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STOP THE SALE OF ASSUMPTION IMMEDIATELY



● *Amid terrorism financing allegations*

Dr Patrick Herminie, the President of the United Seychelles Party, passionately urges the government to halt the sale of Assumption Island (Long-Term Lease) for tourism development. He advocates for the people's empowerment to decide in the upcoming election. Your voice is not just important; it is crucial in this matter.

This situation has become compli-

cated following reports online that some individuals linked to this project and seen in pictures with the Seychelles President, Wavel Ramkalawan, are allegedly facing a court case in London for their alleged involvement in financing Al-Nusra Syrian militants linked to Al Qaeda. Dr Herminie emphasises that for the Seychelles leadership, it is about money. Still, for Seychellois,

it is a matter of safety for our islands and potential risks.

This newspaper publishes his interview.

QUESTION: On Tuesday, United Seychelles had a Private Notice Question (PNQ) on the Assumption Island issue. Why did the United Seychelles find it necessary to bring up this question?

DR HERMINIE: Those involved with the project on Assumption Island have been sending mixed messages. As you know, Assumption holds a special place in the hearts of every Seychellois. It is part of the Aldabra Group and boasts a delicate biodiversity. As a nation that values its environment, we believe it is es-

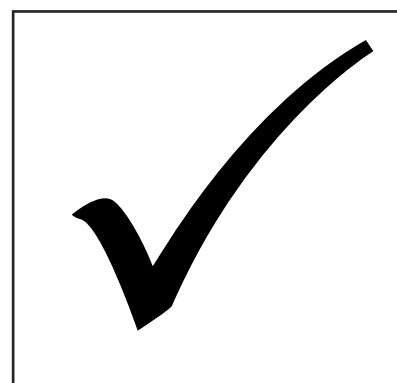
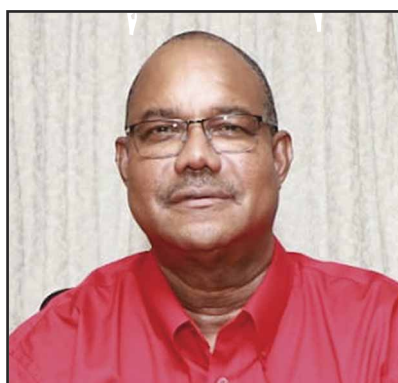
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Dr. Patrick HERMINIE
UNITED SEYCHELLES

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Dr Herminie, the US Party President

sential to shed light on all aspects of the Assumption project. There is a lack of transparency on several fronts of the government's plans with foreign investors on the island; for instance, some claim they were not consulted on the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA). There are conflicting reports on the issue. Some say approval was granted early this year, yet we know the runway was already constructed. If the runway was part of the project, approval should have been obtained before the project's processes began. These contradictions indicate a deliberate attempt to conceal the truth about this project. We urgently need transparency, especially considering the potential environmental and national security risks.

QUESTION: The minister gave the impression that there was no need to bring the question to the National Assembly; United Seychelles could have gotten the information needed through the Right of Access to Information Act. Why didn't we follow this procedure? (For those who may not be familiar with it, the Right of Access to Information Act allows citizens to request information from public authorities, including the government, and the

authorities are required to provide the information unless it falls under certain exemptions.)

ANSWER: We would like to make two points on this. Firstly, the National Assembly has a constitutional obligation and power to seek information from the ministries. The Right of Access to Information Act was established for private citizens, not for the National Assembly, which can ask the government for any document, and the government cannot say the records are confidential. However, the Act is a crucial tool for promoting transparency and accountability in governance, allowing citizens to access information that can help them hold the government accountable. Second, it's crucial to address the government's record of lack of transparency. Let's take Trivisory as an example. We (United Seychelles) asked for a copy of the contract, and when pressured, they produced a redacted version. In the contract, we wanted to know if Trivisory is paying VAT. We learned they were not paying; therefore, who gave Trivisory the authorisation not to pay VAT. We needed to know this vital information- Have any financial laws been violated? As a private citizen, I requested

a copy of the contract, and I was sent to different places, and in the end, I never got it. When we use the Right of Access to Information Act, we do not get any information from the government, highlighting the need for more effective communication channels.

QUESTION: What do you think happened that has led to this situation on Assumption Island?

ANSWER: We (the people of Seychelles) were suddenly told (in 2021) that the President was officially visiting Qatar. It was a bit strange because we do not have a relationship per se with Qatar. Furthermore, a private Boeing was sent to take the President to Qatar. Upon his return, he said he had discussed several issues, such as a new isolation centre for the hospital, a new hospital for Anse Royale, budget support, and a large sum of money that would be entering the Consolidated Fund from Qatar. He said that the visit would be reciprocated by the King of Qatar. You may be aware that none of those things materialised. It was unsurprising because we knew this government was all talk and had no action. Fast-forward to 2023, the President's official

visit to the Maldives. This visit also surprised everybody because he was conducting a series of public meetings. I presumed his office had a plan- and not to have an official visit amid the public meetings. We've seen pictures taken in the Maldives, and these photos are accessible on the State House website and social media. We see President Ramkalawan, accompanied by one person besides the Maldivian President. He is seen everywhere with Ramkalawan.

