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our nation's workers
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President Dr Patrick Herminie, rooted in the same daily realities as the citizens he leads, with a commanding presence and assured manner, commands attention the moment he enters the room. His confidence is not showmanship but is grounded in a clear grasp of the issues at hand.

When he speaks, his words carry weight. Whether in compassion and care or in seeking oversight and pressing for integrity, he's bold in decision-making. He is a leader of substance, whose presence is

matched by depth of thought and conviction. More than a figurehead, he projects authority through both stature and intellect, embodying the role of president with a blend of gravitas and sharpness. On Tuesday afternoon, he spoke, and the nation listened. In his first State of the Nation Address, he did not waste words on empty promises. He laid out a vision backed by action: projects across every sector, secured financing, opportunities and incentives for ordinary Seychellois in employment and busi-

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Historic step forward as government launches landmark Ile Aurore dredging project



In a defining moment for national development, President Dr Patrick Herminie witnessed the signing ceremony for the first phase of dredging works at Ile Aurore, a project he had proudly announced in his State of the Nation Address earlier this week.

The ambitious initiative, aimed at reclaiming over 770,000 square feet of land, will pave the way for transformative infrastructure projects, including a new school, housing developments, and facilities for small businesses. It marks a bold stride in the govern-

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The case of missing office (and furniture)

It was a scene for the ages: the former President, Ramka, once the most powerful man in the land, reduced to tears on national television, not over matters of state but be-



cause he hadn't yet been given an office. Yes, the man who had occupied the country's highest office is now demanding... another office. One can only imagine the nation's collective sigh: "Sir, you had one. You lost it. That's how elections work."

But Ramka's grievances don't end there. When he left, he reportedly took the furniture with him, claiming it was "gifted." Reports suggest otherwise. Somewhere out there, in a mysterious warehouse or perhaps his garage, presidential chairs, desks, and, hopefully, not lamps, are stacked, awaiting rediscovery as a lost civilisation. Archaeologists of the future may

one day unearth the "Ramka Collection" and wonder why a man thought ma-



he wants an office but why he insists on making a fool of himself in front of thousands. Perhaps it's nostalgia. Perhaps it's entitlement. Or perhaps, deep down, he simply misses the furniture, the pistol, and his favourite vehicle, the magic vehicle. Ramka, it's time to put a lid on it!

His cry for relevance in a non-event!

The recent announcement that all former presidents will now be protected by the Seychelles Defence Forces, rather than maintaining their own small security teams, has reignited debate about the legacy of former head of state Wavel Ramkalawan. While the measure ensures continued protection, it also raises broader questions about relevance and accountability.

When he assumed power in 2020, expectations were high. Instead of decisive leadership, the nation witnessed five years of inertia. The seat of power became a place of privilege rather than responsibility. Decisions were delayed, opportunities missed, and the machinery of governance slowed to a crawl. While cabinet members and politicians enjoyed benefits, ordinary citizens, particularly public-sector workers, suffered losses. The 13th-month pay was re-



duced; long-service allowances were withheld; bonuses were significantly cut; and overtime payments were often denied in some organisations.

These were not minor adjustments but substantial sacrifices borne by workers who kept the state functioning. Another

blow fell on those nearing retirement. Many individuals who reached 63 were forced to remain in service until 65 before they could access their pensions and social security benefits. This extension, imposed without adequate consultation, disrupted lives and plans, leaving

workers feeling cheated of their rightful entitlements.

The cumulative effect of these policies was enormous. Public servants lost income, and morale declined. The electorate, who had entrusted him with power, saw their sacrifices become privileges for the ruling elite. The most vulnerable group suffered the most, including employees of the former Cleaner Cooperative, who had lost significant amounts. Even after the former opposition fought hard to secure their employment, the cleaners were not remunerated as they had been before.

The former president's tenure will be remembered less for achievements than for his failures, incompetence, and reliance on the privileges of office. Protection from the Defence Forces may shield him physically, but it cannot shield his record from scrutiny.

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ness, and foundations laid. This is not empty talk. This is delivery with a clear focus on the people's needs. This is also a president keeping his promises to uplift the backbone of society - those who sustain this country; the everyday people who keep a nation running. Seychelles turns a page on five years of incompetence, waste and corruption, shielded by dictatorship and political theatrics, and restores dignity and status from the nation's highest office to the wider machinery of government and the public sector, ensuring that integrity and accountability permeate every level of national service.

From his Contract with the People in the first 100 days to his roadmap extending to 2030, the President has shown he is relentless. He works seven days a week, carrying the responsibility entrusted to him by the people. He is determined to put Seychelles back on the pedestal it deserves after five years of interruption and decay under LDS.

But progress demands unity. The nation must rise above the trembling voices of those who fear accountability and refuse to see their opponents succeed. This success will not belong to President Dr Herminie alone but to the nation as a whole. He has called on all citizens to put the country above self-interest, uniting in a spirit of shared responsibility to ensure Seychelles prospers. Accountability is not a weapon; it is democracy's shield and the cure for corruption. As the President said, illicit drugs are a problem in the country and are the offspring of cor-

ruption.

The opposition may tremble, but the people must stand firm. This is the President elected by the people, the one who

leads the way and insists on tangible results. His mission is clear: to restore Seychelles, deliver prosperity, and build a nation that thrives. He has taken on the

responsibility we entrusted to him. Now it is our duty to trust his work, unite behind his vision, and march together towards the Seychelles we deserve.

Photos courtesy State House

Seychelles marks 50 years of global engagement in Diplomatic Cocktail



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Diaspora hosted its annual diplomatic cocktail on Friday at the Avani Barbarons, celebrating the theme “50 Years of Vision and Voice: Seychelles’ Journey with the Global Community Towards Shared Security and Sustainable Development”.

The distinguished gathering was graced by President Dr Patrick Herminie and First Lady Veronique Herminie, together with Vice President Sebastien Pillay and Second Lady Lina Pillay. The event brought together members of the diplomatic corps, government officials, and international partners in a spirit of camaraderie and reflection.

Minister Barry Faure delivered the opening address, highlighting Seychelles’ enduring commitment to dialogue and cooperation on the global stage. His remarks were followed by H.E. Mr. Artem Kozhin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, who emphasised the importance of shared responsibility in advancing peace and sustainable development.

The evening gave guests the opportunity to celebrate Seychelles’ achievements over the past five decades and to reaffirm its role as a trusted voice in international diplomacy, with its policy friend to all, enemy to none.

United Seychelles' legacy of care

In Seychelles' evolving political landscape, one truth is increasingly clear: the people are gravitating towards leaders who prioritise their needs, respect their dignity, and honour their role as citizens. This is precisely why United Seychelles, under the stewardship of President Dr Patrick Herminie, is poised not only to succeed in government today but also to remain a trusted choice for the people well into 2030. It is also why United Seychelles' predecessors remained in government for 43 years.

Putting people first

Since its inception, United Seychelles has been guided by a philosophy that places the citizen at the heart of governance. Compassion, diligence, and fearlessness are not abstract ideals but lived values that shape policy decisions and everyday leadership. Under Dr Herminie's mandate, these principles are being realised in tangible outcomes: improved social services, stronger community engagement, and a government that listens rather than dictates.

The people of Seychelles are not passive observers; they feel the difference when their voices are heard and their concerns addressed. They recognise when leaders act with empathy and when policies are designed to uplift rather than marginalise. This sense of being prioritised is what cements trust between the government and its citizens.

Respect and honour in leadership

Respect is more than a courtesy; it is the foundation of democratic leadership. United Seychelles has consistently shown respect for the people's will, honouring their contributions to national progress and safeguarding their rights. Dr Herminie's leadership embodies this ethos, ensuring every citizen feels valued, regardless of background or status.

This respect translates into a gov-

ernment that does not rule from above but walks alongside its people. It is evident in how civil servants are empowered to serve with integrity, how communities are engaged in decision-making, and how national resources are managed responsibly for the benefit of all. Who helped United Seychelles draft its manifesto? It was none other than the people, through United Seychelles' daily visits to them over the past five years.

Success is inevitable

Success for United Seychelles is not measured solely by political victories but by the lived experiences of its people. When citizens feel cared for, see their government working diligently on their behalf, and experience policies that improve their daily lives, success is undeniable.

The expectation of continued progress under Dr Herminie is not wishful thinking; it is grounded in the track record of a Party that has consistently prioritised the people.

As 2030 approaches, the people will remember not only promises but also the respect and honour they were shown. They will recall the compassion shown in times of need, the diligence applied to solving national challenges, and the fearlessness shown in defending their interests.

Looking ahead to 2030

The political future of Seychelles will be shaped not by entitlement or sabotage but by the people's collective memory. That memory will be of being prioritised, cared for, respected, and honoured by United Seychelles. This enduring bond between leaders and citizens will carry the Party forward, ensuring its place in government well into the next decade. United Seychelles is not merely surviving; it is thriving because it recognises that true power lies in service. In 2030, when the people cast their votes, they will do so with gratitude and confidence, knowing their trust has been honoured and their dignity upheld.



Jeanne & Marcel

Dear Jeanne,

Your letter had me chuckling again. You've got a way of cutting through the noise. Truly, this is his time to travel and enjoy his wealth. Didn't he enjoy travelling while in office? Or was it only fun because it came at taxpayers' expense? Now he parades on national television, seeking attention and sympathy, but nobody cares. Ratings didn't move an inch. Everyone was focused on the next day's event in the National Assembly, which turned out to be a real state-of-the-nation address. No insults, no empty promises, just substance. That's what made it rich. And look at the difference already: three months in office, and President Herminie has secured financing for a brand-new, state-of-the-art hospital. Compare that with five years of LDS scraping together peanuts for a project worth nearly a billion. Remember those foundation stones laid in the final months, a desperate attempt to manipulate voters? What was he thinking? I noticed, too, that some LDS MNAs seemed almost ready to clap after Herminie's speech. They recognised a true leader, one who spoke with compassion and sincerity. If I were in their shoes, I'd set aside my arrogance and work with him, not out of weakness, but to prove to my children that I recognise integrity and progress when I see them. A boss makes puppets; a leader makes people successful. That's the difference.

Yes, Jeanne, you're right: the country is tired of divisive politics. People want kindness, truth, and progress. For once, they're seeing it.

Watching SONA made me realise another quality in our leader and his inner circle. They stand firm: sticks may break our bones, but you cannot shake our resolve. Integrity and truth will prevail, and no amount of slander can tarnish the dedication of those who serve honourably. Asba and Francourt, stay steadfast and unflinching.

