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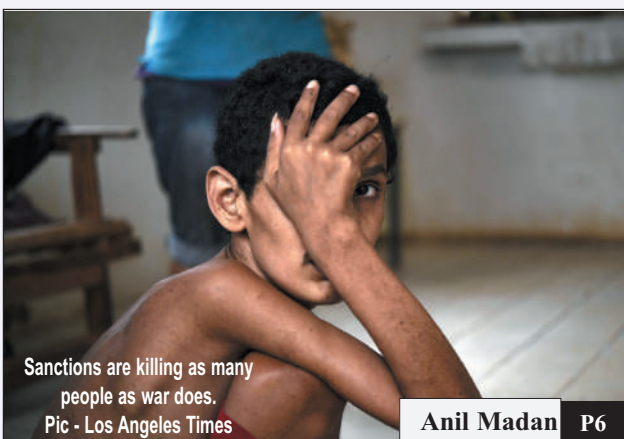
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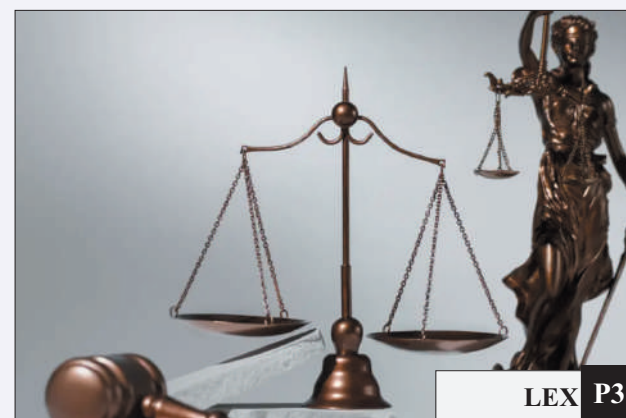
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Business as Usual: Not An Option

The geopolitical shockwaves from the recent conflict in the Middle East have reached our shores with alarming speed. While a tenuous ceasefire currently offers a moment of respite, the “40-day war” between Iran, Israel, and the United States has already fundamentally altered the global economic landscape. For Mauritius, the tremors are far from over.

Despite the pause in active hostilities, the global economy remains in a state of high alert. With critical supply routes like the Strait of Hormuz only beginning to see a slow restoration of traffic, the world — and specifically net-importing nations like ours — must face a harsh new reality. The era of predictable energy costs and stable supply chains has been replaced by a volatile “new normal” that demands immediate and radical domestic action.

For a small island developing state (SIDS) like ours, the “danger,” as a recent United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report starkly puts it, “is not only real but also immediate.” We find ourselves standing at a critical crossroads where the luxury of complacency has evaporated.

Petrol prices are climbing, and with no clear diplomatic solution to the conflict in the Gulf, the economic outlook for Mauritius is increasingly bleak. We are a nation that essentially imports its survival — a net importer of nearly everything we consume, from the energy that lights our homes to the food that fills our plates. In this volatile environment, “business as usual” is no longer an option. It is a recipe for an economic spiral that could take years to unwind.

The Structural Achilles’ Heel

A recent UNDP Economic Lab’s report, *Economic Implications of the Armed Conflict in the Middle East for Mauritius*, serves as a sobering mirror to our structural vulnerabilities. Our trade openness is a double-edged sword; while it has fuelled our development, it now exposes us to a ratio of 97.3% trade dependency relative to our GDP. We are not merely participants in the global market; we are hostages to its fluctuations.

The data is uncompromising. We import 100% of our crude oil and natural gas, and 97% of our refined petroleum products. In 2024 alone, the value of petroleum imports reached a staggering Rs 72,388 million. When the Strait of Hormuz — a vital maritime chokepoint — becomes a theatre of war, the cost of our energy security does not just rise; it threatens the very solvency of our productive sectors.

This energy dependency bleeds directly into our food security. While we take pride in our culinary diversity, the reality is that 58% of our dairy and nearly half or more of our meat and fish are imported. When you factor in specialized machinery (97% imported) and transport equipment (83% imported), it becomes clear that any disruption in global shipping routes or a spike in freight insurance premiums acts as a direct tax on every Mauritian household.

The Triple Threat: Energy, Food, and Tourism

The UNDP identifies three primary transmission channels through which the Iran conflict will hit Mauritius.

