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## Et la Caravane Passe ...

Mauritius is out of all negative lists: Grey List, Black List, High Risk List, etc to the great sadness of the prophets of doom. Mauritius faces 2022 with great confidence in spite of all the malice from those who want everything to be upside down in the country.

## A Roaring Welcome To The Tiger



## Sayonara to The Ox

Looking back, 2021 was hardly a bundle of fun. The year was defined by shutdowns, quarantines, and binge-watching on Netflix, YouTube and TikTok. Simone Biles and Naomi Osaka sparked a global conversation on mental health while the pandemic exacerbated the number of people suffering from anxiety and depression. It didn't help that we were inundated with COVID-19 and its variant-related news three times a day, seven days a week, with no let up.

There was, however, other news out there that shaped 2021. Some were eclipsed by the coronavirus disease, while others fought for and grabbed the spotlight.



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From Mylene,  
Japan

## January

**It was a cold and windy day when Joseph Biden Jr. was sworn in as the new President of the United States and Kamala Harris became the 49th Vice President. Harris, a woman of colour, born to a mother of Indian descent and a Jamaican-American father, became the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history.**

On the same day, we watched with awe as Amanda Gorman, a young poet laureate, recited her poem, *The Hill We Climb*. Unapologetic, strong, confident, delivered with elegance. We listened to her: ‘...a skinny Black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president only to find herself reciting for one...’ My faith in America as the land of opportunity was once again revived.

## February

**We didn’t leap into February because 2020 was a leap year.**

The moon, on the other hand, decreed that two happy holidays should occur at the same time. Lunar New Year and Valentine’s Day.

In the meantime, NASA’s Perseverance rover, which was launched on 30 July 2020, successfully landed at Jezero Crater on Mars. Its mission was to collect samples and look for signs of life.

Meanwhile, back on earth, a 17,300-year-old painting of a kangaroo was discovered in Western Australia.

Tiger Woods crashed his car injuring both legs, and Chadwick Boseman was posthumously awarded Best Actor at the Golden Globes.

## March

**The biggest news, possibly the biggest news of the year, was the Harry and Meghan bombshell interview, in which I thanked my lucky stars she didn’t marry into my family.** Why? When it came to bi-racial couples, my grandmother had a wide vocabulary to describe their would-be offspring, ranging from milky coffee to digestive biscuits. From milk to ink. I used to think this was a quirk of hers. Clearly not, and clearly not acceptable. (These days).

With 28 Grammys under her belt, Beyoncé, became the most decorated woman in Grammy history.

## April

**The Royal family in the news again big time, as Prince Philip, just shy of 100 years old was laid to rest at Windsor Castle, England.**

On April 20, Derek Chauvin was convicted of the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. He would later be sentenced to 22 years and six months.

Another woman of colour, Chloé Zhao, made history when she won an Oscar for *Nomadland* at the 74th BAFTAs, while voice actor Hank Azaria, who is not Indian, apologised for voicing Apu, the Indian character on *The Simpsons* for some 30 years.

Raul Castro resigned as the Cuban Communist Party leader, ending six decades of a Castro being at the helm. He was replaced by Miguel Diaz-Canel.

## May

**Halima Cisse broke a world record when she gave birth to nine babies in a single delivery. The 26-year old Mali woman flew to Morocco, where, after a 30 week pregnancy, she gave birth to nonuplets. Mom and babies are doing well.**

The Presidents of Botswana and Zambia officially opened the 1km long Kazungula Bridge over the Zambezi River to connect the two countries. The bridge is cleverly curve-shaped so as not to encroach on Zimbabwe.

In a visit to Kigali, French President Emmanuel Macron made a statement acknowledging France’s role in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. He asked the country for forgiveness but did not apologise.

## June

**Turkish President Recep Erdogan said he would save the country’s shores from a build-up of ‘sea snot’ (marine mucilage) which is a direct result of pollution and climate change.**

Zahid Quraish was confirmed as America’s first Muslim federal judge for the District of New Jersey while Benjamin Netanyahu was ousted as Prime Minister of Israel after a record 12 years.

When Cristiano Ronaldo removed coke bottles from his press table at the European Championships, the share price dropped \$4 billion. This is the clearest example of celebrity power, that I’ve ever seen.

## July

**Statue of Princess Diana was unveiled on what would have been her 60th birthday, at Kensington Palace, London.**

In Rome, Pope Francis underwent surgery to remove part of his colon.

On July 11, Richard Branson took his Virgin Galactic rocket to the edge of space to promote space tourism. Nine days later, Jeff Bezos followed in the first un-piloted suborbital flight with an all-civilian crew aboard a rocket developed by his company, Blue Origin.

The Olympic Games officially opened in Tokyo with no spectators.

## August

**Forbes ranked Rihanna as the world’s wealthiest female musician, with a net worth of \$1.7 billion.**

The first Marvel film to feature an Asian superhero titled, *Shang-Chi and The Legend Of The Ten Rings* starring Simu Liu premiered in Los Angeles.

It was announced that Josephine Baker, dancer, singer and civil rights activist, would be the first black woman to be inducted into the Panthéon, Paris. On November 30, she was enshrined in the nation’s mausoleum of heroes.

The Paralympics opened with no spectators.

## September

**Twitter got into trouble again as the Nigerian government suspended the social media indefinitely after it removed a post by President Muhammadu Buhari from its platform.**

The statue of Confederate general Robert E. Lee was removed from its plinth on Monument Avenue, Virginia, U.S.A.