Ah, Ramka and his grand declarations again. He's busy demanding that United Seychelles foot the TRNUC compensation bill, yet conveniently forgetting that someone once testified on live TV about being spied on by someone from "Semen Serret". If we're playing the accountability game, shouldn't he be passing the hat around to cover that alleged espionage tab, too?

Is he forgetting some ministers from his own former administration whose family histories are entangled in those very past events? Honestly, the man needs to shush before he ends up compensating himself for all the contradictions.

Yours,
Marcel

Did former commander-in-chief throw Hollanda and Denousse under the bus?

Ballistics don't lie! How differences in ammunition reveal the truth

Counting the days to accountability for the prison riot that scarred the nation during the former commander-in-chief's reign, the story has taken a predictable yet troubling turn. Under mounting pressure and the spectre of accountability, it appears the ex-leader has chosen self-preservation over loyalty for those who stood by him.

Among those he may have thrown under the bus are former Deputy Chief Police Commissioner Denousse and Chief of Staff Colonel Hollanda. Their names have been paraded across the national media and are now circulating on Tik-Tok, not as defenders of order but as scapegoats in a desperate attempt to shield the commander-in-chief and his cronies from responsibility.

The facts remain that orders were given to fire on prisoners. Two lives were lost. One man, struck in the leg, came perilously close to amputation. His survival now hinges on the current president's grace, which has extended treatment to save not only his leg but possibly his life.

Drowning and clinging to a thread, Ramkalwan has finally admitted that

there was indeed a 'Tim Ibou' at State House. This came after a press release categorically denied the presence of any security personnel.

Ramkalwan has claimed that President Dr Hermnie said a ballistic report showed the bullets used in the riot belonged to the 'Tim Ibou'. He dismissed this as a lie, arguing that "security personnel at the riot were given ammunition and firearms by the army and the police." But this is a fundamental misunderstanding. Ammunition and firearms are not uniform: calibres differ, bullet types vary, and weapons leave unique microscopic markings on bullets and casings. A ballistic report exists precisely to identify these differences, show whether multiple weapons were used, and trace responsibility scientifically. If he doesn't now understand what a ballistic report is or how ammunition and firearms differ, why was he making decisions on behalf of Seychelles? Remember when Seychellois were shocked to learn from international news reports that we were joining the Red Sea Coalition, which led the Hezbollah leader to ridicule Seychelles? Damage control followed, with claims that it was not a done



deal, that it was not true, and that we were not sending military, etc. Another piece of wreckage from the former commander-in-chief/president of the past five years. This episode of him now trying to possibly shift part of the blame of the prison riot to others is not only a tragedy but also a lesson. When the walls of judgment close in, the former commander-in-chief has shown he will not hesitate to sacrifice allies to save himself. Those who once became accomplices in his decisions, whether through silence or

complicity, should take heed: loyalty to him is a one-way street.

We warned before, and we warn again: when the time of reckoning comes, he will not stand with you. He will stand alone and ensure you bear the weight of his choices.

History has a way of repeating itself, but it also reveals the truth. The prison riot is now a revelation of character. That revelation should serve as a cautionary tale for all who once believed that proximity to power offered protection.



Leadership with heart

Easing burden for Seychellois borrowers

At a time when global economic pressures weigh heavily on small island nations, Seychelles is demonstrating to the world what compassionate leadership looks like. The President's recent announcement that his government is reviewing SBFA and DBS loans, with plans to write off specific loans totalling 59 million rupees and to restructure repayments on others, is more of a moral commitment to the people.

By easing short-term repayment pressures, the government sends a clear message: the wellbeing of Seychellois families, entrepreneurs, and small businesses comes before rigid financial systems. This initiative recognises that behind every loan is a person striving to build a future, whether through a small enterprise, a family investment, or a community project.

Writing off loans is not merely about numbers; it is about dignity. It recognises that unforeseen challenges, from global market shifts to local hardships, can derail even the hardest-working citizens, not to mention the hardships of the past five years. Restructuring repayments provides breathing space, allowing

borrowers to regain stability without the crushing weight of debt.

The President also emphasised that banks in which the government holds shares will review their interest rates, making borrowing more accessible for Seychellois. This measure complements the loan relief initiative, ensuring that citizens can continue to invest in their dreams and contribute to the nation's growth without being locked out of financial opportunities.

This policy reflects a leader who listens, understands, and acts with empathy. It strengthens trust between government and citizens, reinforcing the idea that leadership is not about authority alone but about care and responsibility. In doing so, Seychelles sets an example for other nations: compassion is not a weakness but a strength.

By supporting borrowers today and opening doors to fairer lending tomorrow, the government ensures that small businesses and individuals can continue to contribute to the nation's growth. Re-



The government wants small businesses and individuals to prosper and also contribute to the nation's growth

silence is built not by leaving people behind but by lifting them up.

SNA returns

The Seychelles News Agency (SNA) officially resumed operations on Monday, January 26, 2026, reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening national information services and ensuring timely access to public information.

President Dr Patrick Herminie underscored the relaunch as one of his early governance priorities, pledging transparency and the restoration of a trusted national news service.

Vice-President Sebastien Pillay, who oversees the information portfolio, inaugurated the agency's redesigned website in the presence of the Principal Secretary for the Department of Information, Ms Ginnie Lucas, symbolising the restoration of SNA's digital presence and its renewed mission to connect Seychelles with the global community.

The Department of Information has appointed Ms Betymie Bonnelame and Mr Rassin Vannier to lead the agency's reconstruction over the next six months. Their mandate includes rebuilding institutional capacity, strengthening govern-



ance structures, and revitalising editorial operations.

The relaunch reflects the administration's broader vision of reconnecting Seychelles with the international public by providing free, accessible news from the archipelago. The initiative highlights

the government's commitment to transparency and information sharing, and to strengthening Seychelles' presence on the global stage.

Founded in April 2014, the Seychelles News Agency was the nation's first online news service, delivering profes-

sional journalism and public-interest stories. Operations ceased in December 2024, but the decision to resume reflects a renewed institutional commitment to safeguarding the role of independent national news.

Abolition of Slavery Day today

Seychelles reflects on its past as the nation commemorates the abolition of slavery, a defining moment in its history. The annual observance today, 1 February, is a public holiday, ensuring that the legacy of resilience and freedom remains central to the country's identity. Slavery was abolished in Seychelles in 1835, following Britain's decision to outlaw the practice throughout its colonies. For generations, enslaved men, women, and children endured hardship, yet their descendants have shaped the islands' cultural and social fabric. The holiday serves as both solemn remembrance and a celebration of survival, strength, and unity.

Organised events offer younger generations the chance to connect with the struggles and triumphs of their ancestors.

The holiday also includes a practical adjustment: if 1 February falls on a Sunday, the public holiday is extended to the next day, Monday. Speaking to the significance of the day, cultural leaders emphasise that the commemoration is not only about remembering the past but also about reinforcing values of equality, justice, and human dignity in modern Seychelles. It stands alongside other national holidays, such as Independence Day and Constitution Day, as a cornerstone of the country's civic calendar.

As Seychelles continues to build its future, Abolition of Slavery Day remains a powerful reminder of the nation's journey from oppression to freedom and of the enduring importance of honouring history while striving for unity.



Historic step forward as government launches landmark Ile Aurore dredging project

ment's commitment to deliver tangible benefits to the Seychellois people.

Vice President Sébastien Pillay, who oversees the land and housing portfolio, hailed the signing as a "historic moment" for the administration. He emphasised that although the project had been conceived years earlier, it had not materialised until now. "Under President Herminie's leadership and his call to trust the process, we have turned vision into action. In less than 100 days, we finalised the administrative framework, and today we sign a contract that will see Jan De Nul begin dredging by the end of March," Mr Pillay declared.

By year's end, the government expects substantial progress on the reclamation, which will not only provide urgently needed land for housing and tourism projects but also supply sandfill to the construction sector. Three reclamation sites have been earmarked: in front of Ile Aurore, Zone 5, and Zone 20, each approximately 180,000 square metres.

Vice President Pillay also underscored the administration's unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship. "All environmental studies have been completed, and every law will be respected. We remain torch-bearers of environmental protection, ensuring that development and preservation coexist in



the best possible way," he affirmed.

The project's financing has been fully secured by the Government of Seychelles, reflecting its determination to invest in the nation's future. Principal Secretary for Lands, Mr. Denis Barbe, signed the agreement with representatives of Jan De Nul Dredging Ltd.

President Herminie's administration has already launched housing projects and is determined to accelerate delivery of its programme. "The benefits for our people will be considerable," Pillay noted, stressing that the government is not working in isolation but in partnership with citizens to build a stronger

Seychelles.

This landmark project marks a new era of development, one in which promises are swiftly translated into action and the government's vision for progress is matched by its capacity to deliver.

The loudest complainer is often the laziest worker

Who, in Seychelles, works the least yet complains the most?

According to a newly invented Creole riddle, the answer is Wavel Ramkalawan.

Since losing the September and October 2025 elections, Wavel Ramkalawan is portrayed as adopting a constant posture of complaint. On an almost daily basis, he raises new grievances: at times about his vehicle, at others about his personal security, weapons, or the overall governance of Seychelles.

He now criticises nearly every action

taken by his successor, Dr Patrick Herminie, whom he describes as opposing democracy, good governance, and the rule of law. What irony coming from Ramkalawan! He also alleges personal grievances against President Herminie, suggesting bias or hostility towards him. To the vast majority of Seychellois, Ramkalawan's repeated complaints have become tiresome and unproductive. He held the office of President for the past five years, during which he had ample opportunity to strengthen democracy, improve governance, and uphold

the rule of law. Yet he failed miserably to do so.

Instead, he personally benefited from his position, enjoyed privileges, and accumulated wealth, while many Seychellois faced poverty, hunger, homelessness, and financial hardship.

Based on those assessments, Wavel Ramkalawan has no credibility to advise President Herminie on governance matters. In contrast, President Herminie has achieved more in three months than him in five years, particularly by restoring public confidence, bringing relief to

elderly citizens, inspiring young people, and improving the general morale of the population. If anything, Ramkalawan should take lessons while he sits in regret.

Wavel Ramkalawan missed his opportunity to serve the nation effectively and should now allow the current president to govern without interference. That is the most polite way the Seychellois people are expressing their sentiments to him, in the hope that he understands.