We kept quiet about it; there was no way of knowing or confirming who that man was until this news report was on national television. We learned that this person was the owner of the Assets Group- the developer of the project on Assumption Island. Since 2021, he, his brother, and the President have agreed on the project. When the President went to the Maldives, he most probably finally confirmed that the project would proceed. It's important to note that the President's role in this project is not just as a representative of the Seychellois people, but also as a key decision-maker. Everything he said was discussed with the Maldivian authorities during the visit has not happened- the Assumption Island project is the only

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thing we see happening. What is worrying is that we learn in the media that the two brothers have been sued in the High Courts in London, accused of financing Al-Nusra's terrorist activities. This group is affiliated with Al Qaeda. As Seychellois, we should be worried that we have a president who is brushing shoulders with people accused of financing terrorism. It is a threat to the security of our country, not just in terms of potential terrorist activities, but also in terms of our sovereignty and control over our own resources. We ask ourselves what is happening around Assumption Island. We heard the CEO who came here, but these people are the minor knots in that vast chain. The ones with power are the brothers on one side and the other, the President of the Republic of Seychelles, who is responsible for the project on Assumption Island. We tried to find the link between Ramkalawan and the brothers, and nobody wants to answer; any attempt to try and know the relation between the Seychelles politicians and these people is also stalled by the Speaker, whom we all saw put our MNA out of the National Assembly when he asked his question.

QUESTION: The minister said the project will benefit the country financially.

ANSWER: The minister has made many claims, most of which are untrue. For instance, we questioned him about the Government of Seychelles' association with individuals accused of financing terrorism. Was there due diligence by the concerned authority, such as the FIU? He said the documents were signed earlier this year, and there was no issue. He gave the impression that the court case occurred after January this year. This is false. Had he done due diligence, he would have known that this court case had been ongoing since 2021/2022. His response either raises questions about the competence of the FIU or the minister's honesty, which is concerning coming from a person we respect for his faith. They said Seychellois would get work on Assumption with this project. I don't believe they will employ Seychellois; they will think Seychellois will leak what happens there. People will visit Assumption and then go to Aldabra. That is another deceitful thing to say. Going there costs around one million rupees. Who in Seychelles can afford to pay that sum to go there? This project could potentially exclude many Seychellois from experiencing their natural heritage, an injustice we cannot tolerate.



QUESTION: Dr Herminie, you mention Aldabra. On the group's website, we see pictures of Aldabra being promoted. What is your opinion?

ANSWER: This is arrogance. The group has decided to create a website, www.aldebrasland.com, and they are advertising the islands in that area, such as Astove, Cosmoledo, Assumption, and Aldabra. But Aldabra is a World Heritage Site, and effectively, we see our islands are now in the hands of a group of people associated with terrorism, and it is dangerous. I ask if our sovereignty is not being compromised. The airport belongs to these people when we look at how things are. Will we be able to bring a group of children to visit Aldabra when a sheikh is there? The answer would be no. They will control the airport and the four islands, which is happening because of President Ramkalawan. Where's the SIF (Seychelles Islands Foundation)? Who is promoting and defending Aldabra? It should be the SIF by a decree and not the group. Because of its uniqueness, UNESCO has a say because Aldabra was given to UNESCO. We risk losing control over our airport and islands, leaving us powerless and at the mercy of others, a situation we must prevent.

QUESTION: We heard the LDS MNAs defending the project on Assumption by comparing the island with La Digue. What is your take on this?

ANSWER: They made that comparison. It's like comparing apples and oranges. La Digue is a granitic island with a population, whereas Assumption is a coralline island with delicate biodiversity. In desperation, LDS tells us all sorts of stories.



Ramkalawan with one of the brothers accused of terrorism financing

QUESTION: There is an election next year. Since you are a presidential candidate, many people would want to know your plan for Assumption Island.

ANSWER: Firstly, we would like it if this project does not start. If anything, it would be good to know the public opinion on this matter, and the best way to do that is to allow Assumption to become an election issue. They will decide if they vote for a party promoting this project on Assumption. If they want it, then fine; it is their choice. However, the government should not rush to get money from this project before the election. When I sit and ponder over this matter, it is my opinion that a joint facility that was proposed with India is a better idea- on condition that the facility is managed by the Seychelles Defence Forces- with the leadership and control of a Seychellois commander would be more sensible given the illegal activities that take place in that area, such as poaching, drug and human trafficking etc. It would bring more benefits and safety to our sov-

ereignty. We are told we will get only 20 million dollars (from the tourism project on Assumption), not upfront but in instalments. Minister Rangasamy said there would be a yearly rental, but he did not say how much. To acknowledge that the (tourism) project could also bring economic benefits to the country, but at what cost? This is a question we must all consider.

The other project would bring more money, and more importantly, given what is happening in our region, a Coast Guard facility will provide safety.

