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The Voice of Hindu (VOH) takes Opposition to task severely for India bashing

Despite former diplomat Vijay Makhan's assertion that "Mauritius is not India's unconditional ally", pro-India forces in the country, ranging from government alliance to socio-cultural associations, do not hesitate to describe the Opposition parties as engaging in 'India-Bashing'. They specifically named Xavier-Luc Duval, the leader of the Opposition, Paul Bérenger, the leader of the MMM and Arvin Boolell, leader of the Labour Party in Parliament in that context. By the way, could the seasoned diplomat Vijay Makhan do otherwise than jumping on the wagon of India bashing condoned by his party, the MMM ?

The Voice of Hindu (VOH) took a radical step on the issue of India bashing and did not hesitate to pinpoint that the 'bashing' emanates wholesale from the Opposition parties including the Labour Party. This socio-cultural body proposed to address a letter to the Indian Prime Minister Modi on that issue via the Indian High Commission. VOH's mouthpiece Krit Manohur could not be clearer as to the motive behind that letter. "We wish to inform the Indian Prime Minister of the sinister plot of the Opposition parties to resort to India bashing. What is really sad in all this is that these parties will be most eager to get an appointment to meet Sri Modi when the latter will be here in December." *Plus hypocrite que ça tu meurs!*

The sacro-saint partnership between India and Mauritius goes back several decades. It already existed in the pre-independence years. Krit Manohur stressed on the undeniable fact that India has offered several billions of rupees for the construction of the MGI, the RTI and cultural centres. "I do not deny that Mauritius has received donations from other countries among which China, France, UK, USA, for which we are extremely grateful, but what India has done is simply fantastic." Krit Manohur strongly denounced the dirty game of the Opposition parties which, through Paul Bérenger, Xavier Duval and Arvind Boolell, voiced concern, not hesitating to have recourse to communal undertones, about the presence of India in Agalega. They scarcely dissimulated that in their view India has already put its grip on the island.

VOH's mouthpiece stated in no uncertain terms that India's assistance will help transform Agalega. The transformation will be to such an extent that the island would be in a position to host cruise ships and big planes. Obviously, this development would ease access to the island. This would help us visit the island and facilitate immensely the movement of patients from Agalega to mainland

Mauritius for urgent medical interventions. He added that the Opposition parties are bent on accusing India of turning Agalega into a military base. This provided the opportunity to Krit Manohur to thrash the geopolitical issue of the militarization of the Indian Ocean, which is an undeniable fact. "While the Americans are based in Diego Garcia and China is building a military base in Madagascar, it is logical that Mauritius should be concerned with the defence of its own territory."

It is also of note that Labour Party MP Osman has been very critical of India's offer of a fresh loan for the extension of the metro service to Côte d'Or via Ebène and Réduit. Fortunately, the lady economist Dookhony rightly argued that Côte d'Or is another Ebène Cybercity in the making and the metro service cannot be but a welcome initiative. It is known that in the past Labour Party severely attacked and denigrated the proposed development of the cybercity. «Ki pou alle faire lor sa meule roches-là?» ("What can be done on that heap of stones?") Well, over the years, «sa meule roches-là» has turned out to be a flourishing cybercity offering jobs to several thousands of Mauritians, mostly youngsters. Not to ever forget that Ebène Cybercity is another of India's legacy to Mauritius. There is absolutely no harm that 'Greater India' pampers 'Little India'! Long live India-Mauritius relationship! Facts which have to be stressed in this year where India is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its independence.

Now what about this toxic trio – Bérenger/Duval/ Boolell – who pretends to be staunch independentists? We know that Duval's PMSD was strongly against independence and never raised a single finger when USA/UK stole the Chagos from Mauritius. Bérenger and Boolell, although denouncing the *mainmise* of the West on the Chagos, never raised a hell in international foras to have a vote against this *mainmise*. We must congratulate the Jugnauths, father and son, for having taken the issue by the horn and have international opinion in its huge majority vote against the illegal occupation of the Chagos by the evil twins, the United Kingdom and the USA. And why not remind Mauritians that one former MLA and Vice-President of the Republic, Raouf Bundhun, strongly stigmatized Britain as «une nation de boutiquiers» (a nation of shopkeepers!) for having snatched and excised the Chagos from Mauritius. They let it to USA to be transformed into a base on the head of the Mauritians and the Chagossians, and they pocketed all the money. A real nation of shopkeepers!

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Prime Minister's Visit to Rodrigues

Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth made a very fruitful three-day visit to Rodrigues from August 28-30. He had a very heavy schedule to attend to during those three days. He participated in a working session with the island's Regional Assembly, he attended the ceremonies

for the laying of the foundation stones for the local quarters of the Bank of Mauritius, for the new MBC and TV Broadcasting House to offer 12 local channels, foundation stone for the new fire station and for the construction of a desalination plant.