Peter Bones Boniface salutes: The Moral Courage that is Our Greatest Hope for Unity

Last week, ex-President Mr Danny Faure, the Chairman of the National Unity Committee, confirmed that President Herminie and himself have agreed to pay compensation to victims, as was recommended by TRNUC three years ago.

In the coming weeks, the necessary legal and institutional frameworks to implement TRNUC's recommendations will be established and submitted to the National Assembly for approval.

At the same time, the Minister of Finance will establish a dedicated Reparation Trust Fund for compensation payments, which will be funded by potential contributions from budget surpluses, bi-lateral grants and public donations.

This decision will go down in history as the most courageous act of Unity that's ever been performed by any President in Seychelles.

It is the biggest proof that President Herminie is devoted to bring Unity and National Reconciliation, just like he promised in his campaign and Inauguration Speech.

It is a decision that shines a Light of Hope through the Darkness of Division that the last President, Wavel has been promoting since his defeat.

Many people despair and believe that we will never get Unity because of the way Wavel has been inciting his mob of fanatics to spread hate and anger against President Herminie, and to turn our people against each other.

But President Herminie's decision has given us Hope that under his wise leadership, we will be able to bring to our people the Peace and Unity that Wavel is fighting so hard to destroy.

What is even more inspiring is

that both President Herminie and ex-President Faure are agreeing to compensate a large group of victims who have always condemned their party and themselves. Many of those victims still hate the US leader simply for being in the party that victimised them over 35 years ago.

But despite such bad feelings against them, these two exemplary leaders have shown an incredible Moral Courage in the way that they've decided to put Unity and National Reconciliation above their personal and partisan loyalties.

They have shown real Compassion and Humility to recognise the sufferings that those victims went through; and have agreed to give them the redress, healing and closure that they deserve.

In doing so, they are also showing that, even though their party victimised our people over 35 years ago, it has today produced two remarkably humane leaders who have shown real compassion for our people's sufferings; and real moral values and principles that are totally superior to Wavel's arrogant and dishonest character.

They put to shame the callousness and inhumanity that Wavel has shown in the last three years when he completely refused to pay the victims

compensation; and is still today protesting against the decision that President Herminie has now taken.

Instead of showing some dignity, he has already jumped on this chance to turn people against the President, by claiming that taxpayers should not be paying the victims' compensation.

This is another fake, hypocritical excuse because he himself took thousands in compensation from taxpayers when he made his 'victim claim' in 2007.

What's even more more treacherous is that it's the victims' sufferings that Wavel exploited to win him the Presidency in 2020. He scared voters from voting for President Faure by convincing them that President Faure would victimise people like his predecessors did over 30 years before.

That was a horrible lie because President Faure was actually a very humble and humane leader who during his Presidency, brought about the best period of Freedom and Unity that we've ever seen in Seychelles.

He even played an active role in the establishment of the TRNUC to support the victims. He never harassed or silenced journalists like Wavel did when he took power.

Wavel, in sharp contrast, betrayed all his promises when he became President. He destroyed our Freedom and Unity by mistreating journalists like the Lopinylon Presenter, Rassin; the SBC journalist he called 'Agent Provocateur', the Mauritian journalist who got deported last year; and worst of all, Ralph Volcere who he ridiculed publicly and banned from his Press Conferences.

He also callously betrayed the ordinary workers and the victims who had helped him gain power by enriching himself and his rich friends instead of the ordinary people who had trusted him.

To make it worse, he had the audacity to use the victims' sufferings again in the last elections, to convince voters that President Herminie was planning to

victimise people like his party did over 35 years ago.

Fortunately, the majority of voters were too intelligent to be fooled by his dirty scam; and were wise enough to see that President Herminie has the compassion, integrity and moral qualities to bring real Justice and Unity to our people. He has already proven this in the long list of social reforms that he is implementing to improve the lives of ordinary workers.

His highly humane decision last week to compensate victims is another clear proof that he has no intention of victimising our people, like Wavel keeps falsely preaching to fool his supporters.

President Herminie's decision is also a vital lesson to all victims to let go of all the hate and bitterness that they've been keeping against the US party for so many years.

I understand how victims feel because I've been a victim too. But I appeal to all victims to understand that keeping a lifelong hate against the US party will not bring the national Unity that we need for our Healing and Closure.

It's time for us to accept that the two leaders of US in the last ten years are Not the people who victimised us 35 years ago. They are Not the leaders who want to victimise our people, like Wavel keeps falsely preaching for his own selfish ambitions.

It's time for us to understand that Wavel has never been interested in our compensation and Healing; as he is still proving today. He Needs victims to keep fermenting hatred towards the US party because 'that's all he's ever used' to win power.

For our own Peace and for the Peace of our nation, it's time to let go of all the old hatred and bitterness; and use our strength instead to work together as one proud nation, to bring the Justice and Unity that we fought and risked our lives for, many years ago.

This Moral Courage is what matters most to bring us the real Healing and Closure that we all deserve.



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On January 27, 2026, President Dr Patrick Herminie delivered his first State of the Nation Address as Head of State, marking a historic moment as Seychelles prepares to celebrate 50 years of independence in June. His speech was a call to action, outlining a roadmap to address the nation's priorities and reaffirming his commitment to the people. From lowering the cost of living and combating corruption to expanding housing and strengthening mental health services, the President's message was clear: he is working tirelessly to transform Seychelles into a fairer, stronger, and more resilient nation.

Lowering the cost of living

Seychelles remains the most expensive country in Africa, but the President pledged bold interventions:

- Expansion of the STC basket to include 12 more essential commodities.
- Negotiations with partners to stabilise food, transport, and utility prices.
- Adjustments in tax structures and bus fares to ease household burdens.



Housing and infrastructure

- Land reclamation projects will be launched to address the chronic shortage of social housing.
- Commitment to urban planning and sustainable development, ensuring homes for all Seychellois families.



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Health and human development

- Mental health support systems to be expanded nationwide, recognising wellbeing as a pillar of progress.
- Technical and vocational training programmes to empower youth and build a skilled workforce.
- Increased financial and social support for working families and vulnerable groups.



Reforming justice and fighting corruption

- Declared a zero-tolerance stance on corruption, promising stronger enforcement and greater transparency.
- Announced criminal justice reforms to modernise courts and ensure fairness.
- Emphasised accountability as the cornerstone of governance.



The man at work

President Herminie's address was a blueprint for action:

- Tackling everyday struggles such as food prices and transport costs.
- Confronting corruption head-on with new commissions.
- Building homes, strengthening justice, and investing in people's health and skills.
- Supporting small businesses and farmers to drive economic growth.
- Reforming health and education to provide the nation with the best possible.
- Honouring the nation's past while preparing for its future.

Read his full address on the next page.

**"Vice President of the Republic, Mr Sebastien Pillay
Chief Justice, Rony Govinden
Acting President of the Court of Appeal**

Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly

Leader of the Government Business in the National Assembly

Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly

Honourable Members of the National Assembly

**Members of the Diplomatic Corps
Principal Minister & Cabinet of Ministers**

Distinguished invited Guests

This year, our nation marks 50 years of independence, fifty years since Seychelles chose to stand on her own, to govern herself, to define her future, and to place her destiny firmly in the hands of her people. This

milestone invites us to reflect not only on where we have come from but also on where we are going and on the kind of country we choose to build together.

We have reached a point where we must reflect not only on where we have come from but also on where we are heading and what kind of country we wish to build together. Our history was not easy. It was shaped by injustice, struggle, and sacrifice. Yet it was also shaped by courage, resilience, and

an unshakable belief that dignity, fairness, and freedom belong to every Seychellois.

Today, history calls this generation not to look back with regret but to move forward with unity, courage, and purpose, guided by the lessons of our past and by the responsibility we bear for the future.

A CHALLENGING WORLD — AND A NATION THAT STANDS RESOLUTE

We live in a world facing profound and accelerating challenges, from climate change and global instability to rising costs of living and rapid technological change. These pressures are real, global, and no country is immune.

But Seychelles has faced storms before. Today, we stand as a confident democ-

racy, a resilient people, and a government determined to act, not to wait, not to hesitate, and not to govern by excuses.

A GOVERNMENT THAT ACTS - THE FIRST 100 DAYS

Madam Speaker,

In our first 100 days, this Government acted decisively.

- We did not delay.
- We did not hesitate.
- And we did not govern by excuses.

From the very first days, we moved to restore order, confidence, and trust. We reaffirmed the proper role of our institutions by disbanding Team IBOU, which became a tool used to harass citizens – and we made it clear that security in a democracy must always be grounded in law, accountability, and respect for

rupees per month by 2029.

We stood firm in defending our land and our sovereignty, including our position on Assumption Island, because national assets must always be protected in the public interest. To ensure transparency and accountability, we established a Commission of Inquiry into the Assumption Island sub-lease, so that the truth is presented openly and independently to the nation. We also appointed a Board of Inquiry into the importation of firearms, because public safety, national security, and the rule of law are not negotiable.

In response to the tragic events of 7 December, this Government is actively working on the legal provisions to establish a Commission of Inquiry into the CCCL incident to determine the truth and provide clear answers to the res-

as part of our determined effort to eradicate the corrosive virus of corruption that has been eating away at our country.

Soon, we will witness the swearing-in of the judge who will lead the investigation into Travizory, a company whose contract was a major fraud and which today owes the State 65 million rupees, all of which arose under the previous administration.

We have established the National Unity Committee to implement the TRNUC's recommendations. My government has set aside 20 million rupees in the 2026 budget to begin compensating victims.

We have also finally established the Economic Council, composed primarily of private-sector representatives, to help us build a stronger, more resilient economy. The names of the members of this

Council will be announced shortly.

Madam Speaker, This is the first time in Seychelles' history that a government has delivered so much in such a short space of time, indeed, within its first 100 days, not through promises but through concrete action.

When we say "trust the process", it is because we know that when we make a promise, we deliver.

FOR THE MANY, NOT THE FEW

Madam Speaker, "For the many, not a few" is not just a slogan.

It is the principle by which we make our decisions.

It means progress

must be felt at home, and that systems must serve people, and that opportunity must be shared, not enjoyed by only a minority. In other words, shared prosperity.

For the past five years, the Seychellois people have been repeatedly told that the country is doing well.

- We were shown figures.
- We were shown reports.
- We were told about growth, reserves, and success.