Furthermore, we would have gotten three thousand houses, a Government House to cut down on government rent, a new Police Headquarters, and a new Chamber for the Attorney General. Suppose there was a development suitable for Assumption. In that case, it should protect our territory, but that would happen only if the EIA is done by an independent organisation. This would ensure that the clearance is given without interference, providing reassurance and confidence in decision-making. Also, whether or not the Coast Guard can build a facility next to the tourism development. Have they leased the whole island, or is it just a part of it? We do not know. It is unlikely that the developers would allow a military facility on the island or any other development. This is why we believe this project needs to be stopped and should be a significant election issue. Let the people decide. It's their decision to make. We need to be cautious-our islands are being sold, and one of these days, we might wake up to learn that Mahe (the main island) has been sold. I've learned that Long Island is a case in a court in America due to a breach of trust. A sum of 12 million dollars is involved in this matter. There's also the allegation that Ste Anne Island is being sold.

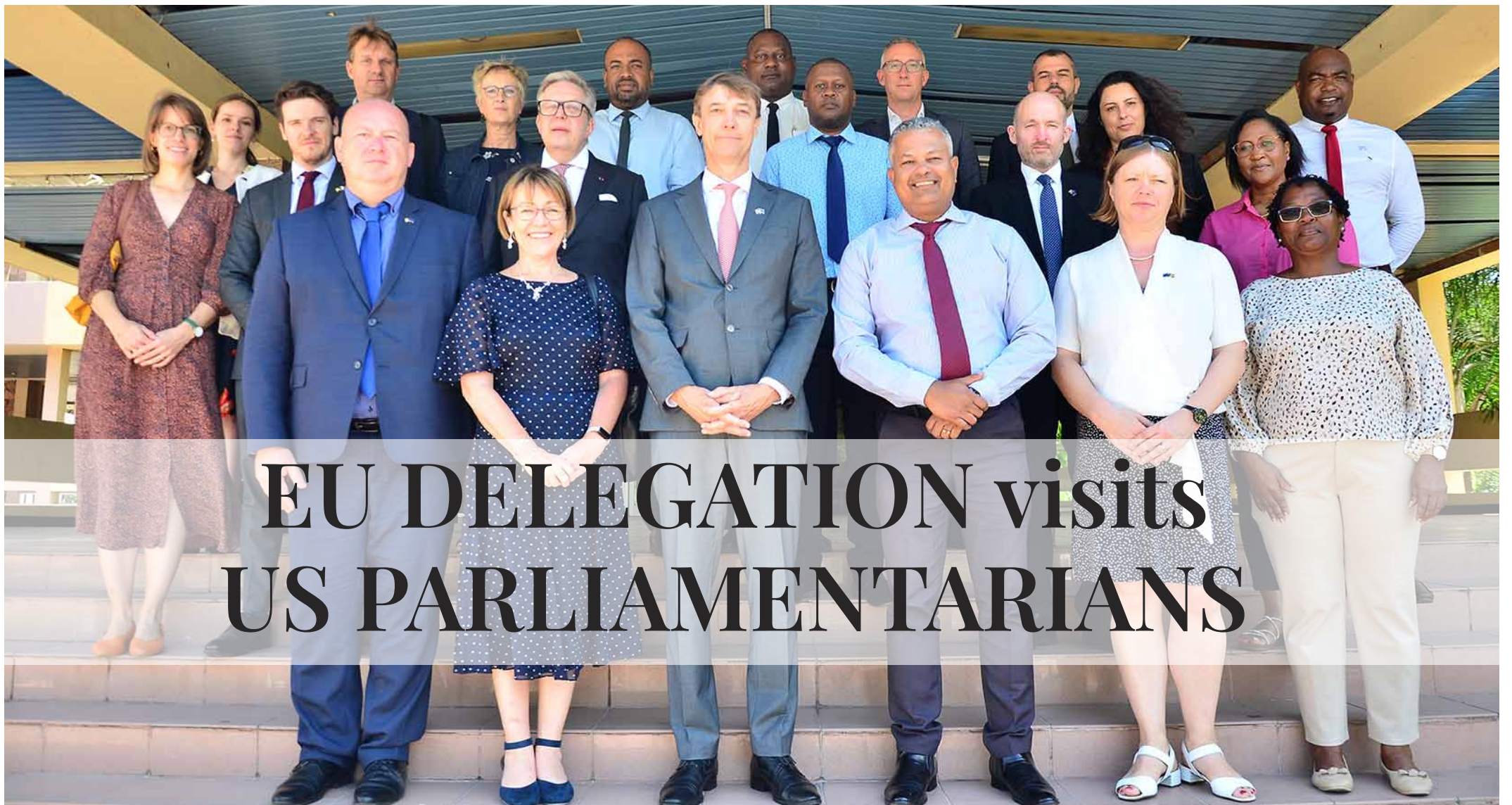
The Speaker owes the US an apology



The Speaker treated Honourable Cosgrow (above) in an unfair way to protect Bernard Georges