First is the **Energy Price Shock**. Energy accounts for nearly 12% of our total intermediate inputs. A rise in oil prices is not just a burden at the pump; it is a systemic shock that



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increases the cost of electricity production and logistics, creating a feedback loop of rising operational costs for every business in the country.

Second is **Food Inflation**. Because food constitutes over 26% of our Consumer Price Index (CPI), the rising cost of global commodities — exacerbated by higher fertilizer and transport costs — hits the most vulnerable among us the hardest. For low-income households, these are not abstract economic figures; they represent a tangible reduction in the quality of life and real purchasing power.

Third is the **Tourism Vulnerability**. The tourism sector is our economic heartbeat, contributing 7.6% to our GDP and employing 15% of our workforce. A protracted conflict in the Middle East inevitably dampens the global appetite for long-haul travel. Whether through increased aviation fuel surcharges or a general sense of international instability, even a moderate decline in arrivals can have a catastrophic “domino effect” on foreign exchange earnings and employment.

A Window of Political Serenity

However, every crisis presents a window of opportunity. In Mauritius, the recent return of a measure of “political serenity” — noted following the exit of Paul Bérenger from the government — offers a rare moment of administrative focus. Without the immediate friction of internal coalition discord, the government has the political space to act decisively.

The state must transition from a reactive posture to a proactive one. We have seen in the past how political infighting can paralyze long-term planning. Today, that excuse is gone. The government must use this period of relative stability to implement the “Triple Threat” defence strategy outlined by international experts.

The Roadmap for Resilience

The UNDP framework suggests a tiered response that the government would be wise to adopt immediately.

The Immediate Term (0-3 Months): The priority must be stabilization. The government must maintain and prudently manage the Fuel Price Stabilization Account to prevent sudden, traumatic shocks to the public. Simultaneously, targeted social support for the most vulnerable households must be ready for deployment to ensure that no Mauritian is

forced to choose between light and bread.

The Short to Medium Term (3 Months - 3 Years): We must move beyond subsidies. This is the time to accelerate renewable energy projects that have been languishing in the pipeline. Solar and battery storage are no longer “green luxuries”; they are pillars of national security. Furthermore, we must incentivize domestic agricultural production. If we cannot be 100% self-sufficient, we can certainly reduce our dependence on imported staples through better storage, agro-transformation, and distribution networks.

The Long Term (Beyond 3 Years): The ultimate goal is a structural decoupling from fossil fuel volatility. This means a total rethink of our energy mix and a diversification of our economy beyond the traditional pillars of sugar, textiles, and tourism. We must position Mauritius as a regional hub for logistics and digital services, linking Africa and Asia in a way that is less susceptible to the whims of oil-producing states.

A Call to Action

The report from the UNDP is not just a document for academics; it is a blueprint for survival. It warns that while the shocks are external, our response must be internal and structural.

We cannot control the drones in the skies over the Middle East or the tankers in the Strait of Hormuz. We can, however, control our level of preparedness. The government must lead the way in setting mechanisms for future crises. This means fostering a culture of efficiency, reducing bottlenecks at our ports, and ensuring that “Food Security” and “Energy Security” are not just slogans in a manifesto, but lived realities backed by robust infrastructure.

Mauritius has weathered storms before — cyclones, pandemics, and global recessions. But the current “Triple Threat” of energy, food, and tourism instability is unique in its complexity. The serenity in our local politics must now be matched by a ferocity in our policy implementation.

The worst may or may not be yet to come for the world, but for Mauritius, the time to build our fortress is now. We must ensure that when the next global shock arrives — as it surely will — we are no longer a “net importer of vulnerability,” but a model of island resilience. The era of business as usual is over. The era of decisive action must begin.

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Chagos Deal Frozen: What Happens Now?

'Mauritius can sue the UK for legal and financial losses if the Chagos Islands deal is indefinitely shelved or collapses'

The Chagos dispute has entered a renewed phase of uncertainty, as the UK's planned transfer of the islands to Mauritius — agreed in May 2025 — has been placed in a “deep freeze” amid US reservations. What was meant to be a landmark step in decolonisation now sits at the intersection of law, strategy, and geopolitics.

Mauritius, however, insists the process remains a “matter of justice,” with Foreign Minister Ritesh Ramful pledging to pursue all diplomatic and legal avenues. The UK, meanwhile, maintains that negotiations with both Mauritius and the US continue, particularly over the future of the Diego Garcia base, where security concerns remain central.