But for too many families, that success was far from their realities;

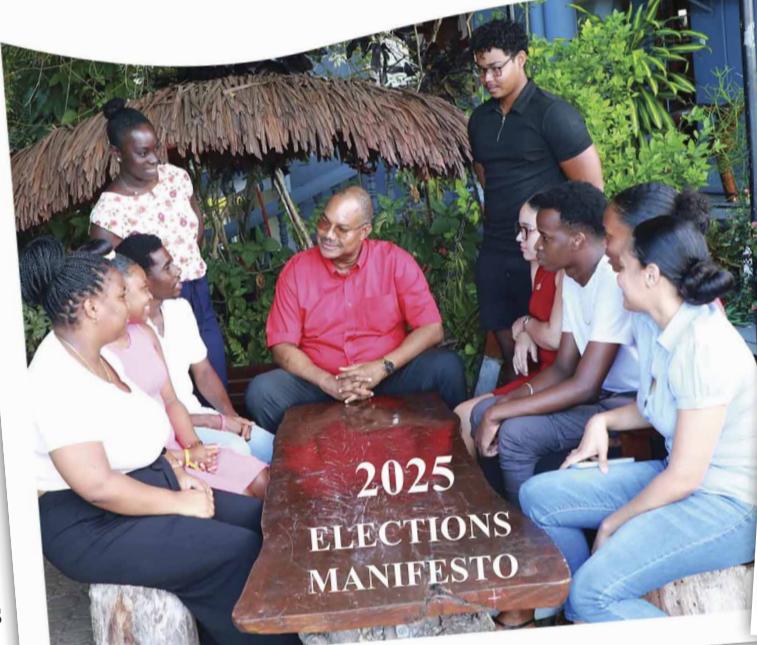
- Many families struggled to make ends meet.
- Achievement was announced, but it did not ease the daily struggle.

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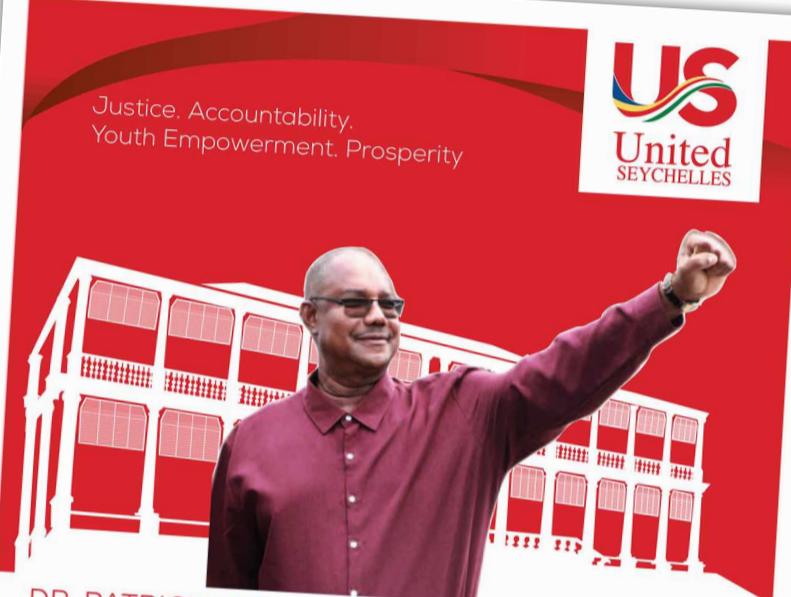


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FIRST 100 DAYS

**A SOCIAL CONTRACT
WITH THE PEOPLE OF SEYCHELLES**



rights.

For this reason, investigations into all criminal activities carried out by this group will commence shortly.

Today, Seychellois feel free. They no longer need to worry about which mobile app to use to call or message their brothers and sisters, whether WhatsApp or Signal.

We took immediate action to ease the pressure on working families by introducing the 13th-month salary as a workers' right. We also reintroduced the long service allowance, and together these measures have ensured that more money is now in the pockets of Seychellois.

We have also restored dignity to our senior citizens by returning the social security retirement age to 63 and by taking measures to ensure that it reaches 10,000

idents of Petit Paris and the nation as a whole. When lives, safety, and communities are affected, silence is not an option.

In keeping with that same commitment to truth and accountability, we will also establish a Commission of Inquiry into the events surrounding the prison riot on 5 December, in which two inmates lost their lives. Those individuals were incarcerated for their mistakes, but they remained human beings. They were sons, brothers, and fathers. While in custody, they were under the State's care and responsibility. Their families deserve the truth. They deserve answers. And the nation deserves assurance that dignity, safety, and accountability apply to everyone without exception.

We repealed unjust laws that had protected the assets of politicians' families,

This forces us to conclude that those impressive headline figures were either false or benefited only a small minority. For our government, this is not prosperity.

That is not shared progress.

That is not justice.

And it is not the kind of nation that this government seeks to build.

ONE NATION - NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

Madam Speaker,

The true measure of our nation will be how we support those without a home. More than 3,200 Seychellois are still paying into housing schemes while awaiting assistance.

I am proud to announce that my government has already secured funding to construct more than one thousand homes this year, and we remain firmly convinced that by 2030 we will be on track to complete 2,000 homes.

Because behind every statistic is a human story.

- A parent trying to make ends meet.
- A child who needs stability to learn and grow.
- An elderly person seeking dignity after a lifetime of contribution.
- A family trying to hold itself together in the face of hardship.

That is why my government is strengthening social protection so that assistance arrives on time, is delivered with dignity, and is tied to clear support plans and expectations.

But, Madam Speaker, every Seychellois must understand this: for us to continue providing social support for all, everyone who is able must work.

From welfare to workforce is now our motto.

A nation will never progress if only half of its people are working while the other half sits back and waits for that half to sustain the nation.

ductivity, or real opportunity.

A government that governs for the many, not the few, must ensure that access to healthcare is fair, timely, and humane, and not determined by income, influence, or connections.

Madam Speaker,

When my government took office, we inherited a health system under considerable strain.

Our doctors, nurses, and frontline workers were carrying an immense burden.

Facilities were stretched to breaking point. Waiting times were long. Infections had ravaged our hospitals.

My government will therefore undertake reforms within this ministry, placing greater emphasis on prevention and primary healthcare to reduce pressure on hospitals.

I am also proud to announce that we have already secured funding for a new, modern hospital. Construction will commence later this year.

With regard to the workers of this ministry, I have also requested that a review of their working conditions be carried out, with the aim of encouraging more young Seychellois to join the ministry. We will also build resilience by providing additional training in key medical, paramedical, and nursing specialities to address existing capacity gaps.

This will also apply to a coordinated specialisation programme for young Seychellois doctors, enabling them to ultimately lead secondary and tertiary healthcare services.

Healthcare must work for people, not the other way around.

Madam Speaker,

For too long, mental health was misunderstood, stigmatised, and often ignored. By establishing a Mental Health Agency, my government is making clear that those days are over. Mental health is health, and today we recognise it as one of the major challenges facing Seychelles.

Ignoring mental health does not make problems disappear. It allows them to grow.

This is why our approach focuses on family wellbeing services, including support for victims of domestic violence, at-risk youth, and families facing hardship.

Madam Speaker,

One of our greatest concerns is the cost of living.

Today, Seychelles is the most expensive country in Africa.

That is unacceptable, especially as Seychelles no longer ranks among the top ten African countries for purchasing power.

Today, I can assure you that the prices of essential commodities will fall significantly over the course of 2026. Discussions with the relevant partners have reached an advanced stage.

We are expanding the list of STC commodities to include 12 additional everyday products, with the aim of stabilising prices and protecting consumers. This list will be guided by a new national nutrition policy currently being developed by my government.

In addition, we have relaunched the STC card to protect low-income households, and we are preparing further VAT exemptions and tax reductions on everyday essentials.

Our families should not be forced to choose between food, transport, water and electricity, and housing.

In the months ahead, we will identify essential goods and services that families rely on daily and either remove or reduce the taxes that make them unaffordable.

The cost of living must be addressed with urgency, fairness, and responsibility.

Madam Speaker,

In the same spirit, from 1 February 2026, bus fares will be reduced by SCR 2 — from SCR 10 to SCR 8 — with a clear plan to introduce further reductions



This is the only way to eliminate the serious housing problem we inherited. Over the past five years, only about 250 homes have been built.

As a small island state with very limited developable land, Seychelles faces real land constraints and infrastructure challenges. As a result, more than 430 applicants are still waiting for land under the Land Bank scheme.

My government has decided to act decisively. In 2026, we will deliver at least 150 residential land plots, reducing the waiting list by at least one third in the first year of our mandate, with plans to deliver additional plots in 2027.

Madam Speaker,

We will also resume land reclamation works to create more than 570,000 square metres of new land, including preparing Île Aurore for housing projects, schools, and infrastructure development, and supporting the growth of small businesses.

Madam Speaker,

Social protection must do more than respond to a crisis. It must protect dignity, support families already in employment, and help people get back on their feet.

We will never be able to maintain our social programmes if our economy is not strong and growth does not rise.

For this reason, our social support will focus on working families.

Together, let us ask what we can do for our country, rather than what our country can do for us.

To families affected by substance abuse, I wish to inform you that my government has reopened the process to construct the rehabilitation village, which will comprise four rehabilitation centres. As you know very well, had it not been for the previous administration's irresponsible decisions, we would by now have completed rehabilitation centres that would have been among the best and most well-equipped in the Indian Ocean.

HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH — DIGNITY IN BODY AND MIND

Madam Speaker,

Caring for people does not stop at income support or social services.

It extends to the health of the body and the mind.

Without health, there is no dignity, pro-

ductivity, or real opportunity.

They affect productivity.

They affect safety.

And they affect the future of our children.

to SCR 7 in 2027 and to SCR 6 in 2028. This is in line with our plan to ease daily pressures on families, workers, students, and senior citizens, and to ensure that mobility remains affordable for all.

We are also addressing the issue of ex-
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cessively high interest rates. Government-affiliated banks cannot continue to post large profits while households and businesses struggle under the pressure of rising loan interest rates. For this reason, we have engaged Nouvobanq and the Seychelles Commercial Bank to reduce interest rates, improve competition, and expand access to affordable housing finance.

My government is also reviewing SBFA and DBS loans, with a view to writing off specific loans totalling 59 million rupees and restructuring repayments on other loans to ease short-term pressure on borrowers.

Madam Speaker,

We are also taking steps to address the very high energy costs and the significant delays in transitioning to renewable energy. Seychelles currently uses only 5% renewable energy, leaving us behind other small island states.