The biased Speaker Roger Mancienne owes the United Seychelles, particularly Honourable Wallace Cosgrow, an apology for a gross injustice when he arrogantly asked Honourable Cosgrow to leave the National Assembly. On Tuesday, in the National Assembly, Honourable Cosgrow addressed two questions to the ministers, Rangasamy and Joubert. The Speaker did not allow Joubert to answer his part, which he claimed was an oversight. Yet, he did not reverse his decision to call Honourable Cosgrow back after asking him to leave. Minister Joubert had raised his hand to answer Honourable Cosgrow's questions, which queried whether the Leader of Government Business, who is also the chairperson of the Seychelles Island Foundation (SIF) Bernard Georges, was consulted in time on this eco-tourism project on Assumption Island. Georges was coincidentally absent for the Tuesday morning session of the National Assembly. Whatever his absence, Georges knew this question would arise because

he is privy to the Private Notice Question. Therefore, the public believes he was absent purposely to avoid any embarrassment. Any arrogant attempt to justify Georges' absence was pure stupidity. Despite the US Chief Whip's efforts to bring clarity to the situation and urge the Speaker to correct the injustice done to Honourable Cosgrow, Mancienne chose to ignore the issue. He continued with the session, even asking an LDS MNA to pose the next question, showing a blatant disregard for fairness and justice. This incident reveals the LDS' murky stance on the Assumption Island development. It also exposes the Speaker's deliberate act of allowing the executive to evade a crucial question. His protection of Bernard Georges, a friend and colleague in his LDS Party, is an apparent conflict of interest. Speaker Mancienne's resignation is imperative, as his actions have proven him unfit and lacking credibility for his role. His mistreatment of Honourable Cosgrow is a shameful mark on his record.



SEL PARTI MALERE SESEL

Refleksyon en grannwanr asize lo en “bus stop” en
Zour apremidi i al koumsa:

“Mwan mon pa en dimoun tapazer.
Mon pa tro kontan koz bokou osi.
Souvannfwa mon kot lakour pe fer mon prop zafer.
Mon kontan trankil dan mon kwen.
Me sa ki mon konnen, se ki US i sel parti malere Sesel.
Sa Parti ki Msye France Albert Rene ti konmanse an
1964.
E sa Parti ki pe ganny dirize ozordi par Dokter Patrick
Herminie.
Se sanmenm sa Parti ki mwan mon pou toultan si-
porte.”

Aprè Oktob 2020, dezorme en kantite Seselwa in tonm
lo sa menm konklizyon. Akoz, pandan sa dernyen 4an,
la grann parti mwayen klas in fini desann dan laprov-
rete.
Petet nou ti fodre ariv lo sa dat pour nou konpran.
Koze tou dimoun i kapab koze.
Me fer pa tou dimoun ki kapab fer.
E pa tou dimoun osi ki annan sa dezir e kapasite pour
fer keksoz.
Wavel Ramkalawan i en legzanp tipik.

I ti koz for lo nesesite pour Sesel annan en sanzman po-
litik.
Dapre li, si napa sanzman pour napa DEVLOPMAN.
Seselwa in fer sa sanzman an 2020.
E zot in met li konman Prezidan pour diriz sa sanzman.
Ozordi, 4 an apre, olye Seselwa vwar DEVLOPMAN,
nou’n ANVLOP nou prop lekor.
Nou’n ANVLOP nou dan en dra mortyer.
En dra ki nou tou nou anvi tire oplivit posib.

Avek sa DEVLOPMAN ti pou vin LARZAN.
LARZAN DAN NOU POS.
Ti pou sakouy pye.
Ozordi larzan i antre zis dan SON POS.
Pour larestan Seselwa, se DET ki antre dan NOU POS.
DET ek LAMIZER pe desir nou fon kannson.
E “still” i oule fer nou krwar ki nou pli byen ki avan.
LEKEL SA ENBESIL KI VWAR PAREY LI?
ZIS LES NOU KONNEN!



Marcel &
Jeanne

Dear Jeanne,
I am a true patriot for my country and a sup-
porter of United Seychelles. I call on the few
supporters of LDS who are probably con-
fused about the choice to make in the next
election to cross over to United Seychelles.
The situation in our country today has noth-
ing to do with political fanatics; it is about
doing what's suitable for our country and our
future. It is unacceptable to put evil pol-
iticians before our own lives, our children
and, in general, our families. These pol-
iticians are doing all bad to hurt us, but they
uplift the lives of their own children and fam-
ilies. They know they have this one chance
to get as much as possible to guarantee their
children a safe future, and what do you do as
fanatics? You help them help their own. You
do not look after your own. Stop letting the
wrong people suck on your energy, purpose
and peace. You've helped others step into
their purpose; now focus on yours. Do not
fear criticism when you decide to move for-
ward because leaving a burden to follow your
dream with United Seychelles is moving for-
ward; you do not need the validation of
others.

Grow into what you are supposed to be; for
the past four years, we have been static. Pol-
iticians whom you have catapulted to power
are living, growing and reaping. Do not stay
unfulfilled. Trust your inner voice who tells
you that you need to change direction. God
is giving you this vision for this reason- it's
your liberation. Let real progress happen in
your life. Put aside any differences you may
have had with United Seychelles; holding on
to grudges led to our situation. I, too, believe
the changes you thought you needed were
given and will be given to you by United
Seychelles.

Men come and go, but principles and policies
are what matter. But you need the right per-
son to implement these principles and pol-
icies to benefit your life. Stand on the right
side of history because the history you
thought you made in 2020 was not genuine.
You bought a completely fake ticket, and the
only history that will be recorded by Ramka
is his colossal failure at a job he could not do.
He tried to convince everyone he could, but
his actions significantly declined our coun-
try's prosperity and joy. That's a shame for
him, and he should laugh at himself in the
mirror. This failure is a huge burden to carry
for the rest of his life, the burden of failing a
nation and country. A burden of destroying
the prosperity and joy of a people.