From a *Lex* perspective, the key question is no longer just about sovereignty, but about whether legal commitments, strategic interests, and international obligations can still be reconciled in a deal increasingly shaped by external pressure.

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* Following the UK government's decision to shelve the legislation intended to hand the Chagos Islands back to Mauritius due to a lack of approval from the Trump administration, Foreign Minister Ritesh Ramful stated that the government will pursue every diplomatic and legal avenue to complete the decolonisation process, calling it a “matter of justice.” What's your take on that?

As of April 15, 2026, the UK government has placed its planned handover of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius into a “deep freeze” after failing to secure the necessary support from the Trump administration. Consequently, the enabling legislation has run out of time to pass before the end of the current parliamentary session.

While the deal is stalled, the government has not officially abandoned the policy. To manage this setback, the UK government has stated it will continue to “engage with the US and Mauritius,” maintaining that the proposed treaty remains the most effective method to secure the long-term future of the joint US-UK military base on Diego Garcia. Only time will tell how these diplomatic efforts unfold.

* We understand that under the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT) there are legal obligations imposed upon states to ratify treaties that they have signed — the UK-Mauritius treaty was signed in May 2025. If that is correct, does it mean the UK is in breach of ‘good faith’ in this matter?

The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (VCLT) governs how states interact with treaties, but it does not impose a legal obligation on a state to ratify a treaty simply because it has signed it.

Signature is generally an act of authentication and an expression of a “willingness to continue” the treaty-making process. Ratification remains a discretionary act of a sovereign state and can be withheld for various reasons, including political shifts, changes in international support, or domestic legislative hurdles.



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* President Trump's team argues that the 1966 Agreement (formally known as the Exchange of Notes) — a bilateral treaty between the United Kingdom and the United States, which is the legal foundation for the military base on Diego Garcia — requires ‘absolute British sovereignty’ for the base to remain secure. Does this older bilateral agreement legally override the newer 2025 treaty with Mauritius in the eyes of UK domestic law?

The 1966 treaty explicitly states: “The Territory shall remain under United Kingdom sovereignty,” which the US views as a prerequisite for the base's security. The 1966 Exchange of Notes does not inherently override the 2025 treaty under UK law, but it legally restricts the UK from finalizing the transfer without US consent. Because the 1966 agreement hinges on British sovereignty, the UK faces a legal deadlock until it resolves the “absolute sovereignty” requirement with Washington, as the US argues that the new deal fails to secure the base.

* It is reported that a technical ‘exchange of letters’ from Washington is legally required for the UK Bill to proceed. If the US executive branch simply refuses to send these letters, does Mauritius have any legal standing to challenge this American veto in an international forum?

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* On the other hand, Mauritius has forecasted its 2026 budget around the expected £101 million annual payment from the UK. If the deal is ‘indefinitely shelved’ due to external political pressure, can Mauritius sue the UK for financial loss?

Yes, Mauritius can — and has threatened to — sue the UK for legal and financial losses if the Chagos Islands deal is indefinitely shelved or collapses after being ratified in May 2025, although the UK government currently maintains that there are no legal grounds for compensation.

* Since the UK has failed to end its administration ‘as rapidly as possible’ as advised by the ICJ in 2019, can Mauritius now request a binding judgment from the ICJ (as opposed to an Advisory Opinion), or perhaps seek an enforcement order through the UN Security Council — despite the US veto power?

The 2019 ICJ opinion was advisory, meaning it was not legally binding upon the UK, though it carried significant legal authority. The United Kingdom and Mauritius reached a negotiated agreement, signed in May 2025, to transfer sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago to Mauritius.

Because the UK and Mauritius have formally negotiated a treaty regarding sovereignty, requesting a new binding judgment is likely unnecessary. Furthermore, ICJ contentious cases require the consent of both parties, which the UK only reluctantly gave in the 2019 advisory proceedings.

* The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) has already recognized Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos. Could Mauritius now use this to legally block UK/US resource extraction or maritime activities in the region?

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in 2021 recognized Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago in a judgment related to maritime boundaries, determining that the archipelago forms part of the territory of Mauritius. While this ruling strengthens Mauritius' legal position, effectively blocking UK/US resource extraction or maritime activities in the region remains a complex legal and geopolitical challenge rather than an automatic consequence of the verdict.

It is also worth noting that a 2015 arbitration ruling under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) found that the UK's 2010 declaration of a Marine Protected Area around the Chagos was illegal, because Mauritius has rights in the archipelago and was not consulted.

