



**Countdown to Election 2025**

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# President Ramkalawan faces another humiliation



**E**ight months before the upcoming elections, the Chairman of the Electoral Commission has resigned. His departure following in the footsteps of the Finance Minister, who also stepped down, still raises serious concerns about the integrity and fairness of the upcoming elections. Regardless of the reasons behind his resignation, we commend the courage of those who will follow in Lucas' footsteps. Key figures such as the

Tourism Minister, Police Commissioner, Health Minister, Education Minister, and Housing Minister should not remain in their positions if they believe they are being led by someone who lacks competence, exhibits arrogance, and shows little empathy for others, especially the citizens.

We urge the public to recognise the pressing need for change and actively support it. Advocating for



## Where is the investigation, and how can prisoners and their families seek justice?

**W**hile it's true that prisoners lose certain rights, what occurs when they suffer severe abuse such as being beaten to death, shot, or gravely injured? Where is the investigation that would allow them to seek justice? For those who have tragically lost their lives, what type of compensation can their families receive from the state, the very entity that is supposed to protect them? After all, they died while supposedly under the state's control.

Former opposition members have frequently criticised the United Seychelles administration for the brutal treatment of prisoners during the one-party state era, a period in our history when the country was under the rule of a single political party.

This era led to the es-



## Corruption is affecting the lives of ordinary Seychellois

**W**e must address the unprecedented level of corruption in today's Seychelles government. We can all see its detrimental effects on the country's development and the lives of ordinary Seychellois, who struggle to make ends meet. This situation starkly contrasts the elite group of politicians, who seem more concerned about their own self-interests than the well-being of the people, a betrayal of their duty and a neg-



## United Seychelles' plan to revitalise tourism

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## Is the Pension Fund going private?



**W**e have learned that the government is considering either privatising the Seychelles Pension Fund or passing laws to allow for a private pension fund. If implemented, both options would not





# The danger of an unfit President

*Enabling and protecting wealth concentration*



*Dr Herminie hits back at Ramkalawan's accusations and half-truths, underscoring the danger of politicians and collaborators getting 3/4 of the cake and giving the remaining to friends.*

The current President, Wavel Ramkalawan, is under scrutiny for defending an emerging 'oligarchy' characterised by extreme wealth, power, and influence, which poses a significant threat to our democracy and the future of Seychelles. When faced with criticism from his opponent regarding this alarming situation in our country, Ramkalawan attacked his opponent in the media through a live press conference. However, his use of the media to defend his actions was met with a powerful and resounding public backlash, demonstrating the strength of our nation's collective voice.

As noted by Dr Patrick Herminie, the President of United Seychelles (US) and a presidential candidate in the next election, the situation in which these 'oligarchs' are appropriating wealth through state assets and major corporations is occurring with the President's support.

Ramkalawan is facilitating these developments with his decisions.

He even lies, saying that the sale of the shares from Standard Chartered Bank was between Standard Chartered and the private party buying them. The registered shareholder's agreement explicitly specifies that the government has to approve it.

Wavel Ramkalawan appears unfazed as he defends these conflicts of interest and corruption on national television, prioritising the interests of a wealthy few while disregarding the devastating repercussions for the nation. His unwavering defence of these actions, which are pushing the middle class into poverty and the most vulnerable into deeper destitution, raises urgent questions about the need for accountability in our governance. This disregard for the nation's well-being underscores the gravity of the situation.

The issue involves wealth concentration among a small circle of the President's associates, who have invested in private companies and banks. Dr Herminie asserts that the Pension Fund should have purchased these shares, which could have strengthened the Fund's finances and reduced the Pension Age back to 63. He challenged Ramkalawan's claims that the shares could not be sold to the Pension Fund due to a lack of correspondence banking. "Does the company that bought those shares have correspondence banking? Is it a bank?" Dr Herminie questioned. "It baffles me that the President is unaware that the Pension Fund holds 30% shares in Al Salam Bank, 9% in the Seychelles Commercial Bank, and shares in various international banks."

Dr Herminie expressed disappointment that some individuals, who were once considered people of integrity and have

contributed to our country, are now motivated by greed. Instead of safeguarding the populace and acting in the nation's best interest, the President is siding with the elite, ignoring the critical state of our economy and social sectors. By doing so, he is paving the way for these individuals to invest in lucrative opportunities that ultimately lead to their control over the national economy.

"If this is not inside dealing and corruption, what is it?" Dr Herminie asked.

"Ramkalawan hastily called a press conference to present half-truths aimed at creating confusion", remarked Dr Herminie. Ramkalawan should be aware that the US will investigate "several of his administration's decisions," Dr Herminie pointed out, "We cannot file a case with the Anti-Corruption Commission of Seychelles, which has been weaponised by the state."