Sadly, he has accomplices, and they do not
attempt to correct their wrong to say, 'Enough
is enough. 'I am getting off, showing Ramka
that putting ourselves before the people is in-
correct. These accomplices, who continue to
support Ramka's destructive policies, are

equally responsible for the current state of
our country.

Jeanne, I look at Minister Billy Rangasamy
asking for God's help before he answers the
PNQ on Tuesday in the National Assembly.
I wonder if he was satisfied that he had
spoken the truth as God asks of his children.
Does he feel right in his faith when he is part
of this charade of a government hurting the
Seychellois families with their bad deci-
sions? Does he feel right in his faith when he
supports and defends a president who spends
more money on his travels than on the chil-
dren of Seychelles- most parents struggle to
put meals on the table? But you know what,
Jeanne, it is not my place to judge someone
else's faith. It is between him and his God.
Again, I appeal to ALL Seychellois to join
the United Seychelles Party. Join the party of
the people whose principles fight social in-
justice, poverty, and racial and political dis-
crimination. Believe that each Seychellois
must have equal opportunity to be what they
want to be. A government must look after its
people and not its politicians.

By joining United Seychelles and supporting
its candidate, Dr Patrick Herminie, you are
not just casting a vote. You are becoming part
of a collective force committed to rebuilding
Seychelles after the LDS era. Your vote
matters. Dr Herminie believes in the power
of collective action and needs us to stand
with him and vote for him. Together, we can
ensure that our needs are prioritised above all
else.

A vote for Dr Herminie would restore every-
thing we lost under Ramkalawan's leader-
ship, realise our unmet aspirations, and
secure the future of our beloved Seychelles.
With Dr Herminie at the helm, we can look
forward to a brighter, more prosperous fu-
ture.

Do not be confused; educate yourself, and
you will find out that the MO Ibrahim Index
may show Seychelles as first in governance
based on a reputed past with United Sey-
chelles, but after 2020, it shows deterioration.
We can be first, but we have a low perform-
ance compared to others. I bet other African
countries wonder if the decision was right to
rank Seychelles first in governance because
Seychelles has no direction. We do not have
good governance. We are just floating lifeless
and may fall into the abyss anytime.

Stay well, my dear friend. This week's letter
is a lifeline for my brothers and sisters who
know they need to change paths but are too
afraid or ashamed to do so. I reiterate that no-
body is judging you. You need your own val-
idation, not others.

Marcel

He travels to benefit Seychelles

•LDS propagated a lie

Seychelles has a president in office who fought hard to get to power and use the maximum of the job's privileges to fulfil his bucket list wishes. For example, the man has been travelling since he took office, which started during COVID-19 (only a few weeks in office) and has not stopped. In fact, it has gone from bad to worse because, for the past two to three years, most of his travels have been done without informing the people, taking advantage of his position and what he may perceive as the people's gullibility.

He may be inclined to believe the latter about us because he has weaponised laws to instil fear while he lives his best life as he pleases.

Also, his cabinet and legislative members use their voices not to defend and protect the people but to

propagate lies to defend and protect Ramkalawan. How often have we heard them say he is travelling to benefit Seychelles? Yet, he returns with false promises, empty begging bowls, and two dogs. This misuse of power is not just a betrayal; it's an outrage.

With more travels than the number of months he's been in office, the transit or flying president, Wavel Ramkalawan, must realise that we, the Seychellois people, are not naive enough to believe the lie propagated by LDS that he travels for Seychelles. He seems indifferent to the fact that a lie is being spread as long as his end justifies the means. This disregard for our trust is a betrayal of the highest order.

These travels have brought nothing for Seychelles other than a complete waste of taxpayers' money- all this



money that could have helped lessen the cost of food, utilities, etc. Imagine the impact on the lives of ordinary Seychellois.

Money that could have dealt with the drug epidemic destroying the lives of our young people, including children. Money that could have stayed in the government coffers to help build houses for Seychellois families or invest in health. Money that could have helped pay workers abolished remunerations. Money that could have contributed to the compensation of the explo-

sion and disaster victims in December 2023.

One day, he claims the economy's performance is good and on the right track; the next day, he has a different and opposite story. This manipulation of the economy and the lack of accountability for how the country's money is spent is an apparent deception. It's a ploy to conceal actions that do not benefit the government and people but only serve the interests of politicians.

SESELWA I BEZWEN LARZAN

Tou dimoun ki ou koz avek, zot pe dir ou menm keksoz. Kot nou'n arive ozordi, Seselwa i bezwen larzan.

Zot bezwen enpe plis larzan. Plis ki zot pe gannnen ozordi. SA I EN FE. I OSI EN LIRZANS.

Tou keksoz in monte. E zot ankor pe monte.

KWA KI'N MONTE?

Elektrisitè

Delo

Komodite

Peyman lokasyon lakaz

Tiket bis

Kors kot Liniversite

Benzin

E lefe ki dimoun i al aste latizann dan prive apre konsiltasyon dokter leta, alors lasante osi in monte

Pri diferan servis

Tou keksoz in monte.