* It is reported that the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) administration has recently stopped issuing visiting permits to Chagossians. Is this a violation of the existing rulings on their right to return, and could this be a new avenue for a class-action lawsuit against the UK government?

As of March 31, 2026, the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) administration paused substantive consideration of new applications for visitor permits to the outer islands, a move that occurred amid intense and contradictory legal rulings regarding the Chagossians' right to return.

This and related actions have been described by some as a violation of the emerging right to return, while the UK government has cited security and administrative challenges during a transition period of sovereignty transfer to Mauritius.

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*** If the US claims the base transfer is a “national security risk,” does international law have a way to prove this is just an excuse to stop decolonization? Furthermore, could the International Court of Justice rule that using “security” as a pretext is an act of bad faith, especially since the new treaty already grants the US a 99-year lease?**

International law provides mechanisms to challenge “national security” claims as pretexts for stalling decolonization, notably through the principle of good faith in treaty obligations. While security claims are often viewed as internal matters, they cannot override peremptory norms (*jus cogens*) such as self-determination.



“A “pretext” may be actionable under the concept of *abuse of rights* (*abus de droit*), where a legal right (such as securing a base) is exercised in bad faith or primarily to circumvent a legal obligation (decolonisation). The ICJ has previously addressed similar issues, particularly in cases involving colonial dependencies, emphasizing that self-determination takes precedence over a colonial power’s strategic interests...”

How is bad faith proved under international law? The International Court of Justice (ICJ) can rule that invoking “national security” to override decolonisation constitutes a breach of the obligation to act in good faith (Article 26 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties).

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*** If the deal eventually passes but the US remains ‘openly hostile,’ how secure is a 99-year lease? Could a future US administration legally argue that the lease is void if the ‘circumstances’ (the security of the base) have fundamentally changed?**

If the deal were to pass against US wishes, the long-term future of the base would be under

constant political pressure and subject to potential disruption, potentially nullifying the security promised by a 99-year agreement.

A 99-year lease for the Diego Garcia base would be highly insecure if the United States remains openly hostile to the deal, as US support is functionally required to

secure the agreement and maintain operational certainty. While the UK has sought to proceed, US opposition — citing risks associated with a transfer of sovereignty to Mauritius and potential Chinese influence — has caused the deal to be paused.

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DIRECTOR - DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & NELS

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- Investment promotion, export promotion, and business facilitation;
- Positioning Mauritius as an international financial centre and business hub; and
- Supporting structural reforms that improve the business environment.

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Par A. Bartleby

En ce 16 avril 2026, l'histoire semble bégayer, tout en hurlant une urgence nouvelle. L'annonce d'un cessez-le-feu de dix jours entre Israël et le Liban, négocié sous l'égide du président Donald Trump, offre une respiration précaire à un monde au bord de l'asphyxie.

Pourtant, derrière cette accalmie sur le front Nord, l'ombre d'un conflit global avec l'Iran plane toujours. Alors que le délai de grâce expire le 22 avril, les analystes se tournent vers le passé pour comprendre l'ampleur du gouffre qui s'ouvre sous nos pieds.

Si les événements actuels paraissent inédits, ils puisent leurs racines et leurs risques dans trois crises majeures du 20e siècle: 1962, 1973 et les années 1980.

Le choc pétrolier de 1973: Une crise d'énergie décuplée

Le parallèle le plus frappant réside dans l'économie mondiale. En 1973, l'embargo de l'OPEP avait retiré 4,5 millions de barils par jour du marché, soit 7 % de l'offre mondiale, provoquant une récession industrielle sans précédent. Aujourd'hui, le verrouillage du détroit d'Ormuz par l'Iran a stoppé environ 20 millions de barils par jour, soit près de 20 % de la consommation mondiale.

L'ampleur du désastre dépasse de loin celle des années 70. Là où 1973 n'affectait que le pétrole, 2026 voit également la disparition de 20 % du gaz naturel liquéfié (GNL) mondial. Le résultat est une "stagflation" galopante, exacerbée par une pression énergétique sur l'Europe qui, contrairement à 1973, doit désormais affronter des hivers sans filet de sécurité énergétique.

L'appel urgent passé il y a deux jours entre le Premier ministre Modi et le Président Macron souligne cette réalité: nous ne sommes plus face à une simple hausse des prix, mais à une menace de survie pour les chaînes d'approvisionnement mondiales.