Emma Raducanu (born in Canada to a Romanian father and a Chinese mother) defeated Leylah Fernandez at the U.S. Open to end Britain’s 44-year wait for a women’s Grand Slam champion.

Elon Musk’s SpaceX launched the first all-tourist crew into orbit. Now Musk has his sights set on Mars.

## October

**Fumio Kishida became the new Prime Minister of Japan.**

Adulrazak Gurnah who was born in Zanzibar (the United Republic of Tanzania) and came to the UK in the 1960’s as a refugee during the Zanzibar Revolution, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

When William Shatner, a 90-year-old Canadian actor, completed a 10-minute space flight on Blue Origin, he went "where no nonagenarian has gone before."

The actor Alec Baldwin, fatally shot Halyna Hutchins on the film set of, *Dust*. The case is still being investigated. Facebook changed its corporate name to Meta.

## November

**Get the tissues out. Adele released her fourth studio album, titled ‘30’.**

Barbados parted ways with the queen to become the world’s newest republic. Sandra Mason became the first president, and Rihanna, a native of the island, was declared a national hero.

## December

**What is it about men and space? Branson, Bezos, Musk. We now have, Yusaku Maezawa, a Japanese billionaire. He became the first space tourist to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) in more than ten years. After a 12-day journey, he landed back on earth, but, his journey continues. In 2023, Maezawa plans to be the first private passenger on Musk’s SpaceX. He is looking for eight others to join him on his trip to the moon. Only the very wealthy and those who can pass a medical and an interview need apply.**

Partygate. Following the publication of a photo of Boris Johnson, wife, child and colleagues having a drink and canapés in the garden of Downing Street during a strict lockdown, Johnson faced some tough questions. Was it a party? Was it a cheese and wine? Was it “bring your child to work” day? Was it a business meeting? Boris said it was a business meeting. That’s his story, and he’s sticking to it.

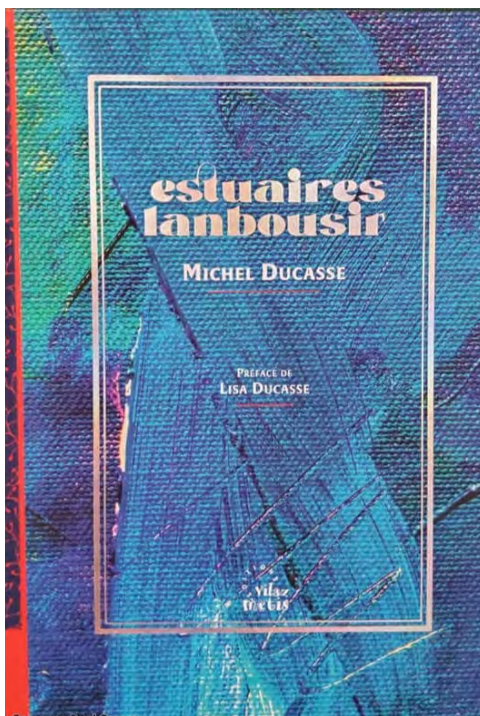
I wish you all a Grrrrr-ific New Year!

*Mylene (Japan)*

Book Review by Prega Vencatsawmy

## Estuaires Lanbousir

(Michel Ducasse)



**I can only wax lyrical about this splendid book, Estuaires Lanbousir, beautifully crafted by Michel Ducasse, with a heartwarming preface by his artistic daughter, Lisa Ducasse, on many fronts! I am still dipping my toes, savouring the sublime poetry spanned over the pages. This is the first time I see a book, printed in Mauritius, so intricate and highly executed in its design, composition and look! It surpasses all my expectations and there is definitely hope for the future! I am the recipient of number 225/300 with my name inscribed by the author, penning some French poetry as a gesture of goodwill!**

Estuaires Lanbousir is quite chunky, hardcover with a mixture of blue, green and red intertwined and a glossy finish with layers of white glittering! Inside the pages, amounting to 400, are all encircled with several flowery black designs with bold red as titles. The book prides itself to insert at intervals, transparent, white very light pages as a protection to increase its life expectancy. Also the logo, Vilaz Metis, is embossed on some pages together with a scanning code. No wonder the book comes with a hefty price of 1800 rupees which, in my view, deserves it!

This book carries 6 headings 1. Enfances; 2. Tendres Hommages; 3. Vertige de mots; 4. Coeur Épris, Corps Et Cris; 5. Tapaz lavi; 6. Kopi Sante. The pages alternate between French and Creole. Some pages are songs that translated from English and French into creole.

Michel Ducasse has given a very francophone flavour to his poems making references to Aragon, Bassens, Brel, Bashung etc, etc. The poems touch on love, women, politics, words, slavery and a whole host of other themes which form part of the poet's experience.

I particularly have a weakness for the creole poems strung and amalgamated in the very beautiful Creole orthography which is the trademark of his inimitable style! It confers to the creole language "*ses titres de noblesse*"

The author has published several books before and I have followed him on Facebook. He has attained a maturity in his quest for aesthetics, poetical excellence and a talent to infuse his own experience and personal journey in his writing. One gets the distinct impression that the fever of writing poetry has gripped him from an early age and it shows in his writings. Let's hope that there are other books in the pipeline!