# After all the empty promises, why isn't he ashamed?

We all remember Wavel Ramkalawan as the opposition leader—how he was outspoken and criticised his predecessor's work, portraying himself as the most intelligent individual with all the solutions and ideas to bring change and improve the lives of the Seychellois people. Today, as he sits in his mansion, whether here or in Abu Dhabi—if the rumour of him owning a \$4.5 million mansion is true—does he regret all the antics he displayed while in the opposition? Does he not feel ashamed that he oversold a false capability to lead a nation? Isn't he embarrassed by his failures and inability to accomplish anything tangible during his mandate? He faltered from day one on the job and has remained ineffectual, dressed to the nines in a suit yet producing nothing of substance over the past four years as president. Every sector that thrived under his predecessor, United Seychelles, has failed under his leadership. He has also failed to make improvements or bring changes that would benefit the people's lives—even his supporters who once believed in him. They rallied behind him, attended every meeting, and praised him despite the violent political messaging that led to our children clashing in schools. His leadership has not only been a profound disappointment, but it has also



had a detrimental impact on the lives of the Seychellois people, who are now in urgent need of change. Look at him now. As the proverb goes, "A clown entered the palace and turned it into a circus." Wavel Ramkalawan owes the nation an apology. He made promises he could not keep and misrepresented himself on the campaign trail. Was one of his goals to

become president to undermine our achievements as a country only because he disliked his predecessors? He must apologise to his predecessors whom he criticised and mocked. He accused them of various failures, and now he finds himself in the middle of those accusations. This time, however, the people can see the truth for themselves. While they were misled by the LDS, who fueled hatred towards United Seychelles with lies, they have now had the opportunity to compare and recognise the reality. It's time for accountability. Leaders like Ramkalawan must be held responsible for their actions, and the Seychellois people should demand nothing less. His actions have not only failed to bring about the promised change but have also led to deterioration in the quality of life for most Seychellois. A Creole proverb says, "The advisors do not pay the price." Those who give advice often escape the consequences of their poor counsel. This is precisely what is happening in our country right now. Politicians who manipulated and deceived the Seychellois with false promises to get elected are preparing to flee, leaving the people in disarray as their lives have regressed—many to the point of living in destitution.



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establishment of a truth commission. Among its recommendations was the provision of monetary compensation for those affected.

What kinds of compensation can be provided to individuals who were wrongfully tortured or killed, as well as those who suffered serious injuries under the current administration? How can the state even determine which rights were violated and what form of redress is appropriate, if not when they are still inside but upon their release, without conducting a thorough and independent investigation, which is crucial for transparency and fairness?

This discussion is not about excusing any prison riots but rather about seeking

justice for those who may have perished and for those who bear the lasting scars of unjust injuries. We will remain in the dark about who deserves justice without an investigation. Why has the LDS administration fallen short in pursuing this necessary justice? Has Ramkalawan forgotten the pain he expressed regarding the torture of people he knew during the TRNUC (Truth, Reconciliation and National Unity Commission) proceedings, a significant event in our country's history? Now, he appears to neglect the troubling circumstances unfolding under his leadership. Where is the investigation, and how can prisoners and their families obtain the justice they rightfully deserve?

## Is the Pension Fund going private?



only be detrimental to the pension fund but also have significant repercussions on the national economy.

Privatising the Pension Fund puts members' contributions and pensions at risk if the private company goes bankrupt. We've seen this happen in other countries like Argentina and Chile. Additionally, creating a parallel private pension fund would deplete the national pension fund of crucial contributions, ultimately harming both the fund and Seychellois citizens.

Is the government moving another piece on the chessboard by allowing wealthy individuals to control our pension fund—either through purchasing the na-

tional pension fund or through potential laws permitting a private pension fund? The government currently manages the national pension fund, providing a safety net for citizens' contributions. But can we be certain that our hard-earned money won't vanish into thin air if a private company takes over?

Let's fervently hope that before September, the government under Wavel Ramkalawan's leadership won't allow his associates to gain control of the entire financial sector in exchange for election sponsorships. The Seychellois people will not sit back and watch them seize their country's financial assets.



# President Ramkalawan faces another humiliation

a new government is not just an option but a necessity to secure a better future for our country. They must back the United Seychelles Presidential candidate, Dr Patrick Herminie, and stand in solidarity with the Seychellois people. This would be the right course of action following the disastrous mandate of Wavel Ramkalawan, characterised by poor leadership, bad policies, corruption, vengeance, dictatorship, a devastating explosion that destroyed businesses and homes, a skyrocketing cost of living that has pushed many into poverty, and last but not least, the recent prison riot that resulted in the loss of two inmates' lives.



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lect of their responsibility.

When corrupt and incompetent politicians divert finances that should be used for national development into their salaries, travel, and other expenses, it negatively impacts the economy. It contributes to ordinary people's poverty. Politicians increase taxes on citizens to gain more money, forcing the populace to pay higher taxes while limiting their ability to afford basic necessities like food. Meanwhile, these politicians lead comfortable lives.

Corruption not only hinders foreign investments but also manipulates them for personal gain. Politicians' greed seeks investments or foreign funds not to improve the country but to fuel their lavish lifestyles. This country serves as a scapegoat to justify the corruption of those in power.

For instance, consider the sale of

islands or alleged condominiums in Seychelles to foreigners by the LDS administration, the political party in government in Seychelles. Who would genuinely believe that the purpose is to attract investment for the country? Not even those who blindly follow LDS politicians believe this lie. No LDS politician is prioritising Seychelles. This false narrative is perpetuated to manipulate the people's minds, especially as we approach general elections. Seychelles is being exploited to fulfil the desires of politicians preparing for their retirements. They are seeking money for themselves, not for national development. What development can they realistically achieve in just eight months? They had four years to act but accomplished little, yet we're expected to believe they can work miracles in eight months?

This includes the recent incentives they are now promoting, such as a tax holiday.

In some ways, these politicians may be deceiving and robbing potential investors, knowing nothing substantial will have been accomplished in eight months and a new administration could quickly reverse their decisions. However, money may change hands in exchange for favours and promises. Who truly benefits in these situations? GREEDY POLITICIANS—OR THIEVES DRESSED AS POLITICIANS?