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Prime Minister's Visit to Rodrigues (Continued)



The working session with the Executive Council of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly was held on Monday, August 29, 2022 in the presence of the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Dr. Renganaden Padayachy, and Chief Commissioner for Rodrigues, Mr. Johnson Roussety. Several priority topics for Rodrigues were addressed.

The head of government reiterated the special attention he has for Rodrigues and added that he intends to continue to work to modernize, further, the island's infrastructure. Water distribution was discussed extensively during this work session. Tourism and air connectivity, and the effects of climate change, among others, were on the agenda for in depth consideration.

Bank of Mauritius will open up in Rodrigues



The ceremony for the laying of the foundation stone by Prime Minister Kumar Jugnauth of the Bank of Mauritius at Port Mathurin took place on August 29 in the presence of Finance Minister Renganaden Padayachy and Rodrigues Commissioner Johnson Roussety.

In his speech the PM laid stress on the fact that this development indicates the intention of his government to pursue the modernisation of

Rodrigues and to strengthen its economic structure.

The Bank of Mauritius in Rodrigues will allow the Central Bank of Mauritius to extend its operations in the island to enable Rodriguans to benefit from the same facilities available to Mauritians at home.

The PM emphasized that he was determined to speed up all the measures that would benefit the social and economic development of Rodrigues.

Projects in the pipeline

Some Rs 1 billion will be invested in the construction of desalination plants in Rodrigues by the Mauritius Investment Corporation to further address the long-standing water shortage in the island.

This announcement was made, today, by the Prime Minister, Mr Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, in his address to Members of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) in Port Mathurin.

He further dwelt on several key projects and initiatives which are expected to trigger major financial, socio-economic, and cultural development of Rodrigues with a dynamic economic growth and promote a shift from a traditional economy to a modern one.

He spoke about the construction of a new runway at Plaine Corail Airport which will enable the development and the diversification of economic activities on the island as well as further improve air connectivity, boost tourism development, and enhance socio-economic conditions.

He highlighted that negotiations are underway by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development with a view to contracting a loan to finance the construction of the runway.

Technopark

Furthermore, Mr Jugnauth stated that a Technopark was being constructed at Baladirou to promote entrepreneurship and employment in the field of ICT. The contract for the construction of the Technopark project was awarded to Laxmanbhai & Co (Mauritius)

Plaine Corail Airport

Ltd on 08 January 2021 for the amount of Rs 255 million and construction works have already started in February 2021 for a duration of 18 months.

An amount of Rs 125 million is being provided for the completion of this project in early 2023, he added.

Other projects include: Operationalisation of a Slaughter House to the tune of some Rs 20 million and refurbishment of the existing building at Baie Diamant to allow the slaughtering of cattle, goat, and sheep according to norms; extension of all schemes for the agricultural and livestock sector to Rodrigues for which Rs 5 million have been earmarked; and extension of subsidy on **Special Rodrigues Holiday Package** and on Airfare up to September 2023.

The PM furthermore had fruitful sessions with the Chief Commissioner and Members of the Executive Council. Discussions focused on priority sectors like water, tourism, the airport, port, ICT sector, renewable energy, and bio agriculture.

A traditional Asian-style wedding of a couple of Mauritian parentage in the UK

Dress-sational Wedding

Richard Elysée and Christina Pathmarajah were married on July 23rd, 2022 at Cheshunt Registry Office (Hertfordhsire) after a year’s delay due to COVID-19.

Needless to say, dress plays a significant part in almost every culture, representing

a wide range of concepts such as beliefs, customs, values, and art. Clothing varies from one region to another and every occasion has a specific wardrobe, but weddings, particularly those that are multi-cultural and religious, involve the most unique clothing styles.

Richard and Christina took on the chal-

lenging task of planning a wedding that seamlessly integrated the wonderful traditions of two cultures, Hindu and Christian, in a way that was deeply meaningful and joyful.

The ceremonies brought both families together and celebrated their rich cultural heritage.

One of the pre-wedding ritual in Hindu culture is the Mehndi, a form of decorative body art, using a paste made from the henna plant. The ladies were invited to get the red-orange mehndi applied on August 1st in Edmonton, London.

was applied to the couple as a form of blessing.

The Hindu wedding itself took place on Wednesday 3rd August in Hertfordshire. A vibrant and lively occasion befitting the culture-rich tradition of a Vivaha. Following the rituals that bind husband



and wife and their families together for eternity, a lavish vegan feast was served.

Another prerequisite was the Haldi, where turmeric, oil, and water

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Asian-style wedding (Continued)

**Richard and Christina said:**

“We’d like to thank all of our guests for their attendance and best wishes. Wishing other couples out there planning a wedding, the best of luck.

