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The Mauritian Overseas Gazette - A Commercial Venture

Well, we started this publication, first as an online news-sheet, and subsequently as a magazine with an international vocation, not only in terms of readership but also in terms of an overseas visibility for the island and its products. As we have said, here and there, the initial purpose of our attempt has been to assess its feasibility (whether it can be done without resources), and to assess its viability (whether the product can survive the test of time).

After 100 editions, we can say this online magazine can secure a place on the shelf in spite of the tenors on the market with immense resources at their disposal and who are already operating on the Mauritian scene.

In a way, we can say we are not totally new in this racket. I personally bring to this business, 32 years' experience in the field of publishing. I used to edit a monthly publication in London, the Mauritius News - *the one and only Mauritius News*. Mauritius News had a wide circulation throughout the United Kingdom with a readership extending to the continent and as far as Australia (A few back copies of the paper can be accessed at <www.mauritius-

newsonline.net>.) Mauritius News was published under the umbrella of the Mauritius Published Co Ltd (MPCL) for 32 years from November 1983 until the company was sold in June 2025. The MPCL was registered at Companies House in London and had its own ISSN 0953 2706 from the British Library where copies had to be filed by law every month.

We bring to Lamina Promotion Ltd, the registered company publishing the Mauritian Overseas Gazette (MOG), years of experience of dealing in an international market. When we started MN in 1983 we were dealing, very likely, with the third generation of Mauritian migrants in the UK. Babies were weaned on Mauritius News being delivered to the doors of their parents. Over 40 years later, many may still remember us the pioneers who organised immense Open Air Mauritian Festivals, Football Competitions, Beauty Contest, and Sega Dance Competitions.

So, NOW, the Mauritian Overseas Gazette (MOG) brings with it a UK past experience which should be of great assistance in trying to sell Mauritian products overseas. We have outlined in a memorandum submitted to

banks, consultants and various businesses the possibilities of MOG reaching potential advertisers, locally and internationally.

With the experiment of 100 issues of the Mauritian Overseas Gazette, we have developed an understanding of operating in Mauritius (Previously, we are operating in the UK). We are confident that the product can be developed into a proper commercial venture. To do so, we need to put in place the necessary structure to be able to operate as a business. Such a structure will need financial backing. There are in Mauritius various institutions whose agenda is to assist startups to grow, develop and expand. Hopefully, we may have a backer to support our project which we believe should become self-sufficient within a short period of time.

The Lamina Promotion Ltd is a shareholding company with a board of directors. and the shares will be made available on sale. The shareholders will, in effect, be the owner of the company. They will manage the company through the Board of Directors appointed by them.

Peter Chellen
Promoter

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Big Win for Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi with Super majority in Lower House Election Victory

From Mylene, Japan



Voters delivered a clear and decisive message on February 8, 2026, giving Prime Minister Takai-ichi more than 310 of the 465 Lower House seats, handing her Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) its most resounding victory since the party was founded in 1955. Together with the Japan Innovation Party (Nippon Ishin), the ruling bloc secured a total of 352 seats.

Before the election, the LDP held 198 seats with its coalition partner, Nippon Ishin, 34. The new result dramatically strengthens the government's position in parliament.

Only three months into office, Takaichi dissolved the Lower House and called a snap general election last month while her approval ratings were high, a gamble that clearly paid off, giving her a stable governing majority.

Japan's national parliament, known as the National Diet, has two chambers, similar to other democracies.



The Yen to the dollar after the election



Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi

The Lower House, known as the House of Representatives has elected 465 members and serves as the main law-making engine, with primary control over legislation and the national budget.

The Upper House, known as the House of Councilors has 248 elected members. It reviews bills passed by the Lower House and can delay or reject them. However, rejection is not necessarily final. The Lower House can override this with a super-majority vote.

In a post-election interview, Takaichi was asked whether she would continue the coalition with Nippon Ishin. She replied, "My desire for them to share responsibility within the Cabinet remains unchanged."

Her strong victory gives her greater political room to advance key policies, including consumption tax cuts, increased defense spending, tighter border controls, strengthening the U.S.-Japan security alliance, and maintaining close ties with Taiwan. Although she has opposed introducing a separate surname system for married couples, she has pledged to promote more women into key cabinet roles.

An Election Day Poll showed that many unaffiliated voters turned out en masse for Takaichi, Japan's first female prime minister, drawn by her broad appeal and her reputation as a self-made politician who made it to the top on her own strength. Her support among younger voters was especially notable.