I will end this review with this extremely poetic line in one of the pages: *Le poète est cet être embrassé et brisé par l'enfance qui voyage, depuis l'amont d'un alphabète.* Only the french language can do justice to those words!

Well-done Michel Ducasse!

## A L'AUTRE BOUT DE MOI MARIE THÉRÈSE HUMBERT ROMAN, PUBLIÉ CHEZ STOCK 1979 (463 PAGES)

**MARIE-THÉRÈSE HUMBERT BURST ON THE LITERARY SCENE WITH A BANG WITH THIS BOOK ABOUT A "GENS DE COULEUR" FAMILY, TWIN SISTERS, NA-DÈGE AND ANNE.**

A L'AUTRE BOUT DE MOI IS A SHEER DELIGHT TO ABSORB AND MARIE THÉRÈSE HUMBERT HAS CRAFTED A MOVING STORY, LAYERED ON THE RICH TAPESTRY OF MAURITIUS AS ITS SETTING. IT IS WORTH MENTIONING, FROM WHAT I CAN RECOLLECT, SHE NEARLY WALKED AWAY WITH THE GONCOURT!

BUT THE BOOK WON THE ELLE GRAND PRIX DES LECTRICES THOUGH.

MARIE-THÉRÈSE HUMBERT HAS GOT THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF BEING BOTH A CAMBRIDGE AND SORBONNE DEGREES HOLDER! QUITE A FEAT!

FINALLY, THIS BOOK REVEALS TO US A WRITER IN TUNE WITH HER MAURITIAN SENSIBILITIES. IT'S WRITTEN IN VERY LIMPID AND FLUENT FRENCH THAT DAZZLED ME WHEN I FIRST READ IT MANY MOONS AGO!

MARIE THÉRÈSE HUMBERT HAS WRITTEN MANY OTHER BOOKS, SOME HAVE MAURITIUS AS THE PLOT LINE.

WELL, SHE HAS LEFT MAURITIUS BUT MAURITIUS HAS NOT LEFT HER!



## A Utopian Dream on the part of a great philosopher

"I allow myself to hope that the world will emerge from its present troubles, that it will one day learn to give the direction of its affairs, not to cruel swindlers and scoundrels, but to men possessed of wisdom and courage. I see before me a shining vision: a world where none are hungry, where few are ill, where work is pleasant and not excessive, where kindly feeling is common, and where minds released from fear create delight for eye, ear and heart. Do not say this is impossible. It is not impossible. I do not say it can be done tomorrow, but I do say that it could be done within a thousand years, if only men would bend their minds to the achievement of the kind of happiness that should be distinctive of man."

— **Bertrand Russell, Human Society in Ethics and Politics (1954), Part II: The Conflict of Passions, Ch. 10, Prologue or Epilogue?, p. 238**

### Editor's comments:

**For the past six million years that man has been evolving on Planet Earth, he is still guided by his primitive killer instinct. In various parts of the world men are killing one another at this very moment.**

If we are to believe that man belongs to the animal kingdom, then like all other creatures on this planet, man's vocation it to devour one another like the sharks in the sea, the beasts in the jungle and the vultures in the sky. Man is the worst predator on earth. Even his god demands blood. **P.C.**

Prega

# Prison sentence for UK Mauritian Paedophile

We share with our readers the Facebook post which has been sent to us



Molagazet

24 December 2021 at 16:22 · 🌐

Un pédocriminel mauricien Bhaye Khobabukus condamné en Angleterre.

Il avait fui l'Angleterre pour se cacher à Maurice mais a finalement été arrêté.

'Selfish' pensioner, 72, fled the country after admitting to abusing 2 young girls over 14 years.

A pensioner has been jailed for more than 15 years for historic sexual abuse against two young children.

Bhaye Khodabukus, 72, from Haringey, was sentenced for 15 years and six months' imprisonment for crimes against two children between 1999 and 2013.

Both female victim survivors were aged between six and 10 years old when the offences happened.

On the first day of his trial at Wood Green Crown Court in May, Khodabukus pleaded guilty to a number of offences including the rape of a child under 13, inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, sexual touching of a child and gross indecency with a child.

The Met's North Area Child Abuse Investigation Unit launched an investigation against Khodabukus in September 2019 following a phone call from one of the victim's partners.

Police carried out a large number of enquiries, including witness interviews and phone analysis and was able to disprove defences raised initially by the defendant.

He answered no comment to all the questions in his police interview and did not offer a prepared statement.

He was charged on April 4, 2020 and indicted at court on 21 counts of sexual offences against two children.

He sentenced at Wood Green Crown Court on Monday, December 20 to 15 years and six months' imprisonment for historic sexual abuse.

While passing sentence, Her Honour Judge Joanna Greenberg QC remarked that Khodabukus has shown no insight or remorse into the gravity of the offences he committed or the impact it has had on the victim survivors.

She added that he has shown an apparent need to gain sexual gratification from children.

The Judge added that he had only shown a selfish concern for himself and had caused lasting damage, which is why a lengthy sentence was required.

Speaking after the sentencing, one victim said: "I'm pleased to have this justice served. Though it doesn't lift the emotional scarring of the past, it has definitely lifted a dark cloud.

"I'm happy that I can go into into the new year not having to constantly think of what may happen.

"I'm glad the judge gave the time that she did and considered the emotional and psychological impact it has had on me and my family."