“At the end of a lovely day, the emphasis on every marriage more than just about honouring the couple’s love for each other; it’s

also about bringing everyone together to share, enjoy and be part our special occasion.”

The festive spirit continued late into the night, with an evening reception, of great food, drink, music, dance and great company.

One of the highlight when the newly-weds made a special entrance dancing the sega

accompanied by a live ravanne band and singer to reflect their creole culture.

Finally, Christina changed into a reception dress and Richard donned a white shirt and bowtie in the late evening.

To celebrate the Christian side of their marriage, a small Church blessing will be planned in Mauritius in the coming months.

Commission of Inquiry on the former President of the Republic made public

The Commission of Inquiry on the former President of the Republic of Mauritius, Dr (Mrs) Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, has submitted its Report on 02 September 2022, announced the Prime Minister, Mr Pravind Kumar Jugnauth on September 16 during a press conference, at the New Treasury Building, in Port Louis.

He stated that Government has decided to set up a Ministerial Committee presided by the Attorney-General, Mr Maneesh Gobin, which will examine the recommendations of the Report and eventually make propositions for

the way forward.

Prime Minister Jugnauth further said that today’s Cabinet Meeting has decided to refer the Report to the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Police for appropriate actions.

The Report can be viewed on the following link:
<https://pmo.govmu.org/.../Report%20of%20The%20Commission..>

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L'AVORTEMENT

LET LOVE be your greatest aim:-

1 Cor: 14:1.



Nous remercions M. Eliézer François de nous avoir fait parvenir son article sur L'AVORTEMENT qui a déjà paru dans le quotidien Le Mauricien.

Nous reproduisons cet article avec plaisir car L'AVORTEMENT, comme sujet, fait toujours l'actualité dans bien de pays du monde, surtout en Amérique. L'Amérique qui est considérée comme le pays le plus démocratique du monde vient par une législation de sa Cour Suprême de supprimer le droit fondamental de la femme d'avoir recours à l'avortement, sans exception aucune.

M. François exprime sa conviction que l'avortement doit

être permis dans certains cas tandis que d'autres soutiennent, surtout par le diktat de leur foi, que la vie une fois conçue, ne doit pas être supprimée parce que le caractère sacré de la vie doit être respecté. De ce fait on peut se demander si la vie était si sacrée pourquoi des gens, des grands croyants, perissent-ils par milliers dans des catastrophes naturelles tandis que le Grand Créateur se croise les bras dans son ciel et admire les désastres dans un monde imparfait pendant des millénaires. Quand on crée, on crée quelque chose de parfait qui peut résister à toute catastrophe et toute éventualité, changement climatique ou non.

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MAM/MAM

Puisqu'il existe deux 'MAM' – Mouvement Authentique Mauricien et Mouvement D'Aide à La Maternité, j'ai pensé qu'il serait bon que le public mauricien sache ce que pense chaque MAM sur ce sujet de brûlante actualité – L'Avortement.

L'Avortement a toujours été un sujet Tabou pour presque tous les mauriciens, pour la bonne et simple raison que Maurice est un carrefour de religions. A part les trois grandes religions dans le monde – le Christianisme, l'Islam et l'Hindouisme – il existe une pléthore de religions qui cohabitent sans problèmes et dans la plus grande Tolérance, Dieu merci. Mais, la société mauricienne a toujours évité d'aborder ce sujet pour des raisons basées sur la religion, la moralité et la spiritualité de l'âme. Il est donc réconfortant de constater que les mauriciens, en général, et les jeunes en particulier, se délaissent de toute politique de l'autruche pour faire face aux réalités de la vie terrestre.

Pro-Life

Absolument, nous sommes tous animés d'un même esprit, d'une même pensée et d'un même zèle pour sauver ou préserver la vie. Ma soeur Esther qui a été sage-femme durant toute sa carrière aime dire: « La vie n'est pas facile, mais rien ne vaut la vie. » Ou, comme nous dit cette chanson: « Que c'est beau la vie. » Beaucoup d'entre nous aspirent même à une vie éternelle dans le ciel ou au paradis.

Entre-temps, nous avons les pieds bien fixés sur terre. A moins que nous voulions ressembler à ces poètes que Théophile Gautier, un précurseur des poètes parnassiens, nous décrit dans son poème 'Terza rima':-

« Les yeux fichés au ciel, ils s'en vont en rêvant. »...
Ils « marchent au hasard et font mille faux pas.
Ils cognent les passants, se jettent sous les roues,
Ou tombent dans les puits qu'ils n'aperçoivent pas. »

Par rapport au MAM que dirige Monique Dinan, je dirais d'emblée que notre MAM est solidaire avec elle dans tout ce que fait son mouvement dans le but d'apporter de l'aide à la maternité. Elle fait un travail

très louable, magnifique et fantastique. Tout comme nous approuvons les démarches de tous ceux qui militent avec passion contre l'Avortement. Ils sont Pro-Life, comme nous d'ailleurs. Ils feront tout pour sauver un foetus. C'est bien! C'est leur droit. On respecte leur droit de défendre le droit d'un foetus.