It is indisputable that the LDS leadership will leave in September. Why are they so determined to seek foreign investments now? They need the funds far more than they are willing to contribute to the national coffers.

Ultimately, we, the Seychellois people, are allowing these politicians to prepare for their exit from government. Regrettably, we let them stay for four years; now, they have eight months to arrange their futures. It would not be surprising if younger ministers secure jobs that ensure their salaries continue even after a new administration takes over. Those over 55 will retire with a good pension and may not require employment, but the younger ones will need jobs. Consequently, jobs and business deals will likely be secured before the upcoming elections.



*Jeanne & Marcel*

Dear Jeanne,

What a week it has been! We witnessed a so-called president refer to a cabinet decision as a so-called tax during a so-called press conference, ridiculing both himself and his government. What if civil servants made the minutes public, exposing all their corruption? Would they be fired? The head of government has set a bad precedent by making public the minutes sheets- it was, however, strange that it appeared to be plain white A4 paper instead of the traditional yellowish or greenish paper used in government offices- and showing no regard for the code of ethics that the state insists civil servants uphold. Did he cancel the cabinet meeting on Wednesday to listen to his worst nightmare launch a torpedo at him? Why did he give the media a live press conference based on a press release from the opposition party, United Seychelles? While SBC didn't read the press release, they did well to allow his opponent a right to reply and broadcast live. Mr President exploited that press release, digging himself into a deeper hole. Social media erupted with insults and anger at his antics. The following Wednesday, perhaps in revenge, he sat back with his bowl of popcorn, smirking as he thought, "It's going to go down." However, Oopsy! Patrick threw punches left and right while remaining calm. The final blow was 'below the belt,' Ramka suffered immensely as more truths were revealed, causing his popcorn to spill everywhere.

He took a verbal beating and received a humiliating piece of advice: "Say nothing until the next election, and maybe you will win."

It has not been a good week for Ramka. He will likely board a first-class Emirates flight for spa therapy to calm his nerves. The spa therapist won't have an easy job!

More resignations from key positions are on the agenda; honestly, it's for the best. For their own sanity, they should do what is appropriate. It's not worth staying in a toxic environment, although we know there's immense pressure to act against their better judgment.

I can't shake the feeling that the sun is already shining, and Ramka should have vacated the State House. He must exit because we hear many troubling things, particularly the concern that the national coffers are running empty. We need proof of our money before some of you vanish after a significant electoral loss!

Ramka knew he was unqualified but dared to run for president of Seychelles seven times. He lost six times and was declared the winner on his seventh attempt. How desperate was he to enjoy the privileges and perks of the position? Thus far, he has achieved little in actual work and seems more focused on enjoying himself. He consistently appears on television. Yet, the public largely ignores him, knowing that his performance will be fruitless without an audience to cheer him on. The Seychellois are intelligent people; they once listened to what Ramka had to say, but they have observed his actions over the past four years, which have not followed his words.

In the meantime, we advise the people of Seychelles to unite, love, and support the one who stood against Ramka. To quote Rumi, "He who has led you thus far will guide you further." Let's remain determined and committed to the change we seek.

Ramka must not think that after September 27, he will be free to enjoy his wealth without consequence. That's not how it works. Destroying people's lives with lies, false promises, and fake hopes is like a loan that will come back to you with interest. Karma!

We're in the final stretch; dear, let's keep the faith alive. Your friend,  
Marcel



# United Seychelles' plan to revitalise tourism

In light of the alarming 0.5% increase in tourist arrivals in 2024 compared to 2023, a situation that has sparked urgent concern among industry stakeholders and the Seychellois public who depend on tourism as their primary source of income, Dr Patrick Herminie, President of the United Seychelles Party and a presidential candidate for the upcoming election, has announced a few immediate and crucial decisions to rejuvenate the tourism sector once in power.

Key measures proposed include abolishing the Travisory in Seychelles and reducing the levies and taxes currently burdening tourists and the tourism industry, especially smaller hotels and guesthouses. Dr Herminie emphasised, "There are too many taxes in tourism, driving visitors to other destinations. We will have to look into it and reduce it gradually, starting with the guesthouses. While generating R170 million, we are losing R1.3 billion due to existing taxes and bureaucracy." He pointed out that tourists are penalised with taxes if they fill out their applications late.

Dr Herminie has also drawn attention to the detrimental effects of negative publicity, compounded by the escalating crime rates in the country. He has also addressed concerns about racial



Past photo of arrivals from Europe with Air Seychelles

profiling, sharing a disturbing account from a tourist who had an unpleasant experience upon arriving in Seychelles. He proposed that if Travisory aids border management, the United Seychelles government would develop e-border solutions. Other measures will focus on enhancing Seychelles' visibility, which includes re-establishing the Seychelles Tourism Board. This board will take responsibility for promoting tourism while the government facilitates its operations. Dr Herminie noted that large hotels, typically run by entrepreneurs, have an easier time marketing themselves than small guesthouses that heavily rely on support from government tourism entities. Furthermore, he mentioned ongoing discussions with aviation experts on

transitioning the national airline back to an international carrier rather than just a regional one. Dr Herminie states, "Seychelles needs flights from Europe for the survival of our tourism industry." Noting that the current capacity is 600,000, only half of that capacity is being utilised—including returning citizens and expatriates—Dr. Herminie called for improvement. He has also identified a lack of engaging activities for tourists, including those arriving on cruise ships, who often have little to do. United Seychelles is dedicated to creating various activities to entertain visitors and benefit local artisans, artists, and businesses, enhancing the overall tourist experience. We are committed to supporting and valuing our local busi-

nesses in the tourism sector. Dr Herminie strongly criticised the current government's approach, stating that it prioritises larger establishments at the expense of small guesthouses. He remarked, "These small guesthouse earnings remain within the local economy, but how much is the country gaining from the larger establishments? This approach must change to improve our tourism industry and the local economy." President Ramkalawan stated in a foreign interview that he is focused on attracting high-end tourists rather than backpackers. He should not be mad if we point our finger directly at him—his words are destroying the guesthouses.