## UK Mauritian Helpers team up to tackle MV Wakashio Disaster

By Yvonne Goder-Persand

**'UK Mauritian Helpers' group was formed to tackle the crisis and lasting damage caused by the MV (motor vessel) Wakashio oil spill. The group of UK helpers are mainly British Mauritians led by Bernadette Soupe.**

The MV Wakashio ship was ground to a halt on a coral reef near Mahebourg, the South-East of Mauritius on the 25th July 2020. In the subsequent weeks, it emerged a horrifying estimated 1,000 tonnes of oil fuel leaked from the wreckage into Mauritius' clean oceans. This was declared a national emergency by the Mauritian Government and considered one of the worst environmental disasters Mauritius had witnessed.

Bernadette from Beez 100s Catering Service that specialises in cooking exotic Mauritian and Caribbean dishes joined with 8 other volunteers from the UK and managed to raise a pleasing £3,565 from public donations on [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com). Bernadette has a large social media presence including 11,000 followers on Instagram @beez100s, she was able to recruit the other volunteers that included Jack Davies doing a bike ride from

London to Brighton to increase funds. Bernadette states that she was supported by British Mauritian, Tina Nath Varma whilst they joined forces with Mauritian NGO (Non-Government Organisation) registered charity 'Monad Charity' headed by President Samuel Carriagen and NGO 'EcoMode Society', that focuses on protecting the marine environment.

It is admirable that British born Bernadette's charitable work began when she and her father, originally from Vacoas, Mauritius, began distributing free clothes and food to the homeless by Westminster Cathedral some years ago. This resulted in her continuing to feed the homeless around London where she has also been rated overall Very Good, 5/5 Rating by local authority Haringey on the 27th October 2021 for Food Hygiene. She won an 'Unsung Women's Award' in March 2020 for her contribution to the local community through helping the homeless.

Inspirationally, the funds raised by the UK Mauritian Helpers were able to provide food packs to those most affected by the disaster and have unfortunately not been supported by the Government. They were able to go direct to the most impoverished. They also were able to put 10 spider frames to cultivate coral where the ship smashed leaving gaps in the marine ecosystem.

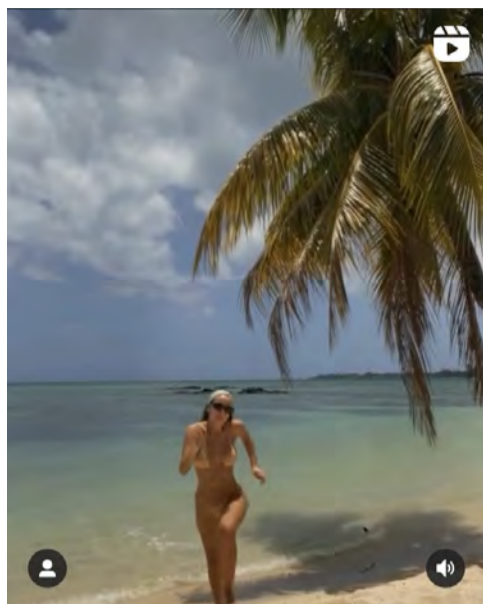
There is much to be done in this catastrophic disaster in Mauritius. We are grateful to anyone trying to help the locals and improve the mess made. We are tremendously proud of Bernadette and her team.



# Carla Ginola holidaying in Mauritius



by Yvonne Goder-Persand



**The UK's annual television series currently showcasing 'I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!' is shown on ITV daily around 9pm for approximately three weeks.**

It features celebrities battling it out usually participating in 'Bushtucker Trials' that include difficult eating trials that sometimes include genitals of animals and physical tasks involving spiders, snakes, rats, maggots and other bugs. The tasks are to win 'stars' for them and their teammates with a star equally a meal for that evening.

The filming is usually in the 'Jungle' with warm temperatures, filmed in Australia with the exemption of this year and last due to the pandemic. It is at present, being filmed in very cold temperatures at Gwrych Castle in Wales. At one point, filming had to be paused because of Storm Arwen that caused havoc with power cuts in the local area and production having technical difficulties.

The hit programme is presented by Ant & Dec, one of the most famous presenting duo in the UK. The contestants include Frankie Bridge, a former singer in the girl group 'The Saturdays', on the panel on 'Loose Women' and married to retired footballer Wayne Bridge that also appeared on the show in 2016, Kadeena Cox MBE, a British Paralympian (2nd to be eliminated), BBC Breakfast presenter Louise Minchin, Matty Lee an Olympic Gold medalist in diving, Naughty Boy, a song writer, producer including for Beyoncé and Emeli Sande, Danny Miller, an actor in the soap (TV programme), Emmerdale, some more celebrities along with ex-football legend David Ginola.

David Ginola, born in France and transferred to British football playing for Tottenham Hotspur's, Newcastle United and Aston Villa in the mid nineties-2002. He also had a dab in acting and trained at RADA (the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts), notoriously one of the best drama schools in the UK.

Ginola has two children, a son, Andrea and daughter Carla with past ex-wife, French model Coraline. He is at present dating French model Maeva Denat. Whilst Ginola tackles the freezing Welsh climate, his daughter Carla, aged 27 is enjoying the Mauritius sunshine.

Carla is holidaying in the prestigious LUX\* Grand Baie Resort. Only the very lucky can afford to stay in such an extravagant hotel. She is an influencer with around 440k Instagram followers. Her father, David Ginola is tipped to win I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here! We will watch this space.