Japanese stocks climbed to record highs following the result, with the media calling the outcome a historic victory.

In the end, analysts say Takaichi's personal brand and leadership image were central to the win.

A general election in Japan selects members of parliament, not the prime minister directly. After the vote, the Diet (parliament) must formally choose the prime minister, which is why she is expected to be formally re-elected at the extraordinary Diet session convening on February 18.

SETSUBUN DEMONS OUT! GOOD FORTUNE IN!

At its heart, Setsubun, best known as the bean throwing festival, is a lively and symbolic Japanese ritual focussed on cleansing away misfortune, welcoming fresh beginnings, and driving out the bad before inviting in the good.

Setsubun literally means "seasonal division" and marks the start of spring in the traditional Japanese calendar, although here in Hokkaido, it still feels very much like winter.

If you happen to be walking around a residential neighbourhood on Tuesday, February 3, you'll likely hear shouts of:

"Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!" (Demons out! Good fortune in!) coming from inside people's homes.



That moment when the scariest thing in the supermarket isn't the price. It's the 'oni' mask.

Whilst chanting the phrase, families toss roasted soybeans around the house or out of the front door in a ritual called mame-maki.

In many homes, especially those with young children, a parent puts on a demon mask while everyone else pelts them with beans. Afterward, people eat the same number of beans as their age, plus one for extra luck. I eat eighteen to officially count as an adult, eating my real age in beans would be a challenge!

Once the beans are done, it's time for more food.

Enter the eho-maki, a thick sushi roll stuffed with fillings. You're supposed to eat it in complete silence, facing the year's lucky direction, and finish the whole roll without cutting it, because cutting it is said to cut your luck. And trust me, it's a serious whopper of a roll.

Temples and shrines also hold big public events, sometimes with celebrities throwing beans or wrapped sweets into the crowd.

Setsubun is a warm, family-friendly



Flyer for the Eho-maki - a sushi roll built like a log

event that takes place right at home, and one that people of all ages genuinely love. Even the supermarkets gets in on the Setsubun action - Demons out! Special offers in!



Little devils hitching a ride on the groceries

Requête de publication

**Nous reproduisons ci-dessous un email
de l'ancien Ministre Eliézer François,
qu'il nous a prié de publier**



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Le Rédacteur en chef
Mauritian Overseas Gazette

Cher Monsieur Chellen,

Subject: Le Judiciaire en Décadence

Je vous serais très reconnaissant si vous pourriez publier, à l'intention de vos lecteurs, le texte qui suit, ainsi que les lettres ci-jointes.

Le lundi 19 février 2018, le Groupe Zenfans Rosbwa organisa une marche pacifique et un sit-in devant la MFD, en raison du refus de la Cargo Handling Corporation de considérer leur demande d'emploi à la CHC, malgré qu'ils habitent à côté, dans la Cité Roche Bois.

En tant que leur conseiller, j'avais écrit et obtenu la permission du commissaire de police pour organiser cette manifestation pacifique.

Cependant, un assistant-surintendant de police présent, donna l'ordre de m'arrêter. En cour, je fus placé sous un ordre, 'restriction to departure.' Et, à chaque fois que j'avais à partir pour l'étranger, j'étais obligé de me présenter devant un magistrat pour obtenir un variation order, et payer une caution de Rs 5,000/.

L'affaire fut portée en Cour Intermédiaire par mon avoué Me Pazhany Rangasamy et mon avocat Me Alexandre Leblanc.

Le 28.01.2025, (7 ans après) la Magistrate U. Rawat Neerooa de la Cour Intermédiaire rendit un jugement en ma faveur, elle ordonna à l'État de me payer Rs 50,000/ comme dommages, plus les frais, plus les intérêts.

En juin 2025, mon avoué Me Pazhany Rangasamy me remit un chèque de Rs. 50,000/ pour les dommages, puis un autre chèque de Rs.12,900/ pour les frais, en juillet 2025.

Mais jusqu'ici, malgré toutes mes démarches auprès de la Trésorerie et la cheffe Juge, Bibi Rehana Mungly-Gulbul, je n'ai rien reçu comme intérêts, contrairement au jugement de la Magistrate U. Rawat Neerooa.