KWA KI'N DESANN

Benefis sosyal in desann.

Larzan ki en travayer i anmenn se li aköz 'Long Service Allowance' in aboli, overtime i koupe, bonous in ariv 50%. 13nm mwan in aboli, avek presyon lopoziyon i annan

landrwa gouvèrnman ki donn 50% Eski piblik i konnen ki i annan landrwa gouvèrnman ouswa paraetatik kot serten travayer pa'n zanmen ganny sa logmantasyon 10%? Savedir, ant sa de lalis, benefis pour en Seselwa in redwir konsiderableman, me kontribisyon ki al dan kof leta in monte. E dan kof leta, lekel ki pe benefisye? Lekel ki larzan leta pe ganny depans plis ek zot? I bezwen bann ki pe byen pase ek pouvwar. Tel ki bann ki ganny bann gro saler ek plizyer alawens, bann ki voyaz de fwa par mwan, eksetera.

Me nou pa kapab viv en lavi ki vin pli mal toulezour.

Nou bezwen redrese.

Nou tou nou Seselwa.

E nou konnen ki nou pe koze.

Nou bezwen ROD SA MEYER

LAVI AN 2025.



He was not the best candidate to win in 2020

The disappointment in Ramka's leadership is palpable, and the need for change is urgent—it's a call to action for every Seychellois citizen.

The public's growing discontent with Ramka's presidency is not just a sign; it's a loud and clear declaration of the need for change. The majority are gearing up to vote him out, a testament to the fact that he wasn't the best candidate to win the 2020 election.

He hides behind COVID-19 and geopolitical tensions to award himself the title of the most consequential president who needs re-election to do more damage as these problems escalate. Nobody is stupid, not the electorates who patiently wait to remove the mediocre president in office. He's proven to be so insincere that his party plummeted early in his presidency. They are now backing United Seychelles once more, turning their backs on Ramkalawan and a depleted LDS party who have wasted four

years in power without making tangible progress in elevating the people's living standard. Instead, Ramka destroyed the prosperity of the people because he could not continue the progress they had inherited. It means the people who voted for Ramkalawan decided to cast United Seychelles aside at their own peril. But there was a silver lining. People have finally seen what the United Seychelles had been saying about Ramkalawan. He was an empty barrel who made the most noise but lacked the substance. He lacked what it takes to do the president's job. He was not qualified. He was not presidential material. He resonated like a loudspeaker in the National Assembly, at public rallies, and in street protests. That was all he had to offer.

Somehow, the people joined the charade and followed the noises. They tossed him in the position, and Ramkalawan just froze. He cannot think on his feet, so he lets out verbal diarrhoea characterised by lies and deceit,

and he becomes the object of ridicule on social media. Because he fears that he has nothing to offer and dreads the next campaign to be re-elected, he weaponises laws to ban hate speech. Ramkalawan's inability to handle the presidency has become increasingly evident. Instead of facing the challenges head-on, he has chosen to escape, often boarding planes and leaving the country when the going gets tough. This lack of responsibility is a slap in the face to the Seychellois people.

Though they may not admit it, even his ministers look frustrated and annoyed at how things are going—well, like us, they see that Seychelles is not going anywhere. Had the IMF and other international lenders not given us loans and had United Seychelles not left a significant sum in the reserves, Seychelles would have declared bankruptcy as early as 2021 when Ramkalawan told the nation to be more worried about getting a salary than overtime. He said there were

salaries for only three more months. Four years later, we look at how he spends on his personal travels and remunerations for politicians to keep them happy as they defend him; therefore, we ask him to share with the Seychellois workers. You want to take home twice the amount you are getting now, then raise the minimum wage to R10,000. Compensate the victims of the CCCL explosion and TRNUC.

If we are wrong and he is right that he is doing exceptionally well, as the LDS MNAs try to let on, that Ramkalawan is working really hard for Seychelles, then cough it up. Pay the Seychellois workers enough money to afford food and pay their bills. Give them their bonuses and extra salary. Reintroduce Long Service Allowance and pay them their entire overtime. What is good for the goose must be good for the gander, so share the money you spend in first-class and luxury hotels abroad.

LDS administration is anti-freedom

When we educate the people, politicians get mad and weaponise laws to curb our freedoms. We become more resolved by showing the people the true colours of politicians who exploited them with manipulations and false promises to get a piggyback ride to power to amass wealth. This exploitation of the people's trust is a form of manipulation that must not be tolerated again.

The people know that the LDS used them and lied to them. The people know that the LDS politicians are anti-freedom and are not fighting for the people but fighting the people. They are pro-subjugation because they are oppressors— who want the people to do as they say and not as they (the politicians) do. They have a narcissistic mentality— gaslighting everybody with their authoritarian rule, punishments, arrogance and threats and their belief that they are right about everything.

The people know that cabinet ministers and LDS legislative members protect only the president to the detriment of the rights and prosperity of the people who put them in office. The people also know that LDS has to leave office, so they are joining United Seychelles to rid the Seychelles of self-



serving, incompetent and lying politicians. A United Seychelles government can realise the people's aspirations for a thriving economy, robust social sectors, and, most importantly, their rights and freedoms. The United Seychelles 2.0 Government promises to deliver the changes the people have been yearning for, offering them the life they deserve. This is a promise and a beacon of hope for a brighter future.