1962: L'ombre de la destruction mutuelle assurée

Sur le plan géopolitique, nous revivons les heures sombres de la crise des missiles de Cuba. En 1962, le monde retenait son souffle face à l'imminence d'un échange nucléaire entre les États-Unis et l'URSS. En 2026, l'attaque directe contre les infrastructures nucléaires iraniennes nous place dans une dynamique de "bord du

Guerre de 2026: Sommes-nous prisonniers des cycles de l'Histoire?



Entre les 270 milliards de dollars de pertes pour l'Iran et les 200 milliards réclamés par le Pentagone, l'ampleur des coûts confirme que la crise n'est plus seulement régionale. P - Friday Times

précipice" similaire.

Cependant, la donne a changé. En 1962, la menace était bipolaire et militaire. Aujourd'hui, l'escalade est hybride. Si le conflit armé reste régional, les représailles cybernétiques iraniennes touchent le cœur des infrastructures civiles. La guerre n'est plus seulement au front; elle s'invite dans chaque foyer connecté. Le risque n'est plus seulement une "guerre chaude" entre superpuissances, mais un effondrement systémique global dans un monde tripolaire où Washington, Pékin et Delhi tentent de maintenir un équilibre précaire.

La "guerre des pétroliers": De l'escarmouche à l'annihilation

Enfin, la tactique iranienne actuelle — l'utilisation d'essaims de drones et de missiles balistiques pour paralyser le trafic maritime — rappelle la "Guerre des pétroliers" de la période 1980-1988 durant le conflit Iran-Iraq. Mais, là encore, la comparaison s'arrête à la méthode.

Dans les années 80, les États-Unis cherchaient principalement à protéger la navigation. En 2026, le paradigme a basculé vers une "campagne d'annihilation".

L'objectif affiché par Washington et Jérusalem n'est plus le confinement, mais la déstabilisation active du régime et le démantèlement total de ses capacités nucléaires. Les "conditions de seuil" imposées par le ministre de la Défense Israël Katz — l'évacuation totale de l'uranium enrichi du sol iranien — ne laissent aucune place au compromis historique, contrairement aux résolutions de l'ONU auparavant.

L'inconnu de 2026: Vide de pouvoir et guerre numérique

Ce qui rend la crise actuelle plus périlleuse que ses ancêtres est l'absence de leadership clair à Téhéran. L'assassinat du Guide Suprême le 28 février a laissé place à un "Conseil divisé" entre gardiens de la révolution et pragmatistes. En 1962 ou 1973, il y avait un interlocuteur identifié. Aujourd'hui, la vacance du pouvoir rend toute diplomatie pakistanaise extrêmement fragile.

Le coût économique pour l'Iran, estimé à 270 milliards de dollars, et la demande de fonds d'urgence de 200 milliards de dollars par le Pentagone montrent que nous avons dépassé le stade de la simple crise régionale.

Vers un nouvel ordre mondial?

Si le cessez-le-feu libanais du 16 avril apporte une lueur d'espoir, il n'est qu'un pansement sur une plaie béante. Le monde de 2026 n'est plus celui de 1973. La dépendance numérique et l'interconnexion des marchés signifient qu'une explosion à Ormuz se traduit par une pénurie alimentaire à l'île Maurice ou une panne de système de santé à New York.

L'histoire nous a appris que les crises de cette ampleur accouchent souvent d'un nouvel ordre mondial. Reste à savoir si celui qui émergera après le 22 avril sera fondé sur une diplomatie renouvelée ou sur les cendres d'un système qui n'a pas su tirer les leçons de ses propres miroirs historiques. Le compte à rebours est lancé.

Féminicides et violences : Briser le cycle de l'échec et assurer une protection réelle



L'Australie, à travers son plan national 2022-2032, a cessé de traiter la violence domestique uniquement comme un crime pour l'aborder comme une crise de santé publique. P - AFP

Le constat dressé cette semaine à l'Assemblée nationale est glaçant: dix vies fauchées, 6 478 agressions recensées depuis le début de l'année 2025. Derrière ces statistiques se cache une réalité plus sombre encore: sept de ces dix victimes avaient déjà franchi la porte d'un poste de police ou d'un centre de soutien. Sept d'entre elles possédaient un *Protection Order*. Pourtant, le système a échoué.

