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The Chagos: The Diego Garcia Military Base and British Indian Ocean Military Base

How Mauritius is insulted by a Far-Right Element in the House of Commons

He is known as Farage who put up a Barrage to get the UK out of the EU



As suggested by the online GB News. we share in our publication the post below, but we do not express any 'like' for its content. We, however, put down a bit of comments.

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Nigel Farage has said the Chagos deal is "un-British" as he pledged to scrap the deal.

The Reform UK leader was speaking in the Commons as part of the third reading of the bill to hand over sovereignty of the islands is expected to take place later today.

The Government plans to hand over the Chagos Islands then pay to lease back the UK/US Diego Garcia military base.

Mr Farage said: "When the Americans realise that actually Mauritius is not a trustworthy nation. They're bankrupt.
They need the money. They will not honour this treaty. They will be in a very different place.

"I would put it that this deal is un-British. It's against our national interest. There is no upside, there is no gain.

"I can assure you that a future Reform government will not honour this treaty."

Editor's Note: So, Mauritius has been warned that Nigel Farage, as PM, will not honour the Chagos deal agreed by Mauritius under the previous adminstration of Pravind Jugnauth and the present Government of Navin Ramgoolam. The same sort of hostile views are expressed by 'True Blue' Tory leader Kemi Badenoch and 'True Blue' Conservative MP Priti Patel. They are 'more blue' than white Margaret Thatcher. The present Labour Government of Keir Starmer is extremely unpopular. It is not unlikely that the Tories will run the country. We have said it before, and we say it again, Mauritius may never see the colour of the money for the Chagos deal.

From Japan, Mylene says

Sanae Takaichi Breaks Barriers as Japan's First Female Prime Minister





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Who is Sanae Takaichi? Takaichi was born in Nara in 1961, which is the ancient capital of

Japan. Her father was an office worker and her mother was a police officer. Before entering politics, she worked briefly as a TV host.

She is the first woman to hold the position of President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)

What is her political background?

Unlike many Japanese politicians, she did not grow up in a political family. She won her first seat in 1993 and joined the LDP in 1996. She has been elected as an MP 10 times and has held senior government positions, including Minister for Economic Security, State Minister for Trade and Industry

and Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications

Why did she go into politics?

Her interest in politics began in the 1980s during the trade tensions between the US and Japan. To understand American perceptions of Japan, she worked in the office of Democrat congresswoman Patricia Schroeder, who was known for her criticism of Japan

Takaichi noted how Americans often confused Japanese people with Chinese and South Koreans, failing to recognize the distinctions in their language and culture.

Is she to the left or to the right?

She is a staunch conservative and a fan of Margaret Thatcher. As a protégée of the late Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, she aims to return to Abe-style government

How does she relax?

It's well-known that in the past, she was a drummer in a heavy metal band, a scuba diver, a motorcycle rider and a car enthusiast. Her Toyota Supra is displayed at the Toyota Museum in Nara

Japan Hometown for Nigerians MAYBE Renamed

I recently wrote that Kisarazu, Japan, a city located in Chiba prefecture with a population of 136,023 has been officially named as the Hometown for Nigerians.

I applauded this decision as a meaningful step toward strengthening ties between the two nations.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Foreign Ministry are considering renaming this project.

The reason for this has been that since the announcement, misleading information about this initiative has circulated on social media, with claims suggesting it would lead to an influx of immigrants.

The situation worsened when the Nigerian government mistakenly released inaccurate details which implied that Japan would be granting special visas which further fueled these misconceptions online.

"Concerns are growing because citizens have not been told what exactly will be done under the project, " a senior JICA official said.

It's likely the word "hometown" might have been too ambitious. It might be more appropriate to describe the relationship as a sister city partnership, which is a well-known concept.

For instance, Osaka city has formed a sister city connection with Nairobi, Kenya, and Kobe has formed a similar bond with Dakar, Senegal.

These sister city programmes include a variety of activities, including hosting exchange programmes, sharing best practices in urban development and promoting tourism among others.

Such collaborations have been successful in fostering cultural understanding and strengthening ties between nations.

JICA should clarify that regardless of the use of the term "hometown," these initiatives are fundamentally designed to promote friendship and understanding. They underline the importance of sharing culture and experiences, encouraging unity and connection, irrespective of the term used, and we could look past the word "hometown" to focus more on the importance of the project.

Air Mauritius, family jewel of Mauritius, has made a deficit of Rs3.4 billion rupees while operating from Gatwick, South East of **England, from 2023 to 2025.**

According the outgoing chairman of Air Mauritius, Mr Kishore Beegoo, the national is now on the way UP with profit of 600 million rupees for the 10 months he has been occupying the post of Chairman of the company. He has resigned under pressure from Deputy PM Paul Bérenger.

Mr Beegoo is adamant that Air Mauritius should not enter into any form of partnership with Qatar Airways as it will not be interest of Air Mauritius and Mauritius itself..

Qatar Airways will look after its own interests and Air Mauritius will be destroyed.