My government will not accept stagnation, even as we act with prudence. This year, we are negotiating technical options, costs, and capacity to enable a firm, informed decision on the future of energy in our country. Affordable electricity is essential for competitiveness, household budgets, and national resilience. It is a key factor in reducing the cost of living in Seychelles.

My government also believes that telecommunications and internet costs in Seychelles remain too high and inefficient. We are confident that negotiations with Starlink will be concluded by April this year, making telecommunications more affordable and accessible. I simply ask you to trust the process.

Madam Speaker,

We are clear about our approach: support must be a bridge, not a destination. That is why programmes such as the Unemployment Relief Scheme are being strengthened, not only to provide temporary income support but also to link people directly to work placements, training, and re-skilling. The objective is not dependency; it is reintegration into productive work. People who can work must be supported to do so, and people who genuinely need help must receive it with dignity, structure, and clear pathways forward.

Our young people must not be left waiting at the door of opportunity. We are reforming My First Job, strengthening apprenticeships, internships, and skills pathways, and ensuring a smoother, more effective transition from education to employment. Technical and vocational skills are being prioritised because dignity exists in every form of honest work.

Madam Speaker,

Our young people stand at the heart of an extraordinary moment in history. They are growing up in one of the most technologically advanced and information-rich eras the world has ever known. With a laptop or mobile phone in hand, young Seychellois today have

access to free tools, free knowledge, and global learning platforms that previous generations could never have imagined. From right here at home, they can acquire new skills, build careers, explore remote work, connect with global mentors, and create new income opportunities. The digital world no longer waits for permission, and those willing to learn, experiment, and innovate will define the future.

My government believes in its youth not only as the leaders of tomorrow but also as contributors today. That is why we are investing in education, skills development, entrepreneurship, culture, sport, and digital opportunity, so young people are not left waiting at the margins of progress. We are building clear pathways that connect learning to work, ideas to enterprise, and talent to opportunity. We are strengthening youth support programmes, expanding access to training and start-up support, and ensuring am-

parents were concerned, and too many young people felt the system was not designed for their success. We chose not to deny these realities, because pretending a system is working when learners are struggling helps no one. We chose reform guided by evidence, best practice and the real needs of our children. Education must prepare young people not only to pass exams but also to live, work, and contribute meaningfully to society. That is why this Government is strengthening technical and vocational education, ensuring that skills training is valued, modern, and closely aligned with the economy's real needs. In this regard, I am pleased to announce that my government has secured funding for the construction of a modern Technical and Vocational Learning Centre, designed to equip our youth with the practical skills, confidence, and competence they need to enter the world of work. Academic excellence matters, but prac-

the best tools for teachers, continuous training, and greater professional respect. We are strengthening school leadership and improving coordination so that schools are places of learning, safety, and aspiration.

A nation cannot afford to waste talent. Every child, including those with special needs, must have a pathway to dignity, work, and contribution. We are strengthening inclusive education, early intervention, and targeted support so that no child is written off because of circumstances. Ability is universal, and opportunity must be too. It is therefore part of my government's plan to build an autism centre and a new school for children with special needs as soon as possible. Madam Speaker, education is not only about the individual. It is about the nation we are building. When education works, young people believe in themselves, families see hope, and society becomes more resilient. My government is committed to an education system that is inclusive, forward-looking, and rooted in opportunity, one that equips Seychellois not just for today but for the future we are building together.

As part of our digital transformation agenda, the Smart Education Project is reshaping teaching and learning nationwide. Pilot artificial intelligence initiatives will be introduced in primary schools and in three secondary schools, Anse Boileau, Anse Royale, and Beau Vallon, which are now being equipped with state-of-the-art digital learning facilities. The initiative will be progressively extended to all schools nationwide.

ENTERPRISE AND LOCAL OPPORTUNITY - BACKING SEYCHELLOIS TO BUILD

Madam Speaker,

Education and skills must lead somewhere. They must translate into jobs, businesses, and opportunities people can build on. Enterprise is how talent becomes income, how ideas become livelihoods, and how economic growth reaches communities, not just balance sheets.

Most Seychellois businesses are small and medium-sized enterprises. They do not ask for favours; they ask for fairness, space, and support. For too long, too many entrepreneurs have faced unnecessary bureaucracy, slow approvals, limited access to finance, and systems that favour the connected over the capable. My government is changing that. We are cutting red tape, digitising approvals, and simplifying procedures so that starting and growing a business is no longer an obstacle course.

Time lost to bureaucracy is opportunity lost, and opportunity lost is income denied. We are reforming how government interacts with entrepreneurs and investors, making processes faster, clearer, and more predictable. The ease of doing

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bition is met with structure, not frustration. In 2026, the Ministry of Youth and Sports will establish a Youth Empowerment Council to formalise youth participation in national decision-making. This body will serve as a structured bridge between young people and policy-makers, ensuring policies affecting our youth are informed by their lived experiences and aspirations.

Madam Speaker, the future of Seychelles will be shaped by the creativity, courage, and values of its young people. The choices they make today will define the society we become tomorrow.

EDUCATION - OPENING DOORS, NOT LIMITING FUTURES

Madam Speaker,

Education is the foundation of opportunity. It is how talent is discovered, potential is developed, and a nation prepares its people for the future. A government that governs for the many, not the few, must ensure that education opens doors, not closes them.

When my government took office, we inherited an education system under strain. Too many students were leaving school without the skills needed for work. Teachers were under pressure,

critical skills matter just as much. A strong education system recognises both and ensures that every young Seychellois has a pathway to dignity, opportunity, and contribution.

The world our children are entering is changing rapidly. Digital skills, artificial intelligence, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are no longer optional; they are essential. That is why we are embedding digital literacy, STEM, and problem-solving skills early in the education system, so young Seychellois are not left behind in the global economy. But technology alone is not enough. Education must also build critical thinking, discipline, values, and responsibility.

No education system can succeed without its teachers. Teachers are not just instructors; they are mentors, guides, and builders of character. We recognise their invaluable contributions. To support our educators, the Government has procured 2,000 laptops. Every primary and secondary school teacher will receive a government-issued laptop, along with targeted professional development to ensure these tools are used effectively to enhance their teaching and learning. My government will continue to prioritise



business portal enters a pilot phase in April 2026, providing a single window for investment. This Government believes that local enterprise MUST thrive. We are expanding enterprise support centres, strengthening business advisory services, and protecting local products so that Seychellois businesses can compete fairly.

Access to land, opportunity, and support must serve many businesses, not a connected few. Entrepreneurs also need access to finance that enables growth, not finance that traps them in debt. That is why the Ministry of Finance will introduce strengthened mechanisms to improve access to affordable financing, particularly for young entrepreneurs, women-led businesses, and innovative

Our ocean remains our greatest strength. It feeds us, employs us, and connects us to the world. This Government is firmly committed to the sustainable management of marine resources, ensuring that fishing, tourism, and conservation are in balance. The blue economy must create opportunity, not depletion, and must benefit Seychellois first.

A nation cannot move forward if trust is broken; trust in government, institutions, and decisions made fairly, lawfully, and in the public interest. To govern for the many, not the few, requires more than good intentions. Many essential projects were initiated but not prioritised under the previous administration, and progress towards completion has been too slow. Our Government is taking the lead

stitutions must endure.

For too long, transparency was treated as an inconvenience. Questions were avoided, concerns dismissed, and accountability delayed. That approach weakens democracy. My government has chosen a different path. We have strengthened oversight mechanisms, welcomed independent scrutiny, and taken steps to ensure difficult questions are answered, not silenced. That is why we have established Commissions and Boards of Inquiry not out of fear but out of confidence. A government that has nothing to hide has nothing to fear from the truth.

This is why we will soon announce comprehensive reforms to our criminal justice system. Today, corruption has infected our country, and many institutions have not been spared.

Corruption is now the greatest challenge facing our nation - even greater than the drug problem.

Integrity in public life is not optional. It is the foundation of public service. Public resources must serve the public good. Decisions must be made on merit. Power must never be used to favour a few at the expense of the many. This Government is strengthening ethical standards, reinforcing codes of conduct, and ensuring that public office is exercised in service, not for self-interest.

FINAL CLOSING - UNITY, RESPONSIBILITY, AND HOPE.

dreaming.

The message to them is clear: my government will remain firm in ensuring stability in this country, stability that allows tourists to continue coming to Seychelles; stability that allows Seychellois to continue working to put food on the table; stability for taxi drivers, for our children to go to school, and for a better Seychelles.

It will be shaped by unity, by hard work, and by belief in one another.

There will be moments when progress feels slow.

Moments when decisions are difficult.

Moments when sacrifice is required.

But let us remember who we are.

We have faced adversity before and endured.

We have stood at crossroads before and chosen wisely.

Seychellois are a resilient people.

We are a compassionate people.

And we are capable of greatness when we move forward together.

My government will continue to listen. We will continue to engage.

And we will continue to govern for the many, not the few.

We will protect our environment.

We will invest in our people.

We will strengthen our institutions.

And we will safeguard the future for generations to come.

Madam Speaker,

Fifty years ago, Seychelles chose independence.



start-ups. Because talent exists everywhere, opportunity must be created. When local businesses grow, jobs are created, communities are strengthened, and wealth circulates within the country. Enterprise is not only about profit; it is about ownership, confidence, and giving Seychellois a real stake in the economy they help build. This Government is committed to creating an environment where entrepreneurship is rewarded, innovation is supported, and hard work leads to real opportunity. When Seychellois businesses succeed, Seychelles succeeds.

THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESILIENCE - PROTECTING WHAT MAKES US SEYCHELLOIS

Our oceans, forests, reefs, and islands are not merely natural assets; they are the foundation of our economy, identity, and survival as a small island nation. To govern for the many, not the few, means protecting this inheritance rather than exploiting it for short-term gain.

to ensure these projects are not just started but finished efficiently and effectively.

Dilapidated schools in La Digue, Beau Vallon, English River, and Mont Fleur have waited far too long for proper planning and renovation. Likewise, the Perseverance Police Station is being fast-tracked, with upgraded facilities and expanded capacity, to strengthen the safety and security of our communities. We are acting with strategy and urgency to ensure these long-delayed projects are finally completed, delivering tangible results for the people.