## Never a dull moment with an ill-advised President

Who advised the President to use a live press conference to respond to a press release from United Seychelles? That was terrible advice from people who seem intent on causing more failures for him and his administration. The press conference came off as petty, during which the President lamented issues like nepotism—an issue he and his party campaigned against before he came to power. He contradicts his stance because it involves his close friends in his government. This contradiction should not escape the critical eye of the public. The press release expressed disappointment from the opposition party, United

Seychelles, on some decisions taken by the government lately. For example, after announcing the resignation of the finance minister effective the end of January 2025, 8 months short of the next election, his brother was appointed Chief Executive of the Seychelles Trading Company (STC). Additionally, the minister, Naadir Hassan, was appointed chairman of the Island Development Company (IDC) Board, which oversees the sale or lease of islands, including Assumption Island. This development has raised concerns as a 7-star hotel is planned on Assumption Island. This move could disrupt the delicate ecosystem of the

Aldabra Atoll.

During the live press conference, the President staunchly defended these appointments, praising the Hassan brothers as qualified individuals who went to school and could perform their jobs. However, in the past, he has publicly accused United Seychelles of nepotism for having individuals like Dr Herminie and his late brother William Herminie, Glenny Savy and David Savy, as well as former President Faure and his brother, Ambassador Barry Faure, in government positions. Don't these individuals also have educational backgrounds? As far as we know, they, too, worked in Seychelles. There is an

apparent inconsistency in your administration that many Seychellois can detect, a defence that should be met with scepticism. So, why use the media to score political points on such issues, Mr. President? You have too much time on your hands. Why preach to the media when it should be their responsibility to fact-check the claims and manipulations presented during your live press conferences and not the press releases from your opponents, especially Dr Herminie, who will defeat you in the polls? The public has seen a scaredy-cat, nothing else. Meow!!!!



# 4 long years' holiday for Ramkalawan

We have observed President Trump making decisive actions and policies since his inauguration. In stark contrast, the President of Seychelles has seemingly taken a four-year holiday, with only 8 months remaining in his term before he can indulge in the wealth amassed during this lengthy 'absence'. The man has done nothing to develop and bring growth to this country and its nation.

The legacy of this mandate is etched in history as one of the darkest periods for our country and its people. Natural disasters like the 2004 earthquake or tsunami are devastating, yet countries recover relatively quickly. However, the current administration has created a disaster so dire that we are plummeting into poverty and bankruptcy. We are all applying our common sense. Tourism, once our pride, has drastically fallen; we

are now recording dismal arrival figures that threaten the backbone of our economy.

Politicians appear anxious except for one man who is unbothered by it all: the President. He ventures out in inclement weather to symbolically reopen a shelter. He has been unbothered by it all because he has achieved what he came for: wealth and privileges.

The President's travel record exceeds the

number of weeks in his five-year term, with many unofficial trips. All his trips are widely criticised as fruitless. He seems to travel with an empty begging bowl, having failed to procure any support during his time in office. Now, he relies on selling properties to foreign investors, hoping for an influx of cash. Yet, we cannot expect a self-serving politician to gain the trust of a population that resents him. His chances in the upcoming election are slim; any money he manages to earn will unlikely be funnelled into a losing campaign; he is focused on his own interests rather than those of the people.

The following eight months will continue to revolve around self-interest, as they have for the past four years. Now is the time for the public to be acutely aware of potential corruption involving politicians and their accomplices. Seychellois, your vigilance is not just necessary; it is essential. Stay alert and take action against corruption and unethical behaviour in our government. The best action will be to kick them out in the September polls.

Unfortunately, to protect our country's resources until the next elections, we must play cat and mouse. We must unite, stand shoulder to shoulder, and remain steadfast in our commitment to safeguarding our nation's future.



## Where are the O and A Level results?

Parents are questioning why the Education Ministry is taking so long to release the O and A Level results submitted to the ministry four weeks ago. A reliable source informed us that the ministry is still analysing the results, leaving students anxious and uncertain for an extended period.

Engaging in one-on-one meetings with teachers eight months before the

election may not necessarily give the ruling party an advantage over other contenders. This sentiment and allegations that the education minister will soon be appointed to a diplomatic position are widely shared on social media. At the same time, his colleague, Marie Celine Zialor, is set to oversee the Education Ministry. We have not yet been able to confirm this information. However, Justin Va-

lentin has not succeeded in improving education. Is he following orders from the president, who micromanages all ministries, or is it a result of his inadequate leadership in this role? As the following election approaches, we must be vigilant and cautious. We can only assure teachers and students that changes are coming to enhance schools and learning conditions.





# Nepotizm nepli koripsyon akoz Wavel ki opouvwar ase fer ladob

**N**EPOTIZM se letan ou fer faver pour en manm ou fanmiy. E ou fer sa faver avek keksoz ki pa pour ou.

Avek keksoz ki pour lepep.

