care wards is also at its highest level

since May. Germany is making tighter restrictions for those who aren't vaccinated, with restaurants, bars, gyms and cinemas now requesting proof of vaccination.

Parts of the country have already shut down businesses, with images showing stalls in Munich's Christmas market closed.

Belgium is reporting more than 10,000 new infections on average each day, Hospital admissions are up 30% on a weekly basis, too. The country did reimpose pandemic restrictions three weeks ago after a brief hiatus without any measures, but Covid transmission rates continue to rise.

Austria has announced a national lockdown, which begins on Monday November 22 and could last for up to 20 days. The lockdown was previously announced for unvaccinated citizens only, but the Austrian government then chose to extend it to everyone, in a bid to tackle rising cases.

Last week, infections in Slovenia were also at their peak, with 5,843 new infections reported on Friday (November 19). It's a similar picture in Croatia, while in Slovakia, a lockdown has been introduced for unvaccinated people.

Dr Michael Head, senior research fellow in global health at the University of Southampton, explained why the situation in Europe is (slightly) different to the UK.

"It is likely that many European countries are coming to the point where the UK was a few months back, in terms of some waning of immunity in the populations vaccinated earlier in the year," he said.

"The UK rolled out a vaccination programme

earlier than most countries, and therefore has experienced impact of waning immunity earlier."

**What are the rules about travel to Europe?**

You'll face tougher Covid restrictions when you get to your holiday destination.

The UK government has not added any new European countries to its red list, meaning travel to holiday destinations is still technically permitted. However, it's important to look at the entry requirements for the destination you're hoping to visit.

The Austrian tourist board, for example, has issued the following statement in light of the country's lockdown: "In Austria, due to the current coronavirus infection situation, a temporary lockdown will come into effect from November 22 until December 13 at the latest. Travel to Austria for touristic purposes will only be possible again after this period."

Meanwhile Germany has designated the UK a "high-incidence area" and you can only enter Germany for tourism purposes if you are fully vaccinated.

The UK is also currently classified as red zone (high risk) on the Belgian government's travel colour code system. Unvaccinated travellers can only enter Belgium for limited reasons. Tourists who are vaccinated will still have to follow strict rules on social distancing and masking when in Belgium, and show your vaccination status before you can enter cafes, restaurants and bars.

**Again, check entry requirements before you attempt to travel.**



## Faussetés sur Facebook ?

## Le Ministre Steven Obeegadoo dénonce les fausses accusations à son encontre et à celle de sa fille

## Communiqué

J'ai pris connaissance, en ce dimanche 28 novembre 2021, d'allégations, circulant sur les réseaux sociaux, à l'effet que ma fille serait arrivée à Maurice hier, samedi 27 novembre, en provenance d'Afrique du Sud et qu'elle aurait été exemptée, par la suite, de test PCR et de quarantaine, et autorisée à quitter l'aéroport en violation des conditions imposées par les autorités sanitaires mauriciennes.

Je démens cela, de la manière la plus catégorique qui soit, et tiens à préciser qu'aucun membre de ma famille n'a visité ou transité par l'Afrique du Sud dans un passé récent. Ces allégations, fausses et malicieuses, ont pour objectif de porter atteinte à ma réputation et à faire du tort à ma famille, et je me réserve le droit de prendre les mesures légales appropriées à l'encontre de toute personne publiant ou faisant circuler de telles allégations.

Steven Obeegadoo  
Premier ministre adjoint,  
Ministre du Logement et de l'Aménagement du territoire, Ministre du Tourisme

28 novembre 2021

## Posts picked up from Facebook

Eski Tifi Obeegadoo inn fer PCR?

If it is confirmed that a Minister's daughter was allowed to skip the rules set out by the authorities, he/she must step down for being an abuser of power.

## Book Review by Prega Vencatsawmy

### Histoire d'une musique métisse à l'île Maurice par Catherine Servan Schreiber

I WROTE A COUPLE OF ARTICLES ON CATHERINE SERVAN-SCHREIBER ABOUT HER BOOK. AS A TRIBUTE TO A VERY LEARNED AND WELL DOCUMENTED MUSICAL SCHOLAR ON INDIAN AND BHOJPURI MUSIC.

HISTOIRE D'UNE MUSIQUE MÉTISSE À L'ÎLE MAURICE CHUTNEY INDIEN ET SÉGA BOLLYWOOD.

PAR CATHERINE SERVAN-SCHREIBER, CHERCHEUR AU (CNRS - 2010, 404 PAGES.)

À L'ÎLE MAURICE, LA RENCONTRE ENTRE LES FORMES MUSICALES AFRICAINES, EUROPÉENNES ET INDIENNES, A DONNÉ NAISSANCE À UN STYLE DE MUSIQUE "ÉPICÉ, PIQUANT, EXPLOSIF", LE CHUTNEY, COMPARABLE À CELUI DES CARAÏBES.