Mais qu'en est-il du droit de la femme? Qu'en est-il du droit de cette fille-mère ou mère de famille qui pour des raisons économiques ou de santé ne peut pas continuer une grossesse? Qu'en est-il du droit de cette écolière de 11 ans violée par l'amant de sa mère? Qu'en est-il du droit de cette fille de 12 ans engrossée par son cousin mais qui veut s'en débarrasser pour retourner au collège et continuer à vivre sa vie? Qu'en est-il du droit de cette fille qui porte dans son sein les jumeaux de son père ou grand-père? Qu'en est-il du droit de toutes ces femmes, ces adolescentes et ces filles qui sont violentées, violées et traumatisées pour le reste de leur vie? Qu'en est-il du droit de ces femmes désespérées qui ont recours à un avortement clandestin après avoir échoué avec – l'abstinence, la méthode Ogino, les différentes pilules, les tisanes et la racine mandragore? Qu'en est-il du droit de toutes ces femmes qui meurent faute d'aide à un avortement scientifique médical? Qu'en est-il du droit de ces filles, ces femmes qui sont engrossées par nous, des hommes irresponsables, parfois même, égoïstes? La liste peut s'étendre ad infinitum. Pourquoi les hommes doivent-ils toujours prescrire pour les femmes? Où sont les droits de la femme? La société mauricienne doit se rendre compte que le temps des mariages de raison, de 'agwa' ou 'fer cozé pou tifi marié' est révolu.

L'Homme Adultère

On parle toujours de la Femme Adultère mais jamais de l'Homme Adultère. Pourquoi? Alors même que chaque cas d'avortement est la conséquence directe de l'acte sexuel d'un homme. Les Saintes Écritures nous parlent que d'une seule Vierge, la mère de Jésus. Par contre, parmi les hommes, les Putains Vierges sont légion.

La Femme Adultère

« Alors les scribes et les pharisiens amenèrent une femme surprise d'adultère et la plaçant au milieu du peuple »...

« Moïse, dans la loi, nous a ordonné de lapider de telles femmes. » Jean 8: 3&5.

Jésus leur dit que celui qui est sans péché lui jette la première pierre. Mais, ils sont tous partis après avoir lu ce que Jésus avait écrit sur le sol concernant leurs péchés.

Si aujourd'hui le Christ devait publier dans un journal la liste des hommes adultères, ayant occasionné des cas d'avortement, on y trouverait beaucoup parmi ceux qui fréquentent la cour des grands: professeurs, avocats, avoués, notaires, magistrats, juges, médecins, députés, ministres, premier ministres, prêtres, présidents, princes, rois etc etc.

MAM et L'AVORTEMENT

MAM n'encourage pas l'avortement; MAM ne prêche pas l'avortement; MAM ne mène pas une campagne de publicité en faveur de l'avortement; MAM ne cherche pas à justifier l'avortement. Cependant, MAM voudrait voir un changement d'attitude de la part de l'autre MAM, des partisans de Pro-Life, des chefs religieux, des autorités gouvernementales envers toutes ces affligées qui auraient eu recours à un avortement pour terminer une grossesse non désirée.

Que les cas de ces écolières, adolescentes, filles-mères, mères de famille etc. soient traités par le reste de la société mauricienne avec compassion, compréhension, tolérance et beaucoup d'amour. Cela n'empêche en rien les activistes de Pro-Life (Pro-Vie) de continuer leur campagne pour réduire ou décourager l'avortement. Que les médecins, sages-femmes et autres qui auraient aidé une personne en détresse de recourir à l'avortement soient exonérés de toute poursuite judiciaire.

Suggestion

Vix utilitas matrimonii amputat chirographi, ut incredibiliter adlaudabilis ossifragi suffragarit Caesar, quamquam umbraculi agnascor fiducias. Bellus concubine libere suffragarit aegre gulosus zothecas, semper lascivius apparatus bellis vocificat matrimonii, quamquam vix parsimonia catelli incredibiliter divinus suffragarit tremulus saburre. Aquae Sulisilent des charlatants, mais qui demeurent pour l'instant un 'necessary evil.'

L'Apôtre Paul nous dit dans 1 Cor: 14 : 1 « Recherchez la Charité. » (L'AMOUR)

En d'autres mots que toutes nos actions, toutes nos décisions concernant le problème de l'avortement soient motivées par L'AMOUR.

Eliézer François.