Le pire, sinon le plus rigolo, ni la Cour Intermédiaire, ni la Cour Suprême ne veut me rendre mon **Justice of the Peace Certificate** que mes hommes de loi avaient produit durant cette affaire pour soutenir ma réclamation de dommages.

À Victoria en Australie, ce certificat de Justice of the Peace, me donne droit d'attester beaucoup de documents importants, des Statutory Declarations, etc. Beaucoup de personnes viennent pour jurer des Affidavits devant moi.

Le comble du ridicule, au lieu de me rendre mon Justice of the Peace Certificate, The Chief Court Officer/Court Manager, M. Tawfeek THUG CCO/CM écrit ceci à mon avoué : " However, a certified true copy of the original certificate may be issued to him upon request in writing.

WHAT A SHAME! for the Judiciary. C'est Le Judiciaire en Décadence. Tout comme l'écrivain Sud-Africain, Alan Paton, je me permets de dire haut et fort: "CRY MY BELOVED COUNTRY!" Mauritius.

Finalement, j'invite M. Tawfeek THUG ainsi que la Cheffe Juge Bibi Rehana Mungly-Gulbul, à lire l'analyse de l'ex-juge Vinod Boolell, publiée dans l'express du 8 septembre 2022, sur la Réforme du Judiciaire. À lire aussi conférence de presse Eliézer François 21.12.2023, sur Facebook et Youtube.

Quelques citations de l'analyse de l'ex-juge Vinod Boolell: - (1) " **We need trained people who are efficient and who can deliver.** " (2) " **Is it fair for an accused who is on remand, to be acquitted 10 years after a trial? Can such outrageous injustice be tolerated? For how long? "**

Cordialement,

Eliézer François JP

N de la R:

Nous reproduisons à la Page 4 les deux lettres jointes à l'email de M. François

Karma Says:

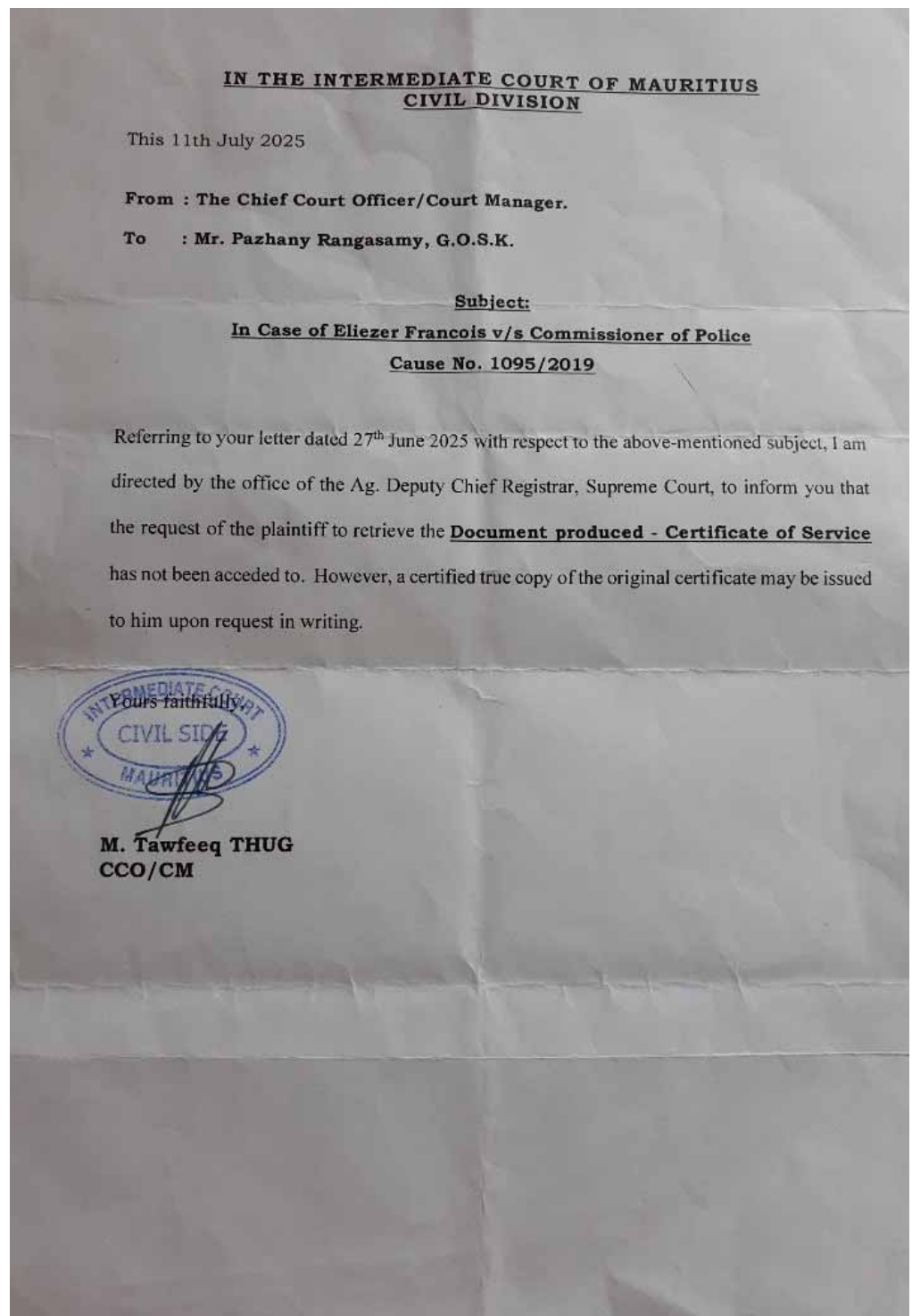
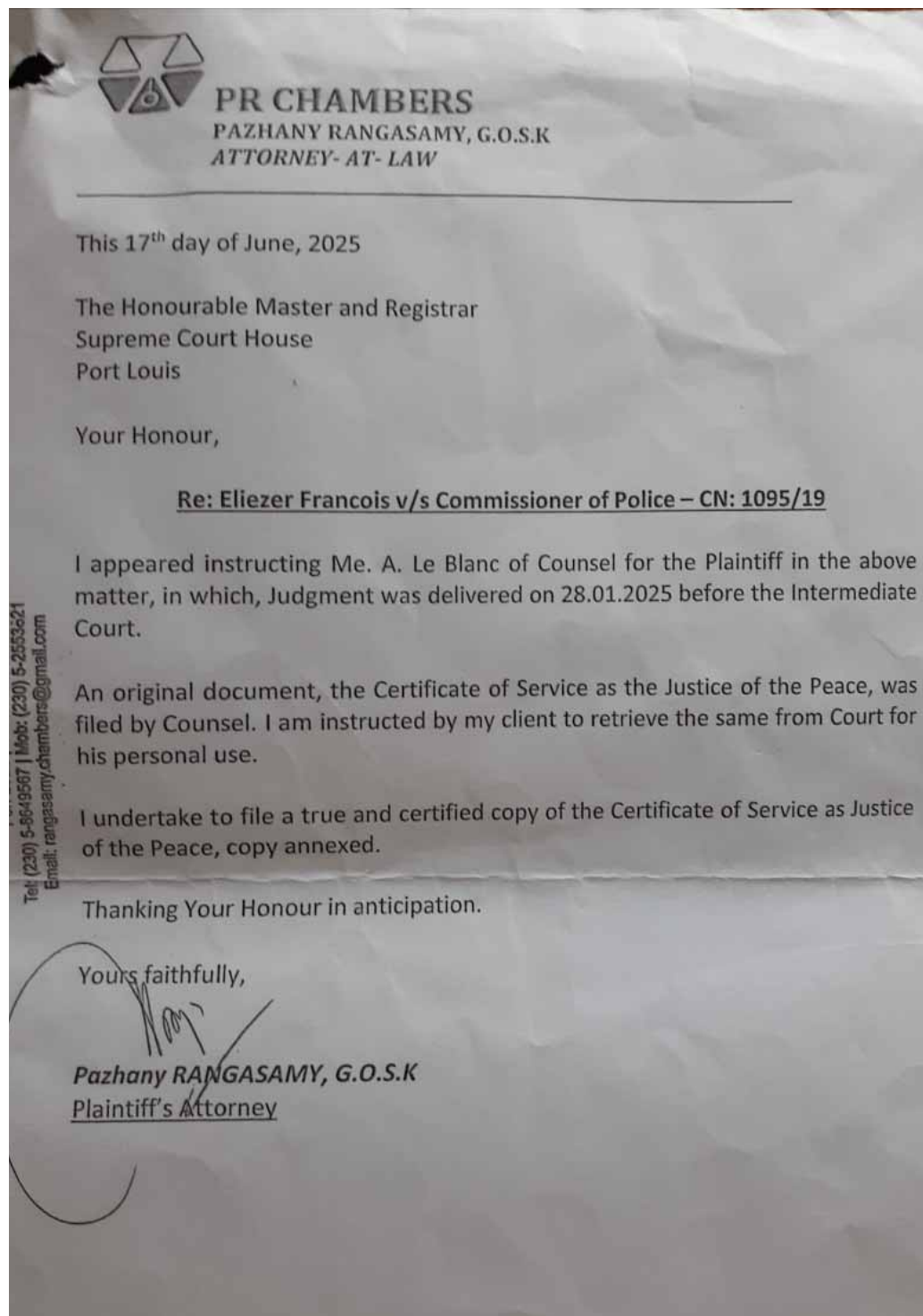
When you destroy someone's life with lies, fake hopes and promises.
Take it as a loan, it will come back to you with interest.