I AM VERY IMPRESSED BY THE SCHOLARLY AND WELL RESEARCHED BOOK ON THIS TYPE OF MUSIC IN MAURITIUS. I CANNOT REMEMBER ANY BOOK TREATING THAT SUBJECT, EXCEPT ONE, ISWARDUTT NUNDLALL IN 1957 ! CATHERINE SERVAN-SCHREIBER HAS PAINSTAKINGLY COLLECTED MANY OLD SEGA AND BHOJPURI SONGS, AND IN MANY CASES WE ARE GIVEN THE WHOLE SONGS! WHAT A DELIGHT!

THE SONGS WERE SUNG IN BHAITHKA, FANCY FAIR AND GAMAT. WE ARE ALSO REMINDED OF INSTRUMENTS LIKE HARMONIUM, TABLA, DHOLOK ET JHALS.

J'AIME CETTE ÉVOCATION, PAGE 101

L'ÉVOCATION DU BATEAU ET LA MÉMOIRE DE LA TRAVERSÉE TIENNENT UNE PLACE IMPORTANTE:

LE BATEAU A QUITTÉ LE PORT DE CALCUTTA / O VENT, SOUFFLE DOUCEMENT / MES BIJOUX SONT À BORD AVEC MOI / O VENT, SOUFFLE DOUCEMENT

"KALKATTA SE CHUTTAL JAHAI  
KALKATTA SE CHUTTAL JAHAI  
PANWARIYA DHIRE CALO  
OUMEIN AGAILBA EIREEN JHUMKA HAAR PEIJANIYA HAMAR"

OF COURSE BHOJPURI SONGS HAVE BORROWED A LOT FROM SÉGA AND HAVE INFUSED MANY RHYTHMS. PLEASE NOTE ALSO THAT /BHOJPURI /CHUTNEY MUSIC HAS A VERY LARGE AND DEDICATED FOLLOWING IN THE CARIBBEAN, MAINLY TRINIDAD, GUYANA, AND SURINAM !

JE TERMINERAI PAR CITER DEUX CHANSONS, BHOJPURI ET SÉGA:

EH LANGARO, EH LANGARO JIYA JALELA TA BOLI LANA  
JIYA JARELA TA BOLILA EH LANGRO

ROSEDA - GRA MATEN MO LEVÉ - MO KURIR MO AL TRAVAY - SITO DIZER LI SONÉ

JE DOIS REMERCIER CATHERINE SERVAN-SCHREIBER POUR CET ESSAI, AND LET'S SAY IT, IT HAS TAKEN A FRENCH LADY TO WRITE THE DEFINITIVE BOOK ON BHOJPURI/ CHUTNEY MUSIC IN MAURITIUS. THAT'S A TALL ORDER!



## Season's Greetings

December bids goodbye to 2021 and welcomes 2022!

What will 2022 bring to a world facing great challenges?



# BBC Question Time: Alastair Campbell Tears Into Boris Johnson: 'He Has No Moral Compass Whatsoever'

*Graeme Demianyk*

**Former Labour communications chief Alastair Campbell has blasted Boris Johnson for having “no moral compass whatsoever” – as he accused the prime minister of being a serial “liar” that encourages his ministers to do the same.**

During his appearance on the BBC Question Time panel in Hartlepool, Tony Blair’s former spin doctor laid into Johnson as “sleaze” allegations against his government pile up.

Johnson was forced to dismiss suggestions Britain’s political system is corrupt at the crunch COP26 climate change summit.

A row over second jobs has exploded in the wake of the controversy about Owen Paterson being found to have broken the centuries-old ban on paid lobbying by MPs.

The latest outrage involves claims former Cabinet minister Sir Geoffrey Cox breached parliamentary rules by undertaking external work from his Westminster office.

On Question Time, Campbell was responding to comments made by the Tory MP Lee Rowley, and said he found Johnson’s comments “humiliating for Britain”.

As he has done on other media appearances, he highlighted a video by activist Peter Stefanovic, who appeared on ITV’s Good Morning Britain show when Campbell co-hosted some episodes in the summer.

“We, sadly, have elected a Prime Minister who has no moral compass whatsoever. MPs break the rules because Boris Johnson is setting a poor example.”

Campbell accused the prime minister of “breaking” the ministerial code by “lying” in the House of Commons.

He said: “So if the prime minister consistently, regularly breaks the ministerial code, why shouldn’t other ministers think they can do exactly the same and get away with it?”

“As Priti Patel has done, as Michael Gove has

done, as Matt Hancock did until he got caught doing something not to do with his public duties.

“So I really think we have just got to face up to the fact we, sadly in my view, have elected a prime minister who has no moral compass whatsoever.

“I speak as somebody who has known him probably for longer than anybody else on this panel and I honestly believe unless and until the Conservative Party face up to the fact he is not, as Keir Starmer said, a trivial man, he is actually a bad man, and until people face up to that; this country’s politics is going to be damaged possibly beyond repair.”