## Prime Minister's New Year Message

**Well-being of the population and prosperity of the economy are Government's priorities, states Prime Minister**

**'In 2021, we have been protecting the health of the population and have revived economic activities. Government will do its uttermost for the safety of the population in these trying times and for the betterment of the local economy'.**

The Prime Minister, Mr Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, made this statement, this evening, during a televised message to the Nation on the occasion of New Year 2022.



Prime Minister Jugnauth highlighted that several factors have contributed in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, such as, among others, the discipline displayed by the population in general, sanitary protocols in force, as well as the vaccination campaign. He reckoned the work carried out by the healthcare personnel and dwelt on the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic around the world.

The World Health Organisation, he pointed out, is foreseeing a new COVID-19 wave around the world due to the Omicron variant and several countries have already announced a series of restrictions. Mauritius, he observed, will also have to act accordingly with regard to the Omicron variant or any other variant of the coronavirus. Observing all sanitary precautions is a must in order to avoid the introduction of more severe measures in the future, he stated. On this note, he made an appeal to the population to be vaccinated with a booster dose at the earliest.

Furthermore, the Prime Minister underscored that as the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on the revenues of needy citizens, Government has implemented a series of measures to support local enterprises and preserve the purchasing power of citizens due to the increasing prices of products on the international market. He recalled that a subsidy has already been granted on some 370 essential products and that these are being maintained until 30 June 2022.

On another note, he indicated that a salary compensation was also attributed to all workers from both private and public sectors, with the collaboration of the private sector and Trade Unions, while at the same time the PRB 2021 recommendations have been implemented. He further emphasised that more than 370,000 households will benefit from a subsidy varying between 5 to 10% on their electricity bills, depending on the category under which they fall, as from January 2022 until end of December 2022.

He also spoke about the following: the World Bank report which indicates that Mauritius is the fourth country in the world where Government has supported the people the most during the health crisis; the reopening of borders; the removal of Mauritius from the FATF grey list, the UK blacklist and possibly, early this year, from the European Union blacklist; the commercial and free trade agreements signed between Mauritius and India, China, the United Kingdom, and the African Union so as to sustain the manufacturing sector and Small and Medium Enterprises; the progress made in the construction sector; the progress made with regard to the Metro Express project; and the challenges regarding climatic change.

Prime Minister Jugnauth expressed his hope that the population lives in peace, mutual respect, and unity, while stating that Government has exceptionally decided that 03 January 2022 would be a public holiday this year. He also wished the Republic of Mauritius, as well as every citizen around the world, a happy new year 2022.

# Omicron surge in London declared a 'major incident'

**On Sunday (19 December) the Mayor of London declared a 'major incident' in the capital following a surge in the number of people testing positive for the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, of which London has the highest number of any region.**

A major incident is defined as an event or situation with a range of serious consequences which requires special arrangements to be implemented by one or more emergency responder agency.

Responding to the announcement the Chair of London Councils, Georgia Gould, said: "The rapid spread of Omicron across our city is of huge concern.

"Local councils have stepped up and played a vital role in supporting their communities through the pandemic, I know they will continue with these efforts but we cannot do this alone.

"Vaccines offer the best protection against the virus and now more than ever it's important that Londoners take up the offer to get a booster as soon as possible. If you've not had your first and second dose yet, please do come forward and protect yourselves and others around you. Together we must do all we can to defeat this virus."

## Additional support for businesses announced

The Chancellor announced a new £1 billion package of support for businesses most impacted by Omicron.

Businesses in the hospitality and leisure sectors in England will be eligible for one-off grants of up to £6,000 per premises and more than £100 million discretionary funding will be made available for local authorities to support other businesses.

The Chancellor also announced that the government will cover the cost of Statutory Sick Pay for Covid-related absences for small and medium-sized employers and that an additional £30 million funding will be made available through the Culture Recovery Fund to enable more cultural organisations in England to apply for support during the winter

Further details on the Covid-19 economic support package are available in these factsheets

Protect and Vaccinate scheme for homeless welcomed  
London Councils has welcomed the government's launch of the Protect and Vaccinate scheme for people who are homeless and sleeping rough.

Focused on helping rough sleepers to receive their Covid-19 vaccines and to move into safe accommodation over winter, the scheme brings £28 million of additional funding for local authorities across England providing frontline support.

London Councils' Executive Member for Housing & Planning, Cllr Darren Rodwell said: "Boroughs are working tirelessly to keep homeless Londoners safe, especially in the face of the threat posed by the new Omicron variant. This funding boost will support frontline work getting rough sleepers vaccinated and into emergency accommodation, which is vital for their individual safety and for tackling the spread of the virus in the capital.

"Alongside our partners in the government, at City Hall, and in the voluntary sector, boroughs will do everything we can to make this scheme a success."

Boroughs prepared for winter roads but Londoners urged to take care  
London boroughs are prepared for winter weather with enough salt available at key locations across the capital to deal with the challenge of frozen roads and pavements, the Chair of London Councils Transport and Environment Committee Mayor Philip Glanville reassured Londoners this week.

"Boroughs understand how important it is to maintain road safety, especially at this time of year.", he said. "As winter sets in, boroughs are working flat out to ensure their most important routes are free of frost and ice and safe for road

users across the capital. Highway teams continue to monitor high-tech weather forecasts, ready to treat the roads and pavements with salt as soon as conditions demand it. Councils are also committed to keeping people up to date about forecasts, road conditions and salting activity so residents can make appropriate decisions on whether to travel.