What has the LDS administration done that proves

that they are anti-freedom and want to oppress our rights and liberties so that they can thrive in an elite paradise they are building for themselves?

- Amendment to the Constitution that gives rights to the military to arrest civilians help curb freedoms and violate human rights
- Amendment to the Penal Code to criminalise hate speech to protect politicians
- Directives were given, and the Police apprehended people on Facebook who criticised the president and the government
- People cannot protest at will— the authorities have to decide if, how and where
- People cannot freely criticise the government and its politicians on national television unless they are ready to face repercussions
- Threats and arrest of political opponents
- Political opponents get their mic cut off or are thrown out of parliament.
- A biased parliament
- Members of different forces who are banned from attending political events
- Censoring of political opposition

Partaz ek travayer sa bann milyon gaspiye

Bidze nasyonal pour lannen prosen pe vin devan Lasanble. Nou lans en lapel ek gouvènmman pour partaz sa bann milyon gaspiye dan voyaz pour Prezidan ek son kabinet lo travayer Seselwa ki pa kapab fer fas avek pri lavi.

Tou dimoun pe kriy o sekour; lafanmir, me osi dimoun dan biznes, aköz konsomater napa mwayen aste alor zot biznes pa fer progre.

4an LDS pe tola tola ek sa lekonmi, letan nou dir pa bon, zot dir lekotr, me nou pa war progre dan sekter kle lekonmi tel ki touris. Malgre sa nou war zot pe kontinyen voyaze, e en kantite larzan pe ganny gaspiye. Menm si serten voyaz pe ganny peye par serten lorganizasyon (bann lenvitasyon) me en bon sonm larzan taks Seselwa i kantmenm ganny depanse. Plis voyaz pa lenvitasyon.

Si zot annan larzan pour gaspiye aletranze dan en bann voyaz initil, e personnel, zot annan milyon pour met akote pour met lift State House, pour 'retreats' dan bann lotel, pour donn minis plizyer alawens, e pour donn 10% logmantasyon saler bann politi-



Redonn travayer Seselwa son 13enm mwan plen, son bonous plen, son 'Long Service Allowance' e son overtime konplet

syen, aste veykil nef, e tou lezot gaspiyaz ki pa priyorite pei, donk fer monte saler de baz pour vin 10 mil roudi pour tou Seselwa. Rekonpans bann viktim TRNUC ek Leksplazyon CCCL.

De fon pour viktim CCCL, kwa ki

anpes sa gouvènmman donn 3 milyon roudi sak lakour e biznes? Politisyen pe depans lo zot, me zot pa pran kont Seselwa.

Okenn logmantasyon ki zot donner ki ganny anvale dan sitiasyon inakseptab tel ki pri lavi ki'n defons pla-

fon- la nou tande ki bil PUC konmsi in mont ankor, pa fer okenn sans. Ogmant sa ler de baz pour vin 10 mil roudi. Ogmant sekirite nou dimoun aze pour vin 10 mil roudi. Les Seselwa respire. Aret touf Seselwa ki pe soufer pour fer de bout zwenn.

Zot pe vann partou ek Sesel, oli larzan?

Zot pe ramas plis taks, oli larzan? Bann loan IMF e lezot lenstitisyon finansyel, oli?

Zot dir Ramkalawan pe travay, oli rezilta?

Napa devlopman, napa progre, ki zot pe fer ek larzan Seselwa?

Aret anbet nou pep, e donn li son benefis. Se li ki leve tou le bomaten e al prodwi. Letan nou pep pe travay, prezidan pe anbarke pour Dubai. Fer lazistis sa pep. Redonn li son 13enm mwan plen, son bonous plen, son 'Long Service Allowance', son overtime konplet, e aret menas nou travayer pour ranplas zot ek etranze. Sonny Seselwa, aköz zot dan pozisyon koman serviter sa pep, nonpa konman son met (master).

OUT OF IDEAS OR AVOIDING WASHING THEIR DIRTY LAUNDRY?

Since when have we heard of a government running out of ideas?

Since when have we heard of a President running out of ideas?

When did we hear of a Parliament running out of ideas?

Well, it is happening. And it's happening right here, in our own country.

Recently, the National Assembly has started meeting for only one weekly session. Two sessions a week allowed for more comprehensive discussions and faster decision-making. Now, with only one session, crucial matters are being delayed, and the government's responsiveness is at risk.

Linyon Demokratik Seselwa (LDS), the political party currently in

power, had promised a more active role and, if elected, pledged to increase the number of sessions.

Three, possibly even four.

According to its leaders, there were too many things to discuss in the country, from economic reforms to social welfare policies. However, these discussions are now being postponed or ignored.

The party was not in power then, but it is now. It was elected in 2020 and will remain in power until 2025. What's more? With an absolute majority. It is in a position to dictate many things. If not everything. The tiniest of them all is what happens in the National Assembly. So why did they tell us that there was nothing, no bill, no motion, and nothing on the order paper that they had to

cancel Wednesday's sitting?