Fellow panellist Tom Newton-Dunn, of Times Radio, claimed the issue was “cross-party” and pointed to Keir Starmer’s legal consultancy work soon after his election as an MP.

This article originally appeared on HuffPost UK and has been updated.

## Mauritius News

### Export Oriented Enterprises: Exports amounted to Rs 31,3 billion, representing an increase of 19.4% for the period of January to September 2021

Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) exports amounted to Rs 31.3 billion from January 2021 to September 2021, compared to Rs 26.2 billion from January 2020 to September 2020, representing an increase of 19.4%.



*Industrial Development Minister Soomilduth Bholah at Press Conference*

These figures were communicated, this morning (29/11), by the Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives, Mr Soomilduth Bholah, during a press conference as regards the performance of the Export Oriented Enterprises (EOE) held at the seat of the Ministry in Port Louis.

Referring to the increase in exports of the EOE sector in the wake of the accentuated international competition and new challenges such as lockdowns due to the

COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, Minister Bholah highlighted that this has been possible due to the resilience of the EOE’s operators and the regular meetings that were maintained with relevant industry partners so as to allow gradual recovery in production.

On this score, the Minister outlined that the EOE consists of enterprises such as Textile and Clothing; Fish and fish derivatives products; jewelry and precious stones; Medical Devices; and Watches and Clocks, among others. He further added that the main markets of the EOE sector comprise notably, South Africa; United Kingdom; France; and United States of America.

Moreover, he emphasised that figures for the period of January 2021 to September 2021 show that the exports as regards Textile and Clothing has increased by 13.4% while for the fish sector, there has been an increase of 8.7% in exports. In addition, the Minister indicated that the Jewelry sector exports increased from Rs 1.8 billion from January 2020 to September 2020 to Rs 2.5 billion for the same period in 2021, representing an increase of 42.4%.

Speaking of the exports of Medical Devices, Mr Bholah stressed that increase in Exports jumped from Rs 814 million in January 2020 to September 2020 to Rs 1.1 billion for the same period in 2021, representing a rise of 44.6 %. This was due to an increase in orders from major operators brought about by the sanitary crisis of

COVID-19, he added.

Furthermore, he stressed that Government will continue to create the right environment and provide the necessary incentives and packages to improve the business climate, and, in this context, has put in place a range of schemes to improve the business environment.

The measures include: the Freight Rebate Scheme from which 94 enterprises have benefited of an assistance of Rs 106,8 million; the Trade Promotion and Marketing Scheme (TPMS) where 101 enterprises benefited from an assistance of Rs 635,8 million; implementation of the Industrial Policy and Strategic Plan (2020-2025); and a Budget Fund of Rs 5 billion for the Modernisation and Transformation Fund so as to encourage companies to modernise their operations and acquire advanced technologies. A workshop was also organised on 11 November 2021 by the Ministry to address the mismatch in the manufacturing sector and bring together industry to develop a roadmap.

The Minister indicated that some 36,407 jobs (including 16,223 expatriates) in 235 companies were created in June 2021 and expressed hope that the performance of the EOE exports, which contributes to some 70% of the country’s total exports, excluding sugar, will continue with this trend until the end of 2021.

Mr Bholah also recalled how his Ministry has been at the forefront to support its members by extending valuable advice, facilitating logistics activities, and implementing training programmes that are highly critical for the sector as the services provided by the EOE sector are indeed highly important for the Mauritian economy at large.

He concluded by reassuring exporters that Government will continue to act as facilitator and provide the necessary support and work in collaboration with concerned stakeholders so that the EOE sector remains a major pillar of the economy.

*Source: GIS*



## Resto visit

# Devi Deluxe Mauritian Restaurant (UK)

By Yvonne Goder-Persand



*Yvonne Goder outside Devi Deluxe and à table, and the dishes ordered on her first visit.*

We had the pleasure of visiting a quite new family-run Mauritian restaurant called 'Devi Deluxe' in North Ondon

The restaurant is located in the heart of Palmers Green at 147 Green Lanes N13 4SP, just off the A406 North Circular Road. The opening and closing times are very flexible, opening most days at 12pm and closing 10 -11pm.

The family restaurant operates since 2018 by husband Vickram and wife Devina. Vickram is the head chef with past experience in restaurant management, and as a chef. The eatery is named after wife Devi (Devina), we had the comfort of having a glimpse of them both managing the cuisine.

The Devi Deluxe Restaurant states it serves Authentic Mauritian food and it does live up to this name.

We found the owners very polite, kind and friendly. We definitely agree to them serving an Authentic Mauritian menu. The premises was clean and hygienic. The Borough of Enfield has given them an overall score of 5, Very Good for Food Hygiene on the 9th July 2021. This can be viewed on the official website of the Food Standards Agency <https://ratings.food.gov.uk>.

We ate Fish Biryani which came with a small side salad and traditional small Mauritian sachini sauce that was a very reasonable £8. The portion was large and filling. The fish was fresh, clean, boneless and cooked until tender. We also had Mixed Vegetable Curry fairly priced at £6. Ideally, you could have this as a side dish that is shared if wanted with extra vegetables.