My government holds a firm conviction: institutions must always be stronger than individuals. No one is above the law. No office is beyond scrutiny. And no public power exists without responsibility. That is why we have taken deliberate steps to restore the proper functioning and independence of key institutions, ensuring that authority is exercised lawfully, roles are respected, and accountability is upheld. Government must lead, but in-

Madam Speaker,
Honourable Members,
Fellow Seychellois,

This State of the Nation Address has spoken honestly about challenges, but more importantly, it has addressed choice.

- The choice to govern with integrity.
- The choice to protect the vulnerable.
- The choice to ensure that progress is shared, not captured.

As we mark 50 years of Independence, we are reminded that independence was never the end of the journey but the beginning of responsibility.

- Responsibility to govern in the public interest.
- Responsibility to protect what makes us Seychelles.
- Responsibility to ensure that every Seychellois has a place, a voice, and a future in this nation.

Those who believe they can sow fear and division in our country are mistaken. Those who seek to undermine Seychelles to gain power may continue

Today, we choose responsibility. Responsibility to govern with honesty. Responsibility to uphold the rule of law. Responsibility to care for one another. And the responsibility to build a fair, secure, and united nation.

Fellow Seychellois, brothers and sisters, Let us move forward together

-with confidence,
-with purpose,
-and with hope.

Because the Seychelles we are building is not just for today.

It is for our children.

It is for our grandchildren.

And it is for all who will one day call

these islands home.

God bless you all.

God bless Seychelles."

LDS drifting into oblivion

Linyon Demokratik Seselwa (LDS) will hold its annual Convention this coming Monday, 2nd February 2026. After its defeat, it is struggling to remain relevant in Seychelles politics. It is a political party on the brink of extinction.

So, by all indications, this will not be an ordinary gathering. The mood surrounding the party is one of deep uncertainty and desperation following its crushing defeat at last year's election. LDS lost both the Presidency and its majority in the National Assembly, and today the party is openly questioning its own relevance: Where do we start again? Is it even worth it?

These are not the questions of a confident political movement. They are the questions of a party in crisis.

Since coming to power in 2020, the LDS had a historic opportunity. At the time, many voters knew little about the party but were willing to give it a chance. The

promise of change was enough. Five years later, that goodwill has evaporated. What Seychellois have seen instead is leadership widely viewed as incompetent, greedy, and disconnected from ordinary people's realities. The youth, once hopeful, have lost confidence. The international community, too, appears unimpressed by the LDS's record in government.

Today, the party's leadership stands exposed. President Wavel Ramkalawan has failed to unite, inspire, or deliver. His ageing inner circle followed him unquestioningly, and together they are now trapped in a political mess of their own making. The Convention is expected to focus not on vision or renewal, but on political survival, on how to avoid being wiped off the Seychelles political map. On the other hand, United Seychelles (US) has grown stronger and continues to gain momentum. The youth, particularly young professionals, have rallied

behind the party with renewed confidence. It is widely believed that they made a decisive difference in last year's elections. The US party today projects energy, organisation, and purpose, qualities that the LDS sorely lacks.

United Seychelles is the political successor to SPUP, SPPF, and Parti Lepep, the founding movements of modern Seychelles politics. SPUP came to power through a coup d'état in 1977, a fact that undeniably tarnished the party's reputation throughout its 43 years in power. Despite many significant social achievements, the party was often criticised for atrocities committed by extremist elements during that long reign.

Yet history also tells another story. Five years after losing power in 2020, the US returned, not through force, but through the ballot box, in elections widely regarded as free and fair. That alone speaks volumes about the trust the Seychellois people continue to place in the

party.

For the LDS, the road ahead looks bleak. Convincing voters to give them another chance will be extraordinarily difficult. In 2020, they were unknown and benefited from a desire for change. In 2026, they are known and judged. Voters have seen their performance, internal divisions, and apparent self-interest. Many now see the words extinction and obsolete written next to the party's name. The upcoming Convention may well determine the LDS' fate. Will it be the moment they confront their failures honestly and pursue genuine renewal? Or will it mark the beginning of the end for a party that promised change but delivered only disappointment?

One thing is clear: Seychellois politics is moving forward. Whether the LDS can keep pace or will fade into political oblivion remains to be seen.

Kot pou ganny larzan?

Bann dimoun ki zalou United Seychelles pe demande KOT POU GANNY LARZAN? Sa i apre ki Prezidan Patrick Herminie pe anons plizyer mezir pour ed Seselwa partou kote.

I pa pe zis anons mezir, me in konmans fer zot vin realite dan lavi Seselwa. Aprezan bann gro pli lakoler pe sorti lo figir bokou dimoun. Sa apre 5 an fristrasyon enorm anba sistem LDS.

La aprezan nou vvar lazwa lo figir bokou. Zot annan lespwar akoz ki zot pe deza konmans annan larzan dan zot pos.

KOT POU GANNY LARZAN?

Be larzan in toultan la.

Sel diferans, se ki gouvernman LDS anba direksyon Wavel Ramkalawan ti mazin zis zot lekor. Zot ti voras. Zot ti pran tou pour zot e menm rod plis ankor. Tandis ki Prezidan Herminie, pe mazin tou Seselwa. Alor i fer ki i partaz sa larzan dan en fason ki benefisyé tou Seselwa.

Pa zis sa, Prezidan pe rod larzan e pe servi ek Seselwa, konpare ek Ramkalawan, ki toultan donn lenpresyon nou pe ganny larzan, me zanmen nou war sa bann larzan transform dan benefis pour sa pep.

Annou demann nou lekor sa kestyon?

Kimanyer anba gouVERNman LDS, serten dimoun in ganny 4 lakaz.

4 gro lakaz. Enn i pe reste ladan ek son mari. En lot i met son fanmiy. Sa 2 lezot ki reste, i lwe. Tousala dan zis 5 an.

KOT POU GANNY LARZAN?

Kimanyer dan en fanmiy 6 dimoun, sakenn i annan en lot?

Pourtan zot reste ansanm dan menm lakaz. I menm

annan loto ki reste anba garaz. Kan in ariv wiken zot pase dan semen, enn deryer lot, sakenn dan en loto, konmsi pe fer war dimuon ki napa en loto. Sa in arive anba sistem LDS.

KOT POU GANNY LARZAN?

Anba gouVERNman Wavel i annan dimoun ki'n vin mi-lyoner "overnight".

I konmans travay lo zero, apre 5 an i annan gro lakaz ek "swimming pool."

I osi annan gro loto, plis ki enn.

Parlao tou, son kont pe desir labank.

Son kont in pli anfle ki latet son bourzwa.

Alor sa i prouve ki larzan in toultan annan.

Me en lepok ti pou zis serten.

"For the few."

Me ozordi i pour tou dimoun.

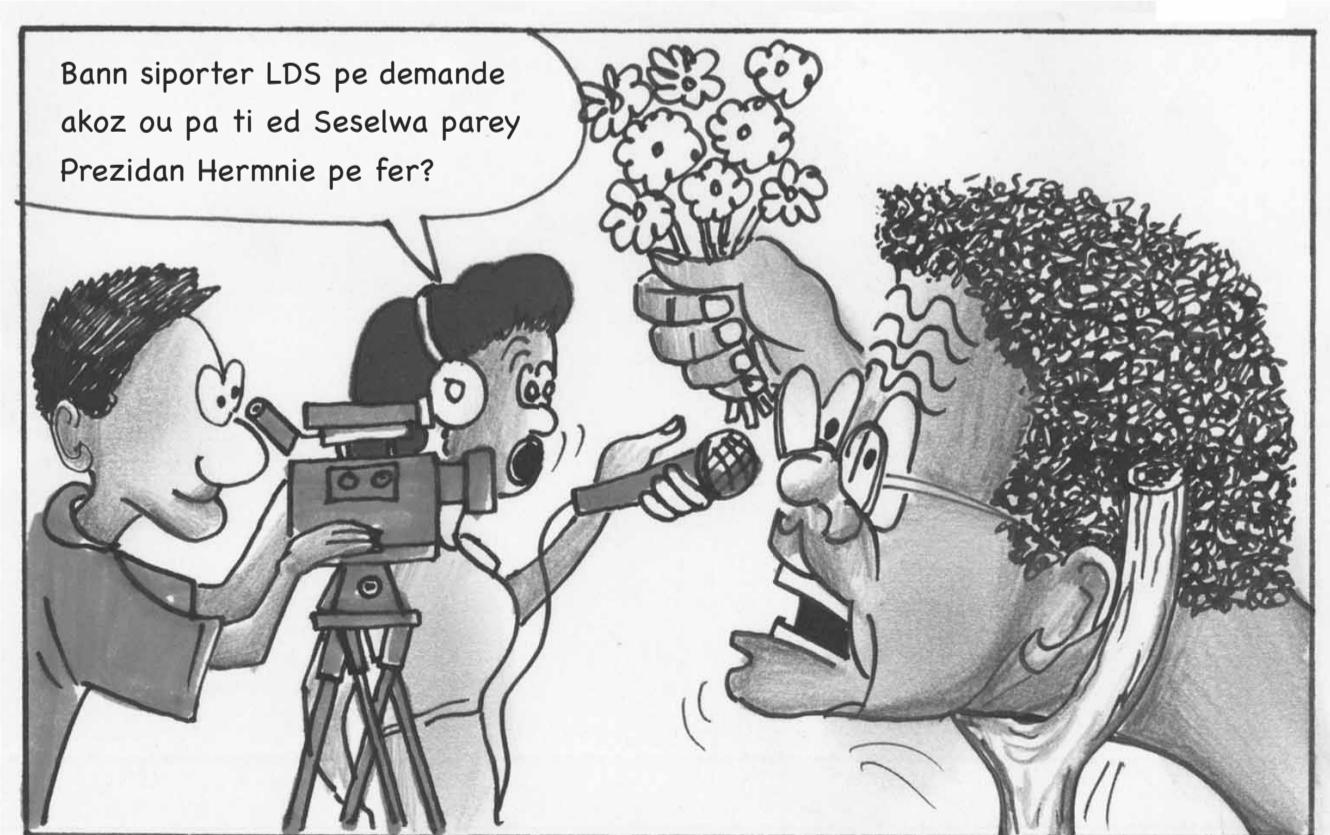
"For the many."

Oli problem?

Sel problem ki annan avek sa ki pe arive se sa: LDS pe vvar zot zalou.

Apre ki Prezidan pou'n fini fer zis lanmwatye sa ki in promet, LDS pou'n fini mor.

Zot pou'n menm fini pouri. Ni satan pa pou oule sis zot lezo.