"It is also vital for all of us to be more aware when using roads during the darker, winter months. As there are fewer hours of daylight and greater risk of icier roads, road users should make sure to look out for pedestrians as well as other fellow road users such as cyclists and moped riders, and be as safe as possible by observing the speed limit.

"We are also asking that Londoners be extra vigilant throughout the colder months to make sure their neighbours are okay. If you notice milk bottles left outside, newspapers stuck in the letterbox or curtains drawn all day, or any other activity that is out of the ordinary, it could be a sign that someone in your community needs help."

Afghan arrivals spending Christmas in temporary accommodation  
Around 4,000 Afghan evacuees will still be living in temporary hotel accommodation in London over Christmas and the New Year, figures compiled by London Councils show.

Five months on since thousands of Afghan families were evacuated to the UK as part of Operation Pitting, boroughs are playing an instrumental role in delivering wraparound support to families living in hotels, including providing new clothing, organising school places for children, arranging mental health support with local NHS services and translating public health advice on issues such as Covid-19.

Deputy Chair of London Councils, Cllr Darren Rodwell, said: "London boroughs are rightly proud of the work they are doing to support thousands of Afghans who served alongside British forces in Afghanistan, as they rebuild their lives following the unimaginable trauma of fleeing their homes.

"Alongside councils across the country, we work closely with the Home Office and other government departments to ensure Afghan evacuees get the care and support they need, putting our local knowledge and resources to use and making a real difference to these highly vulnerable families.

"However, five months on from Operation Pitting, London boroughs want to see faster progress on moving the roughly 4,000 evacuees in the capital into suitable longer-term homes. Hotel accommodation is not suitable for families and local services are struggling to cope with demand.

"We urge the government to continue working constructively with us so that Afghan families feel supported as they put down roots in the UK."

## Tackling Racial Inequality

The London local government Tackling Racial Inequality programme is inviting colleagues from London public, business or voluntary sector to an event: Harnessing our Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority Communities talent, with a panel including: Kim Smith (Chief Executive, Hammersmith & Fulham & Chair, Tackling Racial Inequality Programme); Kim Wright (Chief Executive, Lewisham); Althea Loderick (Chief Executive, Newham); and Dr Habib Naqvi (Director, NHS Race & Health Observatory)

The event (9 February, 15.30 – 17.00) will bring together colleagues across anchor institutions to discuss race equality, with a focus on the strategies, initiatives and broader activity organisations have adopted to harness Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic talent.

Places are limited, so if you are interested in attending please email Nancy Hunt or Tom Pickup to register your interest in the first instance.  
Keep London Safe

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# La Saga Continue - OMICRON ! (MICROON ?)

*Covid-19 : pourquoi le nouveau variant s'appelle-t-il Omicron ?*



Par Eliezer François

**“L'OMS a suggéré aux médias et acteurs de la santé publique de nommer les variants d'après l'alphabet grec. Nommé d'après l'alphabet grec, l'actuel variant aurait dû logiquement s'appeler Nu ou Xi.**

Depuis le mois de mai dernier, l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé propose une nouvelle nomenclature aux médias et aux acteurs de santé publique : utiliser l'alphabet grec en lieu et place des noms d'origine du variant. Alpha désigne le variant anglais, Bêta le variant Sud-Africain ou encore Delta le second variant indien.

Pourquoi le nouveau variant est-il nommé Omicron et pas Nu?

Au début de l'année, un variant identifié en Colombie est renommé Mu. Logiquement, le variant actuel B.1.1.529, aurait dû s'appeler Nu, suite de l'alphabet. Mais le 26 novembre, l'OMS annonce l'appeler Omicron, omettant Nu, et Xi au passage.

Samedi 27 novembre, un porte-parole de l'OMS, Tarik Jasarevic, a justifié l'adoption d'Omicron auprès du New-York Times : «Nu se confond trop facilement avec nouveau (en anglais NDLR) et Xi n'a pas été utilisé parce que c'est un nom de famille courant». C'est notamment le nom de famille de l'actuel président chinois, Xi Jinping. Tarik Jasarevic a ajouté qu'utiliser l'alphabet grec permet d'éviter «d'offenser tout groupe culturel, social, national, régional, professionnel ou ethnique».

Et c'est plusieurs mois après avoir instauré le nommage avec des lettres grecques que l'OMS s'aperçoit que cela pose des difficultés...?

Et pourquoi ne les ont-ils pas nommés 1, 2 3 4 5...? Aucun groupe n'aurait été "offensé".

C'est une documentation puisée dans l'Internet.

OMICRON! It's Greek to me.

WHO renames UK and other variants with Greek letters 31 May 2021 – UK Alpha, SA Beta, Indian Delta ...

It's Greek to me, a way of saying that you do not understand something that is said or written. Difficult to understand, it is beyond my comprehension. (C'est du grec pour moi) lorsqu'ils ne comprennent pas quelque chose ! Expression pour désigner une langue perçue inintelligible. Les lettres alphabet grecques : alpha, beta, gamma, delta, epsilon (Delta Plus?). Sans doute, c'est ça la vraie raison pour laquelle L'OMS a suggéré de nommer les variants d'après l'alphabet grec : Alpha, Beta, Delta, Delta Plus, etc. Mais pour nous confondre davantage, l'OMS nous propose maintenant le variant Omicron. On peut se demander, à quand le variant OMEGA?