The curry sauce, as an addition, was cooked very

traditionally. An order of extra mixed salad of reasonable size at £3.50 which may be considered as moderate. The Mauritian soft drinks are slightly overpriced but this is expected in a restaurant, a bottle of Mauritian Eski will set you back £3.

However, the alcoholic beverages are moderately priced with a bottle of Phoenix beer costing £3.50. You can pick up an appetising authentic, traditional, homemade Mauritian meal and drink for around £10 per person, if on a budget, which overall is a brilliant price to eat in London. A full menu can be viewed <https://www.devideluxe.co.uk/devideluxe-menu>. A discretionary 12.5% service charge may apply when eating in.

We are told every fortnight they do a 7 Cari and Puri night for £12.50 per person. This is also reasonable. They hold special private events for birthdays, weddings etc. For further enquiries 020 3952 1036 or [devidelux147@gmail.com](mailto:devidelux147@gmail.com)

Image: Devi Deluxe- 7 Cari & Puri for £12.50 pp

The decor was neat and welcoming. We will definitely be visiting again as the food was delicious and there is a great variety of authentic Mauritian food to select from. Overall an enjoyable experience.



**A typical Mauritian meal**

## Tinie Tempah's British Mauritian Wife is Eve De Haan

By Yvonne Goder-Persand



**Rapper Tinie Tempah**

UK-born rapper Tinie Tempah, now wanting to go by the name of only 'Tinie' was born Patrick Okogwu to Nigerian parents. He is currently presenting a new property television programme 'Extraordinary Extensions' showcasing weekly on Channel 4.

The episodes are featured on Wednesday, 9pm unraveling flamboyant extensions to UK homeowners with the cash to spare. The extensions are extraordinary in every sense, with extensive renovations not for the average family.

In one episode, it saw a wealthy property tycoon spend £11 million building into the basement as many buildings are restricted to certain extensions planning permission will allow especially those listed as Grade II buildings.

Developers and families keen to make extensions to their properties, have found a loophole of rather building out or to the sides of their existing houses, they are building under with planning permission being granted. These extensions are not as much restricted and they are going all out with these renovations.

Tinie with UK number one charting singles that include 'Pass Out' and 'Written in the Stars' is brushing up in his new presenter role.

He married Eve De Haan an artist that likes working with neon on the 4th July 2019, a British born, Mauritian by descent. They share two daughters born in 2018 and 2021.

Eve De Haan is the daughter of Sir Roger De Haan who inherited the company 'Saga' from his father Sidney De Haan, known for selling holidays and insurance to the over 50's. Eve's mother is Marie Lyvie Goder, my half-sister whom we share the same Mauritian born father, Benjamin Goder.

Roger De Haan has been married three times and has eight children altogether. He had three children with his first wife Susan Chambers and five children with my sister Lyvie Goder. The five children he shares with Mauritian born Lyvie Goder are Rebecca, Naomi, Eve, Samuel (Sam) and Jacob



**Mauritian-born Lyvie Goder in black dress (Centre) with 5 children she shares with Roger De Haan**

(l to r): Rebecca, Eve, Sam, Lyvie, Naomi and Jake



# Rodrigues News

## The reopening of the borders initially scheduled for Nov 15, 2021 postponed

The landing of commercial flights at Plaine Corail, Rodrigues, is not for today. The reopening of Rodrigues' borders has again been postponed to a later date. The authorities have been working on a new health protocol.

The spread of the Delta variant of Covid 19 in Mauritius has raised fears of the worst for the development of the health situation in Rodrigues. Rodrigues airspace still remains closed

to commercial flights from Mauritius. Initially, the first Air Mauritius ATRs were due to land at Plaine Corail on Monday, November 15, after a postponement on November 1.

An internal press release was circulated at the end of last week within the national aviation company, confirming that no commercial flights are scheduled to Rodrigues before November 30, 2021.

On the side of the authorities, it is understood that the Ministry of Health is currently working on a new protocol, in

order to avoid at all costs a wave of contamination with Covid 19 on the island.

The central government, as well as the Rodriguan authorities, are aware of the island's limitations in terms of medical personnel and logistics.

No date has yet been mentioned for a resumption of air activities to and from Rodrigues.

It will be recalled that opposition to the reopening of the borders without the 14 days of quarantine had given rise to street demonstrations at the weekend in Port Mathurin and Pointe Canon. While the Minority Leader had called for an emergency convening of the Regional Assembly to discuss the whole issue.

## Uncertain times ahead for us at Care-Co & the GPL Centre Rodrigues and for Rodrigues in general

The date for the opening of the border with Mauritius is still proposed as December 1st.

Air Mauritius is due to start flights to and from the island during December and they are taking bookings for those flights.

According to the Air Mauritius 'Flight Status' page there are 3 flights planned for Wednesday 1st December and the days afterwards. It has not been announced if the Government and the authorities in Rodrigues have given way at all over the claims from the recent protests that the

compulsory quarantine should be 14 days instead of 7.