Lors de la *Private Notice Question* (PNQ) menée par Joe Lesjongard, la ministre Arianne Navarre-Marie a annoncé un futur *Domestic Abuse Bill* visant à colmater les brèches d'un cadre légal manifestement dépassé. Si l'élargissement de la définition de la violence et l'obligation de signalement pour les professionnels sont des avancées majeures, Maurice se trouve à la croisée des chemins. Pour que cette nouvelle loi

ne reste pas une promesse de papier, nous devons tirer des leçons de différents pays. Seule une approche holistique réussirait à faire reculer ce fléau.

La leçon espagnole: La spécialisation et la rapidité

L'Espagne est souvent citée par l'OMS comme le modèle à suivre. Sa loi intégrale de 2004 a transformé la lutte contre les violences de genre en une question d'État.

- **La justice spécialisée:** L'Espagne a créé des tribunaux exclusivement dédiés aux violences faites aux femmes. Les juges, les procureurs et les avocats y sont formés spécifiquement aux dynamiques d'emprise et de manipulation psychologique. À Maurice, le fait qu'une victime retire sa plainte — comme dans le cas tragique de Mme Y. B. — est souvent perçu comme une fin de non-recevoir. En Espagne, le système est conçu pour comprendre que le retrait d'une plainte est fréquemment un symptôme de terreur ou de dépendance économique, et non une preuve de l'absence de danger.
- **Le bracelet électronique:** Pour pallier l'inefficacité des simples ordonnances de protection papier, l'Espagne utilise massivement des dispositifs de surveillance électronique qui alertent la police dès que l'agresseur s'approche du périmètre de la victime.

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The *Lancet* is a highly regarded British peer-reviewed general medical journal. In July 2025, it published an article titled *Evaluating the impact of two decades of USAID interventions and projecting the effects of defunding on mortality up to 2030: a retrospective impact evaluation and forecasting analysis*. In August 2025, it published an article titled *Effects of international sanctions on age-specific mortality: a cross-national panel data analysis*.

An editorial in *The Lancet* summarized the findings on sanctions. Most importantly, the data analysis demonstrates that sanctions do kill. Economic sanctions imposed by the US and/or the EU were associated with 564,258 (based on a 95% confidence interval range 367,838-760,677) annually from 1971 to 2021. These findings align with a previous article in *The Lancet Global Health*

suggesting multilateral regimes are less damaging.

The reasons why sanctions produce such effects are intuitively obvious, and include harms to health through reduced access to medicines and medical supplies; declines in public revenue and health system capacity; disruptions to food security; and constraints on humanitarian operations.

As the editorial succinctly states: "All economic sanctions ultimately function as sanctions on health... undermining people's right to health."

Sanctions disproportionately harm children, women, marginalized populations, and civilians in low income or conflict affected countries

The Lancet article on cuts in USAID is the first comprehensive, 133 country, evaluation of the projected impact on mortality over a 20-year period.



Economic sanctions cause large, measurable increases in mortality, with effects comparable to those of armed conflict. Pic - St Vincent Times

- Vaccination programs (GAVI)
- Maternal and child health
- Nutrition and food aid
- Water and sanitation
- Humanitarian response
- Education and health-system strengthening
- Health-system collapse
- Medicine shortages
- Food insecurity
- Increased infectious-disease mortality
- Increased maternal and child mortality

These are precisely the interventions that most effectively reduce mortality in LMICs.

Consequences of cuts

The article models the consequences of the 83% cuts announced in 2025 and the potential termination of USAID funding from 2026 onward. The study concludes: "Current steep funding cuts could result in more than 14,051,750 additional all age deaths... by 2030," including "4,537,157 deaths in children younger than 5 years."

The authors warn that the shock would be "similar in scale to a global pandemic or a major armed conflict... [but] would stem from a conscious and avoidable policy choice."

Although sanctions and USAID cuts differ in intent, *The Lancet* articles show they produce strikingly similar mortality pathways.

Sanctions and USAID cuts have shared catastrophic effects. Both cause:

- The scale of mortality is staggering.
- For sanctions the annual toll of 564,000 deaths is likely to continue.
- USAID cuts are projected to cause 14 million deaths by 2030, including 4.5 million children

The ultimate policy question is whether the health toll is a justifiable trade-off for whatever perceived benefits sanctions or USAID cuts may generate.