Cabinet advances bold reforms in education, youth, culture



Under the leadership of President Dr Patrick Herminie, the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, 28th January, marked a decisive step towards shaping Seychelles' future. A series of landmark approvals demonstrated the government's commitment to strengthening education, empowering youth, and safeguarding cultural heritage.

Transforming education and careers
The approval of the Careers and Further Education Agency Bill, 2026, marks a new era for student development and workforce readiness. By re-establishing an autonomous statutory agency, the government ensures stronger governance, independence, and legal authority to administer scholarships and deliver career guidance. This reform directly addresses the need for clear pathways from school to employment, equipping young Seychellois with the tools to thrive in a

competitive global economy. Complementing this, the creation of the Education Reform Council (ERC) places education at the heart of national priorities. With a phased review beginning in Early Childhood and Primary Education, the Council will ensure that reforms are inclusive, coordinated, and aligned with long-term development goals.

Empowering youth through innovation
The Cabinet's approval of a revised structure for the Ministry of Youth and Sports strengthens institutional capacity and governance. By introducing clearer reporting lines and dedicated units for partnerships, performance, and youth participation, the government is ensuring that young people have a stronger voice in shaping national policy. Two flagship programmes demonstrate this commitment:

- **IGNITE Pilot Programme:** A one-year internship programme providing structured workplace exposure, mentoring, and skills development for high-potential students.

- **StepUp4Life Holiday Programme:** A national employability scheme offering supervised work placements for up to 200 secondary students per holiday session.

Together, these programmes bridge the gap between education and employment, preparing young people for real-world challenges while fostering innovation and resilience.

Supporting families and early childhood development
Recognising the importance of equity and affordability, Cabinet approved a new Child Care Assistance Programme. By maintaining universal childcare support and introducing a means-tested top-up for low-income households, the

government is ensuring that no child is left behind. This initiative reflects a deep commitment to social protection and early childhood development, laying the foundation for a fairer society.

Preserving culture and heritage
In a bold move to strengthen cultural governance, the Cabinet endorsed the repeal of the Seychelles National Institute for Culture, Heritage and the Arts Act, 2021, and authorised the drafting of a new Culture, Arts and National Heritage Bill. This reform places cultural institutions under stronger ministerial oversight, ensuring accountability and efficiency. The re-establishment of the National Monuments Board further underscores the government's commitment to preserving Seychelles' rich heritage for future generations.

Where is the money coming from?

In recent weeks, critics, especially supporters of the LDS party, have been asking the same question again and again:

“Where is the money coming from?” This question follows President Patrick Herminie's announcements of new measures to support people across Seychelles. These are not just promises. Many of the measures are already being implemented, and some citizens say they are starting to feel real improvements in their daily lives.

As expected, these changes have caused frustration among some LDS supporters. This follows five years of public dissatisfaction under the previous LDS gov-

ernment led by Wavel Ramkalawan. At the same time, another feeling is growing: hope. Many households say their finances now feel less tight than before. So the question returns:

Where is the money coming from? The answer may be simple. The money was always there. What has changed is how it is managed and who benefits from it.

Under the previous government, many people believed economic benefits were distributed unevenly. While much of the population struggled with rising costs, a small group appeared to grow significantly wealthier. Some individuals acquired multiple properties, earned rental

income, and bought expensive vehicles, even as the wider economy was under pressure.

This led to public concern. How could so much wealth be accumulated in just five years? How did certain households manage to own several vehicles? How did some people move so quickly from modest living to great financial success? These questions suggest that money was available within the system, but not everyone had equal access to it. President Dr Herminie is seeking funds and using them to benefit the people, unlike his predecessor, who repeatedly claimed to have secured funds but the people never saw the outcome.

The current government says it is taking a different path. President Herminie has spoken of inclusion and fairness, aiming to ensure that national resources benefit a larger share of the population, not just a few. The focus is on shared prosperity rather than concentrated wealth. Seen this way, the tension is not about whether money exists. It is about who receives it. As reforms continue and support measures take effect, the political landscape is shifting. LDS now faces a population beginning to feel the effects of policies designed to benefit more people.

Accountability, leadership, and future of Seychelles politics!

In Seychelles' evolving political landscape, one truth stands out: accountability is the LDS party's greatest fear. For too long, questions about transparency and responsibility have shadowed its leadership. Now, with President Dr Patrick Herminie at the helm of United Seychelles, the contrast could not be starker.

Since its inception, United Seychelles has instilled in its leaders the values of compassion, fearlessness, diligence, and an unwavering commitment to putting the people first. These are not merely slogans but guiding principles that have shaped the party's legacy. As Dr Herminie embarks on his mandate, anticipation of success over the next five years is palpable. The people see in him a leader who embodies these values, and that anticipation unsettles the opposition.

LDS' strategy to underestimate Dr Herminie is backfiring. Any malicious plans they hope to realise will fail, as the people of Seychelles are not blind to the difference between leadership grounded in service and leadership consumed by entitlement. Rumours of sabotage and whispers of civil servants being paid to spy, if true, only reveal desperation. Such tactics cannot endure, because those who participate will eventually realise they are aiding a cause that has lost its moral compass.



Ramkalawan's entitlement mentality, the belief that he alone deserves the presidency, is baffling. Leadership is not a birthright, nor is it a privilege reserved for a select few. It is a responsibility that demands vision, humility, and the ability to serve all citizens equally. By clinging to power without purpose, Ramkalawan and the LDS have proven themselves neither special nor effective, but rather

disconnected from the people's needs. Under Dr Herminie's leadership, United Seychelles represents a different path: one of renewal, accountability, and genuine service. If LDS continues to underestimate this, it risks not only political irrelevance but also the erosion of whatever support it still retains. The people of Seychelles are discerning, and when 2030 arrives, they will remember who

worked tirelessly for them and who squandered their trust.

The future of Seychelles' politics will not be decided by sabotage or entitlement. It will be decided by the people, who demand fearless, compassionate, and progress-committed leaders. In that contest, United Seychelles stands ready.

Ramkalawan Versus the People

Over the past few weeks, Seychellois have witnessed a striking contrast between two political outlooks: that of Wavel Ramkalawan, the former President defeated in last year's presidential election, and Dr Patrick Herminie, the country's newly elected leader.

At the heart of this contrast lies a simple question about priorities.

For Wavel Ramkalawan, public attention has largely focused on how he is treated after leaving office. His statements and interventions suggest that his main concern is the status, privileges, and benefits he believes are owed to him as a former President.

By contrast, Dr Patrick Herminie has consistently emphasised that the interests of the Seychellois people must come first, regardless of the personal or political sacrifices involved.

In recent weeks, Ramkalawan has taken to social media to air a series of personal

grievances, many of which have quickly been amplified into national news. These complaints revolve almost entirely around himself: what he has lost, what he believes should still be his, and what he is now demanding to reclaim. They include issues such as the use of a personal vehicle, the treatment of his security detail, and his bodyguards' right to carry firearms. Conspicuously absent from these interventions is any meaningful concern for the struggles of ordinary Seychellois, people he presided over for five years.

During that same period, Dr Herminie has outlined a clear, people-centred agenda. In his State of the Nation Address, he announced measures to improve the lives of workers and vulnerable groups nationwide. These include efforts to reduce the cost of living, expand housing construction, implement compensation in line with the Truth, Reconciliation and National Unity Com-

mission (TRNUC) recommendations, deliver justice to those who suffered under the previous administration, strengthen social protection, lower bus fares and telecommunications costs, and establish a Youth Empowerment Council to ensure young people have a voice in national decision-making.

This raises an obvious question: what did the Seychellois vote for in last year's election?

The answer is clear. They voted for change. They voted for policies that prioritise livelihoods, fairness, and national unity. They voted for the programme now being pursued by President Herminie and the United Seychelles Government.

And what do they expect over the next five years? Once again, the answer is straightforward: they expect the fulfilment of the promises that earned that mandate.

Against this backdrop, Wavel Ramkala-

wan's repeated public interventions, centred on personal complaints and amplified on social media, distract from the elected government's work. Presented in the name of democracy, these actions risk slowing or undermining efforts to move the country forward. The pattern suggests a pursuit of political attention and personal advantage rather than genuine concern for the national interest.

It must also be remembered that Ramkalawan served as President from 2020 to 2025. At the end of that term, many Seychellois felt there had been little tangible improvement in their personal or professional lives. Worse still, he left behind a nation deeply divided and politically embittered.

For these reasons, Wavel Ramkalawan is in no position to lecture the country on governance or democratic values. Seychelles has chosen a new direction, and the people's will deserves to be respected.

Travay mwens konplent plis

L ekel ki travay mwens e konplent plis dan sa pei?

Sa ki konn larepons korek, lev lanmen.
Sa i devret vin en zedmo fasil.
Enn ki devret antre direk dan nou repertwar zedmo kreol.
Tou dimoun pou konn larepons korek.
Larepons se Wavel Ramkalawan.
Depi ler in perdi eleksyon Septanm ek Oktob 2025,
sa boug in pri dan en mantalite konplent.
Toulezour i vin avek en nouveau konplent.
En zour se son loto.
En lot zour, se son "bodyguard."
Trwazyenm zour, se zarm.
Son zour answit, se lafason ki Sesel pe ganny dirize.
I'n vin parey en vye pti manrmay.
La i vwar ki tou sa ki son kanmarad pe fer pa byen.
I vwar ki i kont lademokrasi.
Ki i kont bon gouvernans.
Ki i kont "the rule of law".
I kont tou bann zoli parol ki i kapab mazinen.
Apre i dir ki Dokter Herminie pa kontan li.
I oule pran tou son zouzou.
Me Prezidan Herminie i annan rezon vin agase.



MON POU
ASTE MON
PROP LOTO
EK MON FIZI
AVEK MON TA
LARZAN KI
MONN FER
DAN MON
MANDA

I fatige tann YON YON YON dan son zorey.
I fatige vvar grannwanr azir parey pti manrmay.
Apre tou, Ramkalawan in la li pour 5 an.
I'n annan 5 an pour li fer tou sa ki bon pour lade-
mokrasi Sesel.
Tou sa ki bon pour asir bon gouvernans.