Here at Care-Co some alarm bells rang when we saw that our finances were low and that it would be with difficulty that we would be able to meet some of our financial responsibilities for end of November.

We still have a number of outstanding unpaid CSR amounts due to us, and hopefully these will come though soon, and then we shall be able to enjoy a financially stable Festive Season.

In the GPL Centre – one of our Parents

had a win! and will donate food for the day on Tuesday.

The Commission for Education is sponsoring and end of term excursion for the children on the Friday –December 3rd –which will be the last day of term for 2021.

The New Year term will start on 10th of January if the present plan is adhered to. Our teachers and senior staff have all had their 3rd 'booster' jab, and so we are well protected against the known variants of Covid 19.

We shall see what the opening of the border will result in, and if there will be any tourists who will venture to Rodrigues at this time and stimulate some Festive Season sales



Port Mathurin is beginning to look a bit Festive and the arriving supply steamer is full up with goods for the shops.

But the normal trading patterns and activities of the economy of Rodrigues are still very much reduced from before the pandemic.

However, from as all at Care-Co and the GPL Centre- we wish to you all wherever you are to have as best Christmas time as possible and a better start to 2022.

Paul

## From Prega Vencatasawmy's F/B Posts

## MO ENE ZENFANT CAMP YOLOFF... AND PROUD OF IT!

In this article, Prega Vencatasawmy writes about his childhood in the eastern suburb of Port Louis known as Camp Yolloff. Slaves brought to Mauritius from Senegal under French rule were kept in the Camp Yolloff area. It is believed that the name Yolloff finds its root from Wolof known to be a **Muslim people of Senegal** (Wikipedia). **P.C.**

Dear friends, shortly after my birth in Beau Bassin, my family moved to Port-Louis at la Rue Broken to live dans la cour Bhai Jabbar. That's where I witnessed the milk of human kindness which was going to have a profound effect in my life forever.

As my mother had many children and was finding it difficult to look after us all, our Muslim neighbours took it upon themselves to care for my two sisters in order to alleviate her from this burden. My mother was finding life extremely hard to cope!

I grew up in a predominantly Muslim area where we lived as one big family. As a very young boy this environment was definitely conducive to my mental and physical well being. During our respective religious festivals and feasts, we exchanged food and good wishes. I was very fond of vermicelli with almonds and mouthwatering briani from our Muslim neighbours who seem to be highly gifted in preparing them!

I played and socialised with all the children of the neighbourhood and enjoyed my young days, surrounded with love and affection. After many years, my father purchased a house a few streets away at la Rue Yolloff where again our Muslim friends and of other faiths lived side by side, looking after each other. My childhood was full of fun and great joy. I recalled vividly, many families, early morning, going to La Rivière Latanier in order to wash clothes.

While my mother and other women were busy washing and thrashing the clothes in the river on massive rocks, I had several escapades with my friends in the local bushes to trap *zozo bengali lor pied* and would use glue from *pied lacolle* to entice them. The different communities got on well and I am reminded of names like Abdul, Fatima, Roland, Amoy, Mala, Kadress and others! We played all sorts of children's games and had a whale of a time!

I did my primary schooling at the local Villiers René which was known for its unique track record of producing the highest numbers of *petite bourses* under the helm of the very dedicated and brilliant teacher, Missie Oozeer! I attended also for a couple of years, *le Collège BHUJHOARRY* where I was tutored by none other than James Burty David, Monsieur Édouard and remember also P. Cunden among others.

My neighbour, Bhai Hakim, who was "*ene nam cinema*" took me to the local cinemas, Opera House, Luna Park, Majestic, Rex, Cinema des Familles to watch Indian films, especially those by the thespian actor Dilip Kumar who mesmerised me by his multi-faceted acting and also his impeccable Urdu diction! My love story with films stemmed from those days.

As a young boy I roamed the streets of la rue la Fontaine, Magon Palliaca, Velore, Aille Doré, Forges Tardieu and the ubiquitous la scierie Dauhoo, and particularly Plaine Verte, where I watched "ghoun" with great delight!

At la Rue Yolloff I still remember waking up early in the morning with call for prayer, Azaan, early from the local Noor-e-Islam Mosque. All religious festivals were celebrated with respect and mutual understanding!