C'est un peu comme ces noms étranges – Molnupiravir et Tocilizumab des médicaments qu'on utilise à Maurice pour les patients positifs au Covid-19. « Quelque 1,200,000 doses de Molnupiravir et 300 flacons de Tocilizumab sont attendus à Maurice pour traiter ceux qui sont atteints du Covid-19. »

## Des Mesures Totalitaires et Dictatoriales.

On prêta à Madame Roland (1754-1793), montant à l'échafaud et s'inclinant devant la statue de la Liberté (sur la place de la Révolution), 8 novembre 1793, l'apostrophe suivante : « Liberté, que de crimes on commet en ton nom ! »

Aujourd'hui toute la population mondiale pourrait parodier cette apostrophe de Madame Roland en déclarant : 'O Coronavirus, que de gabegies, de mensonges, de tromperies, de stupeur, de confusion, de contradictions, de faussetés, d'intimidation et de ségrégation ne propagent certains chefs des gouvernements et dirigeants politiques, en ton nom ! ' Ils le font avec la bénédiction de L'OMS, Big Pharma, des scientifiques et des experts en tous genres. Quelques exemples : Le test universel obligatoire ; La vaccination universelle obligatoire ; Le passe sanitaire obligatoire. Le Président Joe Biden et le Président Emmanuel Macron ont tous deux tort en imposant la troisième dose de la vaccination à tous leurs citoyens. Ceci en contradiction avec « L'OMS qui a demandé une nouvelle fois que les personnes vaccinées contre la Covid-19 ne reçoivent pas de troisième dose » ... Ils ont doublement tort d'insister pour que tous les enfants de 5-11 ans se fassent aussi vacciner.

## Mesures Répressives et Antidémocratiques:

En Autriche, les non-vaccinés au ban de la société – Le Chancelier Alexander Schallenberg. Confinement et amende pour les non-vaccinés. Lettonie : Les non-vaccinés pourront désormais être licenciés. En Ukraine, le président Volodymyr Zelensky, propose une rémunération aux vaccinés. En France, la Vaccination est pour sauver les fêtes de fin d'année !

L'Histoire se répète : Le Salut Obligatoire.

« À compter de 1938, le régime de Mussolini tenta, sans grand succès, d'imposer le salut fasciste au-delà de la sphère étatique et militaire, en rendant le salut bras tendu obligatoire pour tous les Italiens en lieu et place de la poignée de main. »

« It was adopted in the 1930s by the Nazi Party to signal obedience to the party's leader, Adolf Hitler and to glorify the German nation ... The salute was mandatory for civilians ... »

La Moustache Obligatoire.

« En France, au cours du XIXe siècle, plusieurs décrets rendent obligatoire et réglementent le port de la moustache aux armées et dans la gendarmerie. Ce n'est qu'en 1933, dans la gendarmerie, que ces dispositions sont abolies.

La moustache devient obligatoire pour la première fois pour tous les militaires, gendarmes compris en 1832 ... C'est en 1841, sous le ministère du maréchal Soult, que les gendarmes recevront leur droit (et l'obligation!) de porter la moustache. Le port de la moustache demeura obligatoire jusqu'en 1933. »

Le Port de Masque Obligatoire et La Vaccination Obligatoire !

Tout comme je l'ai déjà déclaré dans mon précédent article: « La Plus Grande Escroquerie Des Temps Modernes », je ne prétends pas être un 'Je-sais-tout'. Je ne prétends pas être un savant, ni un grand scientifique non plus ; encore moins un virologue et épidémiologiste. Je déclare solennellement que je n'aie eu aucune vision, aucun songe, aucune révélation céleste. Je suis resté comme 'Le commun des mortels.' Cependant, je suis toujours contre le port de masque obligatoire et la vaccination obligatoire. Je l'ai aussi déclaré ailleurs – Imposing a mandatory universal vaccination is what really represents (1) A Crime against Humanity. (2) A Crime against Medical Ethics. (3) A Crime against Democracy.

Aussi, c'est avec un intérêt particulier que j'ai lu l'interview de la Pr Alexandra Henrion Caude dans Week-End dimanche 28 novembre 2021. Je cite : « Il faut arrêter de traiter la population saine comme si elle était malade. » Ceci est un message fort et cinglant qu'elle envoie à tous les chefs des gouvernements et dirigeants politiques, surtout quand elle leur demande de concentrer uniquement sur la population malade et de laisser les personnes saines libres d'aller et venir.