Tou sa ki bon pour "uphold the rule of law."
Me i pa'n fer li.
Okontrer, in bwar tou diven kot i kapab.
I'n manz tou kavyar kot zot envit li.
I'n sorti avek plis larzan dan son kont labank ki i ti
antre avek.
I'n pran tou sa ki pour li- tou sa privilez ek benefis.
I'n les en kantite Seselwa san en lakaz.
I'n osi les en kantite Seselwa dormi vant vid.
I'n les preski tou Seselwa lo lapay avek bann pers
vid.
Alor kwa ki fer li krwar ki i kapab donn Prezidan
Dokter Herminie konsey lo bon gouvernans?
En zomn ki dan 3 mwan in fer plis ki li in fer dan 5
an.
En zomn ki pe anmenn lazwa lo figir bann dimoun
aze.
En zomn ki pe redonn konfyans nou lazenes.
En zomn ki pe redonn Seselwa son "joie de vivre".
Bokou Seselwa i krwar ki Ramkalawan ti a fer bokou
plis dibyen sa nasyon si i ti reste li trankil.
I'n ganny son sans , i pa'n fer li. I ti annan en diferan
azanda.
Aprezan les Prezidan Herminie travay.

Overconfidence or a plan gone wrong?

Wavel Ramkalawan projected extraordinary confidence ahead of the 2025 elections. He acted as if victory were inevitable for his party in Parliament and for himself in the presidential race. Today, we know how that story ended: he lost both.

At the time, his demeanour baffled many observers. It still does. The question people asked then and continue to ask now is simple: what exactly was he so confident about?

By any objective political measure, he had little reason to be. In fact, seasoned political watchers could foresee his downfall as early as 2021, barely a year after his 2020 landslide victory and with four years still to go. His performance in office was already deeply disappointing, and his popularity had visibly plummeted.

So what explained the confidence? Was there something he believed he knew that the public did not? Or was he counting on something outside the normal democratic process to tip the balance in his favour?

In hindsight, the answer seems less mys-

terious than it once did. Ramkalawan's 2020 victory was clouded by speculation, with some even invoking supernatural explanations. Whether or not one lends credibility to such claims is beside the point. But superstition aside, the political reality on the ground in 2025 was unmistakable. Ramkalawan had failed to deliver on his promises and on the basic expectations citizens have of a president. He travelled extensively at taxpayers' expense, offering explanations only when it suited him. He flirted with abolishing the 13-month salary, a hard-earned right of workers, and cutting it by half, while simultaneously raising the retirement age for Seychellois who had already worked for decades.

His leadership alienated even loyal supporters. Decisions were made that benefited a small inner circle, while the wider population was left to bear the consequences. Wealth flowed upward, not downward, an upside-down Robin Hood, Seychellois-style. His most visible "achievements" were laying foundation stones for projects that never

materialised, ceremonial moments designed more to glorify the presidency than to improve people's lives.

Against such a backdrop, how could any incumbent reasonably expect to win an election?

More importantly, how could he be so visibly confident?

This is where the picture begins to clarify.

Ramkalawan was not counting on resident Seychellois voters. He knew they had turned against him. Instead, he appeared to be banking on the diaspora, the Seychellois living overseas, where scrutiny would be weaker, local observers absent, and influence potentially easier to exert.

In other words, his confidence did not stem from popular support at home. It stemmed from what increasingly looks like a plan to manipulate the electoral outcome, or, at the very least, to rely on mechanisms that would bypass the will of voters on the ground.

That plan collapsed.

Voting stations for the diaspora were never established. The Electoral Com-

mission ruled that overseas voting was not yet feasible. To make matters worse for Ramkalawan, many Seychellois living abroad strongly opposed his brand of politics, believing he had made life in their homeland harsher and more unequal. Those who returned to Seychelles during the election period and were eligible to vote overwhelmingly cast their ballots against him.

In trying to be clever, Ramkalawan set traps for himself.

His overconfidence was not the confidence of a popular leader; it was the confidence of a man relying on a strategy that never came to fruition. When that strategy failed, his bid for power failed too.

What once seemed inexplicable arrogance now appears to be a plan gone wrong, one that ultimately cost him the 2025 elections. When he dreamed of winning, his opponent worked hard, connected with people, rebuilt his party, translated their sorrows, concerns and wishes into a blueprint, and ultimately won the elections.

SE KONESANS NOU PASE

KI FER NOU BOUZ DEVAN

Pour premye fwa, Sesel konman en pei e Seselwa konman en nasyon, nou pe selebre lanverser Labolisyon Lesklavaz ki le 1 Fevriye 1835.

Pour bokou lannen in annan Seselwa ki'n eksprim lentere dan sa size e i annan osi ki'n fer bokou resers. La nou mazin defen Norbert Salomon e osi Achille "Kwame Luc".

Me nou osi annan Msye Donald Hermarie. I deklar son lekor konman en Mizzikolozis ki spesyaliz dan Lanmizik Afro. Oubyen parey kou kontan apel li "Lanmizik Nwanr". Sa i fason pli vivan ki bann lesklav Afriken ti proteste kont sitiassyon ki zot ti trouv zot ladan. Pour sa lokazyon Msye Herminie ti donn nou zournal en intervyou lo size lesklav an zeneral e osi enpe lo lanmizik asosye avek lesklavaz.

THE PEOPLE: Nou pei pe selebre lanverser Labolisyon Lesklavaz pour premye fwa. Ki sa i vedir pour ou?

MSYE HERMINIE: Mon'n deza fer mon "family tree". Mon desandans i desandans lesklav dan toulede kote, mon manman ek mon papa. Apre vi ki mon en dimoun ki'n dekouver lanmizik nwanr dan tou son dimansyon baze lo resers ki mon'n fer personnelman e osi avek lasistans defen Norbert Salomon ki'n fer mwan annan gran lentere dan kiltir Afriken nwanr. Alor mon krwar ki komemorasyon sa lanniverser i tre enportan pour mwan akoz i en keksoz ki nou'n toultan debat lo la mwan ek defen Norbert Salomon. I pou tre kontan si i kot i ete i tande ki sa in vin en realite. Konman en istoryen lanmizik i pou tre fyer.

THE PEOPLE: Ki ou ti pe fer an relasyon avek sa size avan ki Prezidan Larepublik Dokter Patrick Herminie ti ofisyelman deside pour rekonnet sa lazournen?

MSYE HERMINIE: Dan bann pti programm televizyon ki mon'n partisip ladan apre lanmor Msye Salomon, mon'n toultan fer referans avek son travay ki ti santre otour lesklavaz ek lanmizik nwanr. Sa programm ti apel Tremolo. Nou ti koz bokou lo lenfliyans lanmizik "hip-hop" dan Sesel. Vi ki sa lanmizik i annan lenfliyans bann dimoun nwanr desandans lesklavaz Lanmerik, in fasil pour nou fer li antre dan nou konteks.

THE PEOPLE: Vi ki sa i premye fwa ki nou pei i fer li, byensir pou annan



serten ktivite, me ki ou krwar i merit ganny fer sak lannen alavenir pou komemor sa lazournen dan tou son splander?

MSYE HERMINIE: Mon tya kontan ki i annan en festival ki reprezent bann desandans lesklav pour promouvwarr nou bann prop lanmizik sa lorizin ki nou annan tel ki Tinge, Sokwe, Moutya, sega e Tranble, Madilo e nou bann zwe tradisyonnel ki nou annan e ki Lafrik i son lorizin. San oubliy nou gastronomi e lanmod.

THE PEOPLE: Dan ou prop fason ki ou pe mazin fer toule lannen an preparasyon pour sa dat?

MSYE HERMINIE: Toule lannen mon pou anvizaze prezant avek komite ki pou ansarz selebrasyon sa lazournen rezilta resers ki aprofondi ki mon pe kontinyelman fer lo sa size. Koumsa nwa kapab evalye e debat lo la dan en kolok.

THE PEOPLE: Dan ou lopinyon, eski ou krwar i annan ase Seselwa ki enterese ek sa size?

MSYE HERMINIE: Napa bokou! Sa i akoz Seselwa in napa bokou lenformasyon osi lo sa size.

La ki aprezen Prezidan in montre lenportans sa size ki annan lenfliyans dan nou

kiltir e dan nou lavi toulezour, mon asire ki plis Seselwa pou konmans foy pli o profon lo zot kiltir. Mwa sit en legzanp. Bokou Seselwa in viv dan letan kolonyal Angle ek Franse e zot viv sa 2 lenfliyans Eropeen, san ki zot mazin zot kote Afriken. Me nou ladans par egzanp, kamtole, menm si in ganny envante par Eropeen, son zepis e laganm i sorti dan lenfliyans Afriken e Afro-Malgas.

The People: Eski ou krwar ki bann zenn pe montre okenn lentere dan sa direksyon?

MSYE HERMINIE: Bann zenn pe pran lentere, me san ki zot realize. Les mwa eksplike:

Bann lanmizik ki zot swiv e ki zot krwar i sorti dan bann pei was tel ki zouk, R&B, Hip Hop, Reggae e plizer lezot ankor. Me zot a sirprann konnen ki sa bann lanmizik zot annan lenfliyans Afriken.

THE PEOPLE: Ou dir ki ou'n fer bokou resers lo sa size. Kwa ki ou pou kapab partaz avek lepep Seselwa alavenir e dan ki fason ou tya kontan fer li?

MSYE HERMINIE: Fer plis resers ankor lo lanmizik, kiltir e tou lezot fason fer bann dimoun ki desandans lesklav. Mon tya kontan servi tou form medya ki posib. Tan ki mesaz i ariv kot publik Se-

selwa dan en fason efektiv, mon pou satisfe. La mon tya kontan demann kolaborasyon tou sa ki krwar i kapab ed mwan dan sa demars pour donn plis ledikasyon lo sa size lesklavaz e anmenmtan anrisir nou kiltir, pour pran kontak ek mwan.

THE PEOPLE: Pandan ki nou pe selebre sa lokazayon, ki refleksyon final ou tya kontan kit avek nou lo sa size lesklavaz?

MSYE HERMINIE: Mon tya kontan ki nou abord sa size tre serye depi lo konmansman.

Par egazanp, mon tya kontan ki dan le fitir nou annan en Sant kot tou dimoun ki enterese dan sa size tya regroupe. Ladan i devret annan bann liv e lezot dokiman pour permet manm publik aprofondir zot lekor lo sa size. Prezidan Larepublik in serye lo sa size e in fer son bout. Aprezan se nou lepep Seselwa ki bezwen fer nou bout. Annou pran nou desten dan nou lamnen. Mon ti a osi kontan antre an komunikasyon avek tou lezot dimoun ki annan lentere dan sa size. Kontakte mwan lo:

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