E dan nou ka, lepep Seselwa.

NEPOTIZM, depandan lo fason ki i ganny fer, i kapab pran en laform KORIPSYON.

Depandan lo sa fason ganny fer, i vin enn bann pli move form KORIPSYON ki i annan lo sa later.

E i pe pran rasin isi dan Sesel. I pe zemin dan en plant anvaisan dan bann pwen stratezik lekonomi nou pei.

Vwala en legzanp Nepotizm:

Lekel ki CEO STC ozordi?

Son non se Ashik Hassan.

Lekel ki apwent li?

Se Prezidan Wavel Ramkalawan, lo rekonmandasyon Minis Finans, Naadir

Hassan.

Alor Wavel i kontan bann Hassan.

E Naadir Hassan i kontan son frer Ashik. Antre zot, zot fer en BOUYON ABES.

Ka sa 2 Hassan pa premye ki'n arive Sesel depi 2020.

I'n annan plizyer lezot ka kot nou war bann manm en sel fanmiy dan plizyer pozisyon, ki swa kouzen, tantin, nyes, eksetera.

Se zot ozordi ki pe kontrol Sesel.

Fer ou resers e wa trouve.

Pourtan Wavel Ramkalawan ti kontan akiz gouvernman avan ki i KORONPI aköz nepotizm.

Me eski dan sa ka, son gouvernman i KORONPI ozordi?

Napa en keksoz ki Wavel i dir ki vre. E napa en keksoz ki i ti dir yer, ki vre, aköz ozordi ya pe fer menm keksoz ki i ti kont



e plis ankor.

Konmdir Dokter Herminie, Prezidan Parti US, nou napa problem ek sa de frer Hassan, me se lafason ki LDS pe

bouz bann pyes lo sa 'chess board'.

Fodre ki lidership LDS i aret krwar ki Seselwa i bann foubet.

## Prezidan pa respekte kod etik

### *En pwa ek konbyen mezir?*



**N**ou asire dan gouvernman i annan kod etik ki en travayer pa sipoze fer piblik 'minutes sheet' ouswa ki an franse i apel 'feuille de proces verbal' aköz souvannfw i konteni lenformasyon konfidansyel. I ede gard en disiplin travay sinon, piblik ti pou lir tou sa ki pase dan lofis gouvernman, enkli detay piblik menm. Konbyen ki'n ganny 'investigate' pour fer piblik en morso lenformasyon? Me ki nou'n war sa semenn?

Prezidan Larepiblik, ki sipoze lid par

legzanp, in pran sa ki li in apel laprev- 'minutes sheet' pour li servi pour defann son bann zanmi. Antouka, ti en bout papye blan, e nonpa sa kalite papye ki lofis gouvernman i servi koman 'minutes sheets.' Petet zot pe fer lekonomi pour servi papye pli bonmarse, koman osi i ti kapab en bat latet byen prepare pour li zistifye son lekor anfas ek sa si-tiasyon ki pe pase dan son gouvernman, e anba son lidership. Normalman 'minutes sheets' i annan enpti kouler zonn

ouswa ver.

Alors, anvi ki Prezidan in servi 'Minutes Sheets' pour lev anler e dir medya filmen, tir portre pour montre laprev, eski donk nenport ki zofisye gouvernman, i kapab tir portre e pibliye an piblik pour defann zot pozisyon ouswa zot lekor letan i annan nesesite? Ouswa eski sa privelez i zis pour serten? Eski kod etik pour protez lenformasyon konfidansyel gouvernman in aboli?

Eski sef lapolis, bann minis, PS, direkter zeneral, direkter eksetera i kapab pibliy laprev pour defann zot lekor lo plizyer size, tel ki 22 bout bar lor, lafouy kot Msye ek Madanm Valabhji, zot larestasyon ansanm ek Lyetnan Kolonel Leslie Benoiton, aksidan ki ti tap en zofisye lapolis, skandal travisory, proze lo Asonpsyon, Ile Longue, e plizyer lezot? Msye Prezidan, vi ki ou pe konmans dir filmen e montre laprev, souple, pibliy

rapor leksplozyon kot CCCL, ek rapor lenvestigasyon sa lensidan kot Prizon ki'n kout de lavi, e andomaz e koz dimal plizyer prizonyen, parmi i annan ki ankor dan lopital.

Ramkalawan i krwar aköz i sef gouvernman e sef pei, alors i pa drwa personn leksplikasyon, parey son VP ti dir dan Lasanble ki Prezidan pa bezwen permisyon lopoizyon pour voyaze. Privelez in mont dan latet, aköz Ramkalawan se servant lepep. I sipoze deservi sa pep. I pa sipoze deservi ni son lekor ouswa son bann dalon ki annan bokou larzan ek biznes. I pa sipoze vin rod revanz ni pour li e ni pou okenn asosye.

Nou dir ki in fel e nou pou tir li, me i osi kree fristrasyon dan lepep Seselwa ki i pou sorti en zonm byen ris. I'n fel dan son travay pour lepep, me i'n reisi ganny sa ki i ti anvi.