And in those days, all the doors of houses were left open, with no fear of being burgled! The whole neighborhood cared for each other and was a perfect example of good community team spirit! And, as keen football player, I remember as a young boy, converging on the Stade Saint François to watch football matches, sometimes having to climb the wall from outside the stadium.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2022

NEW YEAR: **Saturday 01 January**

NEW YEAR: **Sunday 02 January**

THAIPOOSAM CAVADEE: **Tuesday 18 January**

CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL: **Tuesday 01 February**

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY: **Tuesday 01 February**

MAHA SHIVARATREE: **Tuesday 01 March**

INDEPENDENCE AND REPUBLIC DAY: **Saturday 12 March**

UGAADI: **Saturday 02 April**

LABOUR DAY: **Sunday 01 May**

EID-UL-FITR\*\* : **Tuesday 03 May**

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: **Monday 15 August**

GANESH CHATURTHI: **Thursday 01 September**

DIVALI: **Monday 24 October**

ARRIVAL OF INDENTURED LABOURERS: **Wednesday 02 November**

CHRISTMAS: **Sunday 25 December**

\*\* The exact date of this festival is subject to confirmation as its celebration depends on the visibility of the moon



## Mrs Rehana Mungly-Gulbul, First Lady Chief Justice of Mauritius



### PRESS RELEASE

His Excellency Mr Prithvirajsing ROOPUN, G.C.S.K., President of the Republic has, in accordance with the powers vested in him by section 77(1) of the Constitution, and following consultation with the Honourable Prime Minister, appointed Mrs Rehana Bibi MUNGLEY-GULBUL to the Office of Chief Justice.

This appointment will take effect as from 18 November 2021.

16 November 2021

The State House  
Le Réduit



Mrs Rehana Mungly-Gulbul being sworn in as Chief Justice of Mauritius at the State House in the presence of Vice President Eddy Boissezon on November 16, 2021.

## Migrants being fed at Calais



Thousands of migrants are fleeing their countries from the Middle East and even from Africa to come to England, which is today's last hope for many people.

The migrants are enduring unimaginable hardships to travel through several countries and finally reaching France to cross the English Channel. They sell everything they possess and even borrow to pay for the journey. Some even don't make it and are drowned in the Channel.

Who are responsible for all that? It is hard to believe that this has to do with religion and a god who wants people to kill of one another to satisfy his lust for blood! It's not happening in the dark ages but NOW, in the 21st Century, in the magical era of the digital age when people on Planet Earth are reaching for the stars!

Is there hope for an end to the killings? Is there hope for humanity itself? The hope for humanity is perhaps for the visit of one of those asteroids that put an end to the existence of Dinosaurs!

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## Rubby Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Angus and Marla Darling of Bedford who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 18 November 2021

## Fake News chastised by newspaper reader



In the wake of the enactment of appropriate legislation a newspaper a reader, in the above note, severely reprimands brainless creatures who spread false news without any consideration of the harm they cause.

## Ballon d'Or 2021



Argentinian Lionel Messi awarded the Best Player's Ballon d'Or for the seventh year in a row.

## Covid Latest

## Mauritius placed on France's Red Zone

It has now been announced that France has decided to place Mauritius among the countries on its Red List.

Visitors from France to Mauritius will be barred from travelling, and visitors from Mauritius to France will be refused entry.

There will be exceptions of course where the restrictions will be waived.



# Fowl Stories

by Mylene From Japan



Thanksgiving has recently come and gone, which means we can now look forward to Christmas. I guess this is why there is a plethora of bird news in the media, and by bird, I mean fowl.

**One such story is the case of the exploding turkey.**

As we all know, Thanksgiving in the United States is synonymous with eating turkey. Not unlike Christmas. It's fair to say that the flesh of this bird can be quite dry, but there is a way to get delicious, moist meat. Deep-fry.

What some Americans have still not figured out is that if you place a frozen turkey in boiling oil, the result is an explosive disaster. Every year, thousands of such accidents happen.



Imagine, this special time when family and friends get together to enjoy a good meal in a convivial atmosphere only to end up in ER. The lucky ones are able to return to their home where they will need to deal with the damage, while a few unlucky ones won't.

**Why do turkeys explode?**

It's not rocket science. Frozen meat contain a lot of ice. When placed in boiling oil, the ice inside the turkey absorbs the heat, melts, and forms liquid water. As water is more dense than oil, it will continue to absorb heat; eventually it will turn to steam. Simply put, change of density together with expansion of volume. BOOM!

**So, if deep-fry turkey is your thing. Remember: thaw, pat dry, then fry.**

Meanwhile in Japan there is a shortage of chicken. As many will know it is *de rigueur* to eat chicken for Christmas and KFC is king. Orders for the large party barrel brimming with food, start as early as October. What with the pandemic, there is now a supply chain issue. To cope with the expected bump in consumer demand, restaurants have come up with the grand idea of reducing sales of poultry, or have completely taken it off the menu to make sure there will be enough to go round for xmas. Phew.

While in the Uk, the government has assured consumers that turkey will be available for the festive season.