What has happened to all those issues that were until now left undiscussed?

Bring them forth.

It's disappointing that the National Assembly, under the leadership of an LDS absolute majority, seems to have lost its drive. The national issues that once preoccupied them when the US was in power are now seemingly of little importance.

Whatever the National Assembly claims to be doing behind closed doors does not interest the Seychellois people. The lack of transparency is concerning. It is the results that count, and right now, there are no results.

If not for MNAs from the United Seychelles (US) constantly pressing

for answers to public questions, the National Assembly would have been long buried in the cemetery of a false democracy. Their persistence, their unwavering commitment to holding the government accountable, is the only thing keeping the government from slipping further into a state of inaction and irresponsibility.

The false democracy of LDS. As those so-called issues of national importance, such as economic reforms, social welfare policies, and environmental protection, have melted away since 2020, the Seychellois people need to realise one thing. LDS, as a political party, also needs to be melted away. It has no cause and relevance to the Seychellois people.

Property tax?



Can you believe it? The government is planning to reintroduce property tax next year. We've learned that the uncompassionate and greedy government is reintroducing property tax on all Seychellois landowners next year. For those who do not know, a similar tax called Poll Tax, a relic of the past was abolished by SPPF in 1977. Be vigilant. If the government offers a seemingly beneficial salary increase in the budget, it could be a ploy to recoup the money through increased taxes, such as in-

come tax (on your salary) and property tax. How many Seychellois own a plot of land? Many families live on Land Bank plots that they bought for R40,000 or R60,000 and even less under United Seychelles, which LDS has increased to R1.2 million. Acquired land through the Land Bank Scheme is around 6000, with more than 20,000 private properties. As you strive to put food on the table for your family, be prepared for an additional financial burden in the form of property tax.

POLITIK MET PRE-SYON IN REFOULE

Nou tou nou rapel byen kiman-nyer SNP ti fer tou pour swadizan met dife anba talon gouvènmman avan. Answit SNP in vin LDS. Zot in kontinyen avek menm kalite politik. Met presyon par manipil les-pri dimoun. Touzour anba direksyon Wavel Ramkalawan.

Zot ti dir ki Sesel pe ganny mal dirize. Son lekonomi pa bon. I bezwen ganny aranze. Seselwa i merit en pli bon lapey. Minimom 10,000 roudi par mwan.

Dimoun aze i merit ganny plis larzan. Minimom 10,000 roudi par mwan zot osi. Laz pansyon i bezwen desann. 55 an en dimoun i merit kapab aret travay, si li i anvi. Pri lavi i bezwen desann. LDS i konnen kimannyer pour fer sa. Gouvènmman i merit amelyor nou sistenm lasante. Gouvènmman i merit amelyor nou sistenm ledikasyon. Gouvènmman i bezwen fer plis pour lazenes. Gouvènmman i bezwen en plis nou

Gouvènmman i bezwen fer plis pour nou bann sportmenn



Gouvènmman i merit amelyor nou sistenm lasante.

bann sportmenn. Gouvènmman i bezwen fer plis pour nou zanfàn. Gouvènmman i bezwen fer plis lakaz. Gouvènmman i bezwen fer plis semen. Gouvènmman i bezwen fer plis danm. Gouvènmman i bezwen fer plis bann lezot lenfrastriktir. Lalis i long, long, long. Bokou tro long pour sit tou.

Me ozordi Seselwa i asize e demann zot lekor sa kestyon: 4 an gouvènmman LDS in opouvwar Sesel. Kwa ki zot in kapab akonplir dan sa

gran lalis? Larepons nou tou nou konnen. NANRYEN. Zot ti pe zis met presyon anba talon sa gouvènmman ki ti la. Aprezan sa kalite politik pe refoul ek zot. Seselwa pe esper zot fer pli byen. Me olye fer pli byen, tou i vin mal.

Seselwa in aprann en leson. I annan en gran diferans ant DIR ek FER. Tou dimoun i kapab DIR, me pa tou dimoun ki kapab FER. Eleksyon le 27 Septanm 2025 pour demontre ki Seselwa in konpran sa. Politik bour dife, met presyon pou sa zour refoul ek son met.

Citizens take a stand

With unwavering determination, Seychellois citizens, donning T-shirts emblazoned with the urgent message "stop the project on Assumption", stood up against the potential sale of their island. Their resolute appeal to the government, in alliance with United Seychelles, was a stirring call to action. They marched into Victoria, their

resolve unshaken, to educate and mobilize others against this perilous development. United Seychelles, the country's most popular political party, has been vocal about this issue. Still, it's important to note that it is not a United Seychelles invention that people associated with this project are being sued for terrorism financ-

ing, but what has transpired in on-line articles. Assumption is part of a group of islands with protected biodiversity; it falls in the Aldabra Group, and Aldabra Atoll is a World Heritage Site. It is our asset that makes us proud. The current government is not about protecting the area known for illegal activities nor seeking revenue

growth for the economy; politicians are self-serving. This transaction is marred by serious allegations of corruption, including an alleged sum of 50 million dollars. After Ramkalawan is removed from office in the next election, they should be investigated.



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