# Lavalas lalwa Sesel

En LAVALAS LALWA pe devers dan Sesel.  
I’n konmanse depi 2020.  
E i pa sanble ki i pou arete ziska elek- syon Septanm 2025.  
Dapre konpran, apre SONA 2025, se la kot sa LAVALAS LALWA pou desann pli for.  
Sorti direk dan leo State House i pou balye tou Seselwa ki dan semen LDS.  
Me sa LAVALAS LALWA i fer zis 2 keksoz.  
Premye:  
I kwens tou Seselwa ki pli vilnerab e pli mizer.  
I fer zot lavi vin pli difisil.  
I annan enstans kot i fer zot lavi preski enposib.  
Nou tou nou konnen ki kantite sa bann kalite lalwa in vin an fors dan Sesel depi Oktob 2020.  
Wi, depi ki Wavel Ranmkalawan ek LDS zot in vin opouvwar.  
Bann zenn ki napa kalifikasyon zot in ganny mete andeor lanplwa.  
La zot trouv zot san en travay.  
Zot pe monte desann e pe angaz zot

dan tou sord kalite move mers.  
Sa i aköz zot nanryen fer. Menm si dan bidze nou tann nonn tou kalite pro- granm ki pe reentrodwi- zenn pa pe ganny lanplwa.  
Bann dimoun dan biznes, zot osi zot in ganny afekte par sa LAVALAS LALWA.  
Bokou zot in fermen.  
Bann ki annan enpe plis larzan, zot ankor pe tenir.  
Pour serten, pa pour lontan.  
Tre byento zot pou larg labar.  
E zot in menase pou fer li. Gro pwason pe kontinyen devor pti pwason.  
Dezyenm:  
Sa LAVALAS LALWA i annan pour bi protez serten voler dan LDS.  
Nou osi mazin sa fame premye la- mannman dan lalwa pour protez bann fanm ek zannfan bann politisyen. Sa ti en move sinny me enn ki zot in fer li, e Seselwa in reste trankil e les politisyen kasyet anba en gro parasol.  
Dan en bon demokrasi, kote ou ti pou vwar sa kalite LALWA?

## Akoz napa larzan pour malere Seselwa?

Toule zour dimoun i demann sa seri kestyon.  
Akoz napa larzan pour malere Seselwa?  
Akoz napa larzan pour bann ki pli vil- nerab dan sosyete?  
Akoz napa larzan pour bann ki oule pran zot retret?  
Akoz napa larzan pour bann ki’n vye?  
Akoz napa larzan pour rekonpans profe- syonnel dan bann travay kle,  
tel ki lasante ek ledikasyon?  
Akoz napa larzan pour travayer Seselwa ki trimouse lanwit konman lizour?  
AKOZ NAPA, NAPA E NAPA?  
LAREPONS:  
Napa larzan pour sa bann kategori di- moun aköz TOU LARZAN i al pour bann GRO SEF.  
LDS in kre en sistenm ki ankouraz sa pratik 200%.

PA BLIYE!  
Pa zis dimoun ki dan sa bann pozisyon ozordi ki ganny sa bann GRO LAR- ZAN. Sa nou bezwen admet.  
Tou dimoun ki ti deza dan sa bann pos OPARAVAN, zot osi zot ganny PAN- SYON ek GRATWITE. E LDS in fer sa pansyon ek gratwite vin pli gro.  
E tou dimoun ki pou vin dan sa bann

pos ALAVENIR, zot osi zot pour ganny parey.  
ALOR!  
Letan ou’n fini pey tou sa bann dimoun GRO GRO SONM LARZAN, kote ou pou gannnen pour rekonpans travayer ordiner Seselwa? E nou tou nou al dan menm laboutik.  
Kote ou pou gannnen pour ankouraz profesyonnel?  
Kote ou pour gannnen pour anmas mal- ere?  
Kote ou pour gannnen pour remersi tra- vayer ki’n fatigue e anvi al repoze?  
Kote ou pour gannnen pour get dan “welfare” bann vye dimoun?  
NAPA!  
E i pou touzour NAPA si nou pa sanz sa kalite sistenm.  
Apre zot sant nou tou sord kalite zist- war.  
Tel ki:  
Fon Pansyon pa soutenab.  
Tralali, tralalilala.....

Me vwala vre rezon aköz NAPA LAR- ZAN pour donn Seselwa malere.  
TOU LARZAN IAL DAN POS BANN SEF.

## Si ou swiv li, ou pou perdi

Fodre pa ki okenn dimoun i swiv Wavel Ramkalawan ankor.  
Akoz si ou swiv li, ou pou perdi.  
I dir ou en keksoz ozordi, apre i dir ou en lot demen.  
Kantite ki’n swiv li an 2020, zot in perdi.  
Ozordi, zot pli anmer ki MARGOZ.  
Zot ankoler e dezapwente.  
I ti dir i pou met larzan dan zot pos, me ozordi i tir larzan dan zot pos.  
I ti dir i pou donn zot biznes, me ozordi i fer zot perdi biznes.  
I ti dir ki i pou fer Seselwa lib, me ozordi Seselwa i mars anba lalwa IBOU.  
En legzanp pli konkret.  
Dan gouvènmman avan letan 2 dimoun sorti dan menm fanmiy ti ganny ap- wente dan en pos, Wavel ti dir ki sa PA BON.  
Sa i FAVER.  
Sa i NEPOTIZM.  
Sa li KORIPSYON.  
Sa ki kont DEMOKRASI.  
Napa ki i pa ti dir.