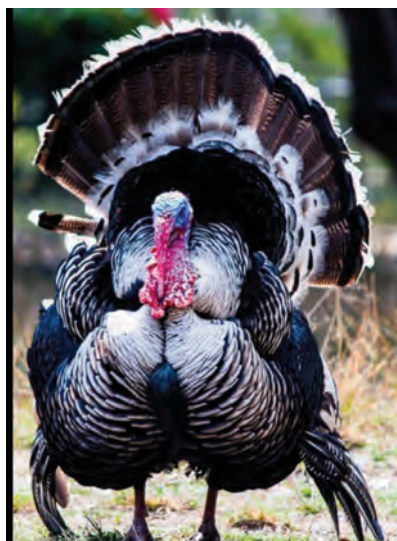
If you are one of those people that can take or leave your poultry, more leave than take, you might like to spend time in Turkey. After all, the weather is pleasant, there are lesser queues, and your traditional dinner would be Tamales, which is served along with roast pork leg, Torrejas (French toast) dessert and eggnog.

Even though the turkey bird is the namesake of the country, it did not originate there. It was the guinea fowl that was imported to Europe through the Ottoman Empire and Europeans began to call it turkey-cock or turkey-hen because it came from the Turks.

The real turkey bird is native to the Americas. It resembled the turkey-cock/hen, so when the settlers saw it, naturally they called it, turkey.

**What's in a name?**

The Turkish word for a turkey is, hindi, which means, Indian. The French call it, coq d'Inde (rooster of India) which has been shortened to, dinde. In Portuguese, it's known as the Peru bird and in Malay, Dutch chicken.



Talking of food, I think I'll have a chicken Katsu for lunch, that's if the shelves aren't empty.

## IBA Amendment Bill

# Does the Government intend to muzzle the Press and curb freedom of expression?

Mauritius has been going through a period of hysterics during the introduction of the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) Amendment Bill through the legislature.

There has been a public outcry that the intention of the Bill was to muzzle the press and to control public opinion. There have been television debates and public demonstrations against the revised legislation to warn the population as to the danger that democracy was facing. Opposition MPs have staged walkouts during parliamentary sessions and political activists had a field day.

PM Pravind K. Jugnauth at all times, during these manifestations, insisted that it was not the intention of his Government to curb press freedom or to suppress freedom of expression. After 20 years of its inception the IBA needed to be updated, argued the PM. On the other hand, he highlighted in the National Assembly the fact that even MMM leader Paul Bérenger, now on the Opposition, wanted to introduce legislation, when he was PM in 2004, to rid the country of the excesses, *les dérapages*, of the press. The PM also pointed out the measures introduced by former PM Navin Ramgoolam to subject the Press. Journalists had to have their articles vetted by the Police before publication. "These are the last people who can talk about press freedom," said PM Jugnauth, and he had no lesson to receive from them.

It must be admitted that several instances of fake news have been recently published by some newspapers especially when it was related in the press that the country was short of oxygen while Health Minister Kailesh Jagutpal had been stating, publicly, that there had never been any shortage of Oxygen at any time, either before or during the pandemic. The import of oxygen from Réunion Island has been a precautionary measure to avoid any possibility of shortage in the future, stressed the Health Minister.

Another instance of recent fake news is the publication in the press of Tourism Minister Steven Obeegadoo's alleged intervention at the airport to spare his daughter, as an arriving passenger, to undergo any PCR test or isolation. Minister Obeegadoo has publicly denied that any member of his family of having been a traveller recently.

Even MMM MP Reza Uteem's statement in the House that the national Broadcasting Corporation, the MBC, had never been subject to sanction by the IBA was proved to be wrong.

The IBA Amendment Bill was approved by the National Assembly on November 30 in the absence of the Opposition MPs who staged another walkout. It was unfortunate that the MMM MPs were not in the chamber to listen to the PM as to how their own Party wanted to stop the *dérages* of the Press a few years back.

The creation of a Press Council was suggested during the public debates to ensure that the media abide by their own deontology. On the other hand, the social media posts by many internet users and 'nincompoops' seem to have got out of control to the point that a rep from Facebook (Meta) was in Mauritius to find out how to face the situation.

The press regards itself as the watchdog of society and as even as the "Third Force" who together with the Opposition should contradict all government proposals or find faults with them.

Attempts have been made during the public debates to define the role of newspaper ownership and the role of journalists. It was inferred that Journalists are employed to be the voice of their masters and to become the Master's Voice.

The revised IBA legislation is now in force. What will be the actions and reactions? The story will go on, most probably. We may know of the real intention of the Government.

Cyril Louis

## A Chrsitmas thought

The bird in the picture on the left hates Christmas and we can understand why!



# ADVENT



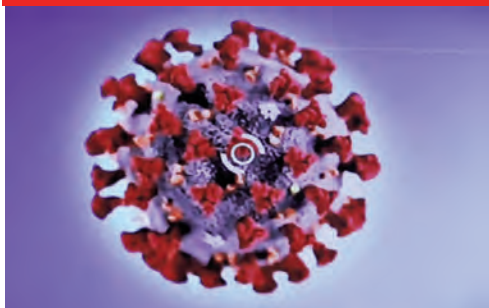
Though the world is these days “walking through the valley of the shadow of Death” those in faith find hope in the waiting of the coming of the Lord.

On Sunday 28th November began the Advent period in the Catholic calendar and each consecutive Sunday a special candle is lit in anticipation of the celebration of the birth of The Christ, the Son of God, in the night of 24th December.