Pour soutenir l'argumentation de la Pr Alexandra Henrion Caude, je me permettrais de reproduire un extrait de mon article intitulé « La Plus Grande Escroquerie Des Temps Modernes »

Les Vaccins Anti-Covid-19

Pourquoi autant de vaccins différents sur le marché mondial? Il semblerait qu'il existe entre 21 et 25 différents vaccins actuellement. Parmi on retrouve: Pfizer, L'AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Sinopharm, Covaxin, Sputnik, Covishield, Hayat-Vax, etc. Quelle en est l'efficacité de tous ces vaccins anti Covid-19? Pourquoi l'OMS n'a pas insisté pour obtenir la fabrication d'un seul vaccin à 100% efficace, qui aurait pu être produit dans plusieurs pays simultanément? Si le ou les vaccins validés par l'OMS sont vraiment efficaces pour combattre la pandémie, pourquoi un patient positif a-t-il besoin de deux ou trois doses et même quatre doses bientôt? Le plus rigolo dans toute cette affaire est la déclaration suivante sur Covid-19: "L'OMS prévient que l'épidémie pourrait ne pas s'arrêter

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malgré les vaccinations.” Si tel en est le cas, pourquoi insister sur la vaccination au niveau mondial? Diable! Pourquoi vouloir imposer une vaccination obligatoire sur des personnes en bonne santé? Le passeport vaccinal n’a pas sa raison d’être. J’y reviendrai. Entre-temps, qui sont ceux qui sont en train de faire des milliards d’euros de profit? Sans nul doute, c’est le Big Pharma avec la bénédiction de l’OMS. L’industrie pharmaceutique dans son ensemble s’enrichit davantage. Le Président Jair Bolsonaro du Brésil est accusé de tentative de corruption dans l’achat de vaccins anti-Covid. Lui aussi, comme beaucoup d’autres, veut s’enrichir, à travers l’achat des vaccins.

Nous vivons dans un monde de fiction et de cinéma où la plupart des acteurs sont corrompus. Ils sont attirés par l’appât du gain et essaient à travers cette pandémie et tous les autres moyens, à s’accumuler des richesses. Ils seraient prêts même à vendre leur âme au diable, tout comme le Dr Faustus dans la pièce de Christopher Marlowe. Ils ne sont pas intéressés à trouver un seul vaccin qui serait à 100% efficace, nécessitant qu’une seule dose sans une multiplicité de variants. Ils oublient hélas ! «L’Amour de l’argent est la racine de tous les maux.»

**Quelques Contradictions : -**

L’OMS a demandé une nouvelle fois que les personnes vaccinées contre la Covid-19 ne reçoivent pas la 3e dose ...

« L’OMS prévient que l’épidémie pourrait ne pas s’arrêter malgré les vaccinations. »  
 « À cause du Delta, les vaccins ne protègent qu’à hauteur de 40% de la transmission. »  
 « Le vaccin B.1.529 pourrait menacer l’efficacité des vaccins existants. »  
 L’OMS appelle à protéger les enfants et éviter la vaccination obligatoire. Malgré la forte reprise de l’épidémie en Europe, la vaccination obligatoire, décidée et envisagée par certains pays, doit rester un recours de « dernier ressort absolu », a affirmé l’OMS mardi.  
 WHO Slams Travel Bans in Reaction of OMICRON as « Unnecessary. »  
 WHO criticised travel bans in response to the emergence of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 as unnecessary, saying that they will not prevent the spread of the variant.

Si l’OMS, Big Pharma, tous les scientifiques et experts veulent vraiment combattre la pandémie Covid-19, OMICRON, etc. etc., je les invite à écouter la chanson de Michael Jackson « Heal the World » dont voici un extrait :

Heal the world  
 Heal the world  
 Make it a better place  
 For you and for me, and the entire human race  
 There are people dying  
 If you care enough for the living  
 Make a better place for you and for me.

Un Appel aux Puissants de ce Monde

(1) Que cesse immédiatement cette course politique effrénée entre les États Unis et la Chine pour la fourniture des vaccins aux pays d’Afrique.  
 (2) Je demande à Joe Biden, Hi Jinping, Vladimir Poutine, Emmanuel Macron, Olaf Scholz, Boris Johnson, Jocelyn Trudeau, Scott Morrison, les dirigeants de UE et Narendra Modi de revoir leurs stratégies. Ils doivent poursuivre une politique de Vérité et stopper la campagne terroriste, répressive, discriminatoire, anti-démocratique envers les non-vaccinés. Tout comme l’a demandé mon ami Ismaël Nazir, dans un communiqué à la presse: “De grâce, arrêtez le massacre. Stoppez net la campagne de vaccination avant qu’il ne soit trop tard pour le faire!” J’ajouterais, en même temps, évitez les grands rassemblements dans les centres de test ainsi que la grande affluence dans les centres de vaccination. Cela aiderait mieux à faire respecter la distance physique et réduire le nombre de contamination et de transmission.

Quant aux chefs des gouvernements et les dirigeants politique, je leur rappelle ces dernières paroles de Jésus avant sa mort sur la croix : « Père, pardonne-leur, car ils ne savent pas ce qu’ils font. » Oui ! les sept derniers mots du Christ avant de mourir doivent résonner dans les oreilles de nos dirigeants afin qu’ils reviennent leur stratégie ... « ils ne savent pas ce qu’ils font. »

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# UK Mauritian Segga artiste Ivan Antalika

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The Grand Bay venue in Crawley, South-East England



The Sleeve of Ivan Antalika’s single Roseda, a tribute to Ti Frère, Mauritius’s former renown segga singer



Ivan with Yvonne



The youngest segga dancer pictured with Ivan

Ivan Antalika is a very talented Mauritian Segga singer and bass player. He has worked with the most renowned and loved Mauritian Segga artistes.

We had the pleasure of attending his music video for the song ‘Roseda’ at Grand Bay, a new venue in Broadfield, Crawley, on 12th December 2021. The video is out now!

<https://youtu.be/22Ffr4aqRFU>

We wish Ivan the best of luck with his new single and continued consistency within the Mauritian Segga movement.