Ozordi i fer e dan en fason pli vilenn. E i dir nou ki sa i tro bon.  
Napa nanryen mal avek sa.  
E i menm poz kestyon.  
Si zot in al lekol?  
Si zot malen?  
Akoz ki zot pa kapab toulede pran en pozisyon enportan dan pei?  
Wi! Sa i normal.  
Me kwa ki ti mal letan ti annan 2 di- moun sorti dan menm fanmiy dan gou- vernman avan?  
Eski zot pa ti’n al lekol zot?  
Eski zot pa ti’n al liniversite?  
Eski zot pa ti malen?

Wavel i en manipilater.  
E in anbet en kantite Seselwa.  
Letan i debout dan fernwanr, i dir ou pa bon.  
Zis parey sa 32 an letan i ti ankor dan Lopoziyon.  
Letan i dan lalimyer, i dir ou sanmenm sa ki bon.  
Zis parey ozordi letan i Prezidan.  
I dir ou zis sa ki i anvi ou KRWAR.  
Si ou swiv li, ou pou perdi.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A Free Ride

Dear Editor,

I took a bus and swiped my card recently, but it didn't work. The driver tried again with no success. He suggested we try later, but several other pas- sengers experienced the same issue. The driver wanted us to disembark, but we insisted that the problem was with the machine, not our cards.  
As a result, we got a free ride for the entire journey from the Victoria Bus Terminal through parts of the town and across three districts before I got off. The scale of this issue is concerning, and I can only imagine the signifi- cant losses the company must be facing due to such incidents.  
A few days later, I took another bus, and the same issue occurred again. We received another free ride. This system, being card-only, not only inconven- iences the commuters but also leads to potential revenue losses for the com- pany. Why not provide commuters with alternative payment options- to pay cash? While we appreciate the free rides, we want to see the company's staff receive their salaries.  
This situation reflects the incompetence of our country's leadership.  
I urge the readers to join me in calling for a review of the current bus pay- ment system.  
Thank you for publishing my letter.

A Commuter



# Journalist educated by the President

It has become routine now. Each time President Wavel Ramkalawan invites journalists to a press conference, they should be aware that they are attending a class designed to teach them the fundamentals of good journalism.

This week was no different. After publicly criticising a press communiqué issued by Ramkalawan's political opponent, Dr Patrick Herminie, regarding questionable appointments in his government, President Ramkalawan directed his anger towards the journalists present at his press conference.

He instructed them on what to do whenever they receive a press communiqué, especially if it comes from Dr Herminie, the leader of the United Seychelles. He detailed where they should go, whom they should speak to, and how they should communicate the information to the public afterwards.

But where is the respect for journalists in Seychelles? Many of them learned their craft independently of Wavel Ramkalawan long before he entertained the thought of becoming President. Just as he worked hard studying theology, most journalists in Seychelles have also put in the effort and deserve the same respect he demands.

We have a President with a deep-seated

aversion to journalists. His disdain for them, cultivated during his 30 years in opposition, has intensified now that he is in office. His condescension towards them is palpable and unacceptable.

Numerous accounts exist of the President's unprofessional interactions with local journalists. He has banned Ralph Volcere, the editor of the 'Independent' newspaper, from attending his press conferences. In one press conference last year, he labelled an SBC journalist an 'agent provocateur', accusing her of speaking to a British newspaper, The Guardian, about issues occurring on Assumption and the Aldabra group of islands. He has repeatedly reprimanded journalists for asking questions he does not appreciate, raising serious concerns about the state of press freedom in Seychelles.

This is the nature of the relationship between the President of the Republic, Wavel Ramkalawan, and the local media. Yet, he frequently refers to the press as the fourth pillar of our democracy. He clearly does not treat it as such.

Journalists in Seychelles must stand united against the encroachment of their profession by a dictator masquerading as a democrat.

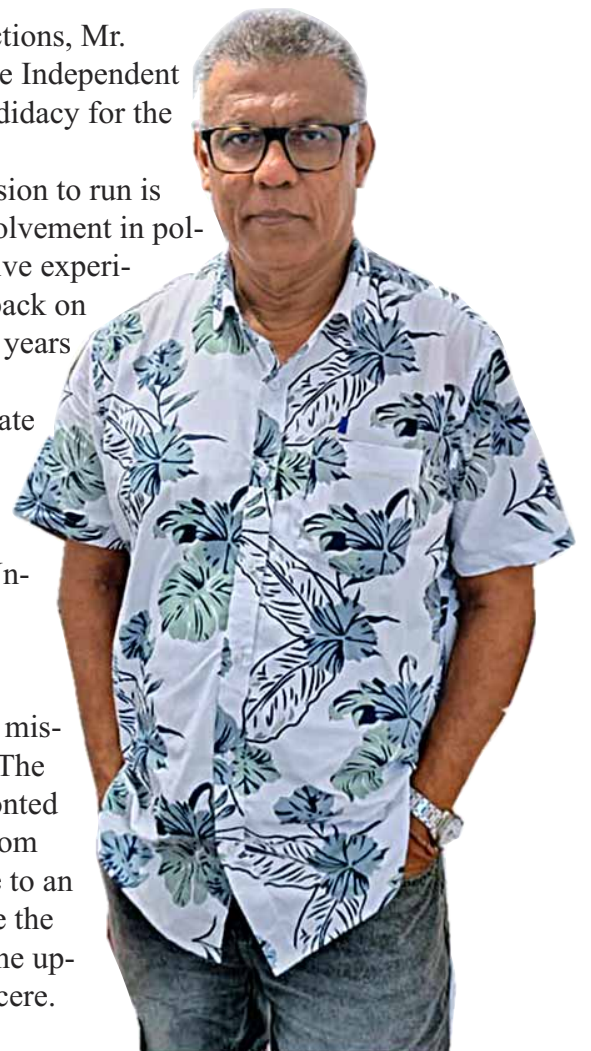
# Ralph Volcere, Independent Presidential Candidate

Eight months before the elections, Mr. Ralph Volcere, Editor of the Independent Newspaper, announced his candidacy for the presidential race.