**Commemorating the birth of the  
Son of God,  
according to the Catholic Liturgy**

## The New South African Variant Omicron More Deadly



**Flights from Europe, UK and Mauritius to South Africa are cancelled.. Cargo operations between Mauritius and South Africa is maintained.**

**South Africa considers it is being punished for detecting the variant, while there are reports that Omicron was already in Europe before being detected in South Africa.**

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# Stamps of Mauritius

## Birth Centenary of Sir Edouard Lim Fat (1921 - 2021)

In commemoration of the birth centenary of the late professor Edouard Lim Fat, the Mauritius Post Ltd issued a First Day Cover and a commemorative Rs30 stamp on 16 November 2021



Sir Edouard Lim Fat, born on 5th October 1921, has contributed immensely in various fields like Agriculture, Engineering, Industry and Education especially at Tertiary Level. He was actively involved in the creation of the University of Mauritius and the setting up of the Export Processing Zone. He held various important positions both in the public and private sectors. His vision and perseverance greatly supported the development of the Mauritian economy.

### Education

- Primary - St Jean Baptiste de la Salle School, Port Louis
- Secondary - Bhujoharry College, Port Louis  
Royal College, Port Louis (Municipal Scholarship)
- University - Imperial College, London (BSc Chemical Engineering 1944-49)  
Newcastle University - (MSc Agricultural Engineering)

### Career

- Assistant Head, Division of Engineering, Department of Agriculture
- Principal of the College of Agriculture (1963 - 1968)
- Head of the School of Industrial Technology (1968 - 1980)
- Pro Vice Chancellor of the University of Mauritius 1980

### Other Important Positions

- One of the first Directors of the Mauritius College of the Air
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of MIE 1983 - 1987
- Director Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB) 1965 - 1973
- Director of the Bank of Mauritius 1974 - 1992
- Director, Development Bank of Mauritius 1992 - 1993
- Chairman, Mauritius Freeport Authority 1992 - 1998
- Director, National Economic Development Council 1992 - 1998

### Honours

- Awarded title of Emeritus Professor of the University of Mauritius 1981
- Knighted by HM Queen Elizabeth II - 1991 in recognition of his contributions to the economic progress of Mauritius

### Important Contributions

(i) After visiting the Export Processing Zones of different countries such as Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore, he contributed enormously towards the setting up of the Export Processing Zone of Mauritius and the passing of the EPZ Act in 1970.

(ii) University of Mauritius - Actively involved in its creation.

(iii) As individualist, he set up several industries

- Bright Industries
- Everbright Dry Cell Ltd
- Suzy Toys
- France Creations
- Empereur Ltd
- New Unawear

On the other hand, in 1976, he had a short experience in Politics and stood as a candidate for the General Election in December 1976, and according to his own words, his political activities lasted only one month.

Sir Edouard Lim Fat passed away on 2nd March 2015.

Source: From Vision to Miracle  
The Memoirs of Sir Edouard Lim Fat

## A GOOD READ

### Alice Sebold publisher pulls memoir after overturned rape conviction

Alice Sebold's publisher Scribner is pulling her 1999 memoir Lucky from shelves after a man was cleared of the rape at the heart of it.

Anthony Broadwater was convicted of raping Sebold in 1982, and spent 16 years in prison. He was exonerated last week after a re-examination of the case found serious flaws in his arrest and trial.

Lucky, which was published in 1999, sees Sebold recount how she was raped and beaten at the age of 18, in a tunnel near her university campus. She writes of how she saw a Black man in the street months later who she believed to be her attacker. After Broadwater was arrested, she failed to identify him in an identity parade, but identified him as her rapist on the witness stand. Microscopic hair analysis by an expert also tied him to the crime, but such analysis has since been deemed junk science.

Sebold's publisher Scribner issued a statement on Tuesday announcing that Lucky would be pulled while Sebold looked at revising it. "Following the recent exoneration of Anthony Broadwater, and in consultation with the author, Scribner and Simon & Schuster will cease distribution ... while Sebold and Scribner together consider how the work might be revised," said the publisher. Pan Macmillan, Sebold's UK publisher, has confirmed that it will be pulling the title too. Sebold herself also apologised to Broadwater, saying that her "goal in 1982 was justice – not to perpetuate injustice ... And certainly not to forever, and irreparably, alter a young man's life by the very crime that had altered mine."

"I am grateful that Mr Broadwater has finally been vindicated, but the fact remains that 40 years ago, he became another young Black man brutalised by our flawed legal system. I will forever be sorry for what was done to him," she said in a statement. "It has taken me these past eight days to comprehend how this could have happened. I will continue to struggle with the role that I unwittingly played within a system that sent an innocent man to jail. I will also grapple with the fact that my rapist will, in all likelihood, never be known, may have gone on to rape other women, and certainly will never serve the time in prison that Mr Broadwater did."

### Extract from The Guardian's Book Reviews

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