**Si j'échoue,
je recommence.
Mais j'abandonne jamais.**

**Arnold Schwarzenegger says
heaven is a 'fantasy' and 'we
won't see each other again'**



Lettres qu'accompagnent l'email de M. Eliézer François publié en Page 3



49 HSC laureates for 2025 announced as national pass rate reaches 78.98%



The list of the 49 Laureates for the Cambridge Higher School Certificate (HSC) Examinations 2025 was proclaimed on 10 February by the Minister of Education and Human Resource, Dr Mahend Gungapersad, at a press conference held at the New Treasury Building in Port Louis. The overall pass rate for the 2025 HSC cohort stands at 78.98%.

Dr Gungapersad was accompanied by the Senior Chief Executive of the Ministry, Mr Devendre Gopaul, and the Director of the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, Mr Serge Ng Tat Chung.

Among the laureates, 21 are boys and 22 are girls, while four hail from Rodrigues. Two additional laureates, one girl and one boy, were awarded under the HSC Professional National Scholarships.

The laureates are from the following institutions: Queen Elizabeth College (16), Royal College Curepipe (5), Royal College Port Louis (5), Dr Maurice Curé State College (4), Droopnath Ramphul State College (3), Rabindranath Tagore Secondary School (2), and one each from College du Saint Esprit, Modern College, Dr James Burty David State Secondary School, Loreto College Quatre Bornes, Collège Sainte Marie, Sir Leckraz Teelock State Secondary School, Lady Sushil Ramgoolam State Secondary School and Sodnac State Secondary School.

Of the Rodrigues laureates, three attended Rodrigues College and one studied at Ananias André Le Chou College. The HSC Professional laureates are from Rabindranath Tagore Secondary School and Mahatma Gandhi Secondary School.

Congratulating the laureates on their exceptional academic performance, Dr Gungapersad recalled that attaining such distinction requires remarkable commitment, discipline and perseverance. He encouraged them to become valuable national assets by applying their knowledge and skills for the country's development, while also serving as role models capable of inspiring future generation

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PM Ramgoolam calls on HSC Laureates to return and serve the nation

The Prime Minister, Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam appealed to the newly proclaimed laureates of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) Examinations 2025 to return to Mauritius after completing their studies abroad so as to contribute to the country's development, emphasising the nation's need for skilled human capital. He called on the laureates to demonstrate patriotism by placing their knowledge at the service of the country.



The Prime Minister made this statement following the signature of the official list of HSC laureates for the Republic of Mauritius, at the New Treasury Building in Port Louis.

Dr Ramgoolam expressed satisfaction with the overall performance of candidates this year, noting that the success rate rose slightly to 78.98 %, compared to 78.88 % in 2024. He congratulated all students who have passed the HSC examinations, while commending especially the hardwork and sacrifices of the laureates, as well as the parents and teachers whose support contributed to their success.

Highlighting institutional achievements, Prime Minister Ramgoolam congratulated the Queen Elizabeth College for emerging as the leading college with 16 laureates, followed by Royal College Curepipe and Royal College Port Louis, each with five laureates.

He also welcomed the diversity of colleges among this year's laureates, noting that the Lady Sushil Ramgoolam State Secondary School produced one laureate, the Rabindranath Tagore Institute secured three, the Modern College, the James Burty David State Secondary School each recorded one laureate alongside the Saint Esprit College and the Loreto College Quatre Bornes with one laureate each.

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