At 64, he explains that his decision to run is rooted in his long-standing involvement in politics. He aims to use his extensive experience to help guide Seychelles back on track after the challenging four years under the LDS administration.

"Today, Seychelles is in desperate need of transformation. Our people yearn for emotional peace, social justice, truth, and honesty from those in power. Unfortunately, those we have entrusted with leadership have repeatedly failed us.

The most fundamental element missing in our society is the truth. The people of Seychelles are confronted daily with lies and deception from those in office. This must come to an end. Only you, the people, have the power to stop this injustice in the upcoming election," says Mr. Volcere.



# Fodre Kominike Lapres pour demaske manboulouk

## La aprezan nou'n konnen!

Fodre fer sorti en Kominike Lapres pour konn detay lo manboulouk ki gouvènmman LDS pe fer.

I selman apre en Kominike Lapres ki Prezidan in deside vin devan e eksplik keksoz avek Lepep Seselwa.

Nou'n vwar lo televizyon sa semenn.

Si ti napa en Kominike Lapres sorti kot son oponan, Prezidan pa ti pour eksplik Seselwa nanryen.

Zis i fer sa ki li i anvi fer e tou Seselwa i bezwen aksepte.

Sa i son labitid e son fason dirize.

Zis parey i ti oule fer avek sa bann size ki Dokter Patrick Herminie in koz lo la

dan son kominike Lapres.

Me kot i annan dife, serpan i bezwen sorti dan son trou.

Serpan pa kontan lasaler.

"Where there is heat, vipers will come out".

Acts 28:3.

Me eski nou bezwen en Kominike Lapres pour fer en Prezidan travay?

Eski nou bezwen fors li donn nou detay lo tou size ki konsèrn son gouvènmman e lepep Seselwa?

Ouswa, sa ti merit en keksoz volonter sorti kot nenport dimoun ki'n ganny elekte pour diriz pei?

Larepons i kler.

Prezidan i devret en serviter Lepep.

Se li ki bezwen rann kont sa pep.

Pa Lepep Seselwa ki bezwen bour baton avek li pour li sorti dan son trou.

Si nou bezwen Kominike Lapres pour fer li fer son travay konman Prezidan, petet Dokter Patrick Herminie i bezwen fer sorti ankor plizyer kominike Lapres. Par egzanp:

Kominike Lapres lo kimanyer Fon Kovid-19 in ganny zere.

Kominike Lapres lo kimanyer Fon pour nouvo lopital i ete.

Kominike Lapres lo Leksplasyon CCCL e ki pozisyon aktyel gouvènmman lo la.

Kominike Lapres lo konpansasyon TRNUC.

Kominike Lapres lo plizyer kalite konpansasyon ankor.

Bann konpansasyon ki Wavel pa oule koz lo la.

Kominike Lapres lo bann aktivite drol ki gouvènmman pa kapab "deal" avek.

I annan en kantite problem pour rezourd dan sa pei.

Si Wavel Ramkalawan i en Prezidan responsab, i bezwen koz lo sa bann problem.

Apre rod fason pour rezourd zot.

Pa esper Kominike Lapres pour li travay.

Me i kler ki i pa kapab fer sa louveraz.

Dèpi 2020 ziska 2025, nou'n ase trouve. Alor fodre ki i sorti.

I pour bezwen sed laplas avek Dokter Herminie ek United Seychelles.





## United Seychelles Calls for Transparency Following Electoral Commission Chairman's Resignation

Victoria, Seychelles 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – United Seychelles expresses serious concerns regarding the sudden resignation of Mr. Danny Lucas, Chairman of the Electoral Commission of Seychelles, just eight months before the upcoming elections.

The Office of the President's statement regarding Mr. Lucas's resignation has raised more questions than answers. While the statement mentions the President wishing Mr. Lucas "a swift recovery" and "continued strength in this new chapter of his life," it fails to explicitly state the reason for his resignation.<sup>1</sup> This lack of transparency has fueled speculation and public confusion.

Furthermore, the brevity of the President's statement and the absence of a press conference, especially in light of the gravity of the situation, is deeply troubling. This stands in stark contrast to the manner in which recent resignations, such as that of the Minister of Finance, were addressed.

United Seychelles finds it particularly odd that the President's statement does not explicitly mention health reasons for Mr. Lucas's resignation until the very last paragraph. The timing of this resignation, a mere 239 days before Election Day, also raises concerns.

The lack of transparency surrounding this matter is unacceptable. United Seychelles demands a clear and comprehensive explanation for Mr. Lucas's resignation, including a full report from the Electoral Commission and the Office of the President.

As we approach the upcoming elections, United Seychelles emphasizes the critical importance of upholding the principles of democracy, transparency, and accountability. We urge the President to refrain from any interference in the electoral process and call upon the new Chairman of the Electoral Commission to ensure the independence and impartiality of the electoral body.

The credibility of the upcoming elections depends on a fair and transparent process. United Seychelles will remain vigilant in safeguarding the democratic process and ensuring that the will of the Seychellois people is respected.

  
Dr. Patrick Herminie  
President of the United Seychelles Party



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# US ON THE MOVE