As the world's most powerful nations learn that their multibillion-dollar arsenals are vulnerable to cheaper, asymmetric warfare tools such as drones and low-cost missiles, we might see a reduction in defence budgets and redeployment to building storehouses of drones and missiles. This should allow nations to channel more resources to health and economic initiatives that efficiently keep people alive, and away from weapons system designed to kill them... and inefficiently at that.

Cheerz...
Bwana

“Economic sanctions cause large, measurable increases in mortality, with effects comparable to those of armed conflict. The 564,258 annualized death rate is a toll higher than annual battle-related casualties. The most significant effects were in children under 5, with mortality rising 8.4 log points or just about 9%. The increases in deaths for adults and older adults were significant as well and for all groups, the mortality rate increases the longer the sanctions remain in place...”

showing that economic sanctions aimed at low-income or middle-income countries resulted in a 3.1% increase in infant mortality and a 6.4% increase in maternal mortality annually between 1990 and 2019.

The editorial notes that sanctions are restrictive foreign policy tools with the punitive aim of coercing behaviour change, such as stopping human rights violations or promoting democracy but despite the growth in the frequency and duration of sanctions, their success rate of achieving the stated aim remains at about 30%.

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The study shows:

- Unilateral sanctions (especially US sanctions) have the largest mortality effects.
- Economic sanctions (trade/financial restrictions) are more harmful than non-economic ones.
- UN sanctions show no statistically significant mortality effect —

What USAID funding achieved (2001–2021)

For the twenty-year period from 2001-2021 USAID funding has been one of the most powerful drivers of mortality reduction in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC).

The authors concluded that "91,839,663 all age deaths... were prevented by USAID funding," including "30,391,980 deaths in children younger than 5 years."

High USAID funding levels were associated with:

- 15% reduction in all-cause mortality.
- 32% reduction in under-five mortality
- 65% reduction in HIV/AIDS mortality (25.5 million deaths prevented)
- 51% reduction in malaria mortality (8 million deaths prevented)
- 50% reduction in neglected tropical disease mortality (8.9 million deaths prevented)

Significant reductions also occurred in:

- Tuberculosis
- Malnutrition
- Diarrheal diseases
- Lower respiratory infections
- Maternal and perinatal conditions

Considering the type of projects that USAID funds, it is not surprising that it has had such large impacts. The funding includes:

- HIV treatment (PEPFAR)
- Malaria control (PMI)

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Chagos: When Delay Becomes a Strategy

The legal position is settled and will not change. The true danger is that implementation delays will allow decolonization to be reframed as geopolitical bargaining—this must not be allowed to happen

The sovereignty of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago is no longer in dispute. Recognised by international law and accepted by the United Kingdom, it now awaits implementation. Yet growing delays risk turning a settled legal outcome into a new arena for geopolitical bargaining — where small states once again bear the cost of great power hesitation.

Britain has now moved from hesitation to something more troubling — prevarication as policy.

For months, the explanation was procedural. The agreement recognising Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago — signed on 22 May 2025 — required ratification. One can concede that parliamentary processes take time and scrutiny must run its course.

However, given the inordinate time this issue has been in the British parliament, that argument no longer holds.

Reports that the implementing legislation may have been effectively shelved — and might not even feature in the next King's Speech — suggest that what was once presented as delay is now hardening into something more deliberate.

A legally settled issue is being allowed to drift.

Let us be clear. Sovereignty is no longer the issue. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has spoken. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has endorsed. The United Kingdom itself has signed an agreement recognising Mauritian sovereignty.

And yet, implementation remains suspended.

In that vacuum, others are beginning to play.

“TACO” and possibly “SACO”?

The United States, under Donald Trump, has shifted position with characteristic unpredictability — supporting, criticising, and recalibrating its stance as circumstances evolve. One might be tempted to describe this as “TACO” — Trump Always Chickens Out — as he is often characterized by many commentators in his own country and abroad. Can

Britain pretend to stand apart from this pattern, given its seeming prevarication?

Is it then beginning to look increasingly like “SACO” — Starmer Also Chickens Out — adjusting posture not in response to principle, but to pressure?

I grant this is not a comfortable observation. But it is one that must be made, given the circumstances.

Because what is at stake is not merely a bilateral agreement. It is the integrity of a process grounded in international law.

Mauritius has not arrived at this point through brinkmanship or disruption. It has done so through persistence, legality, and multilateral engagement — raising the issue consistently at the United Nations, within the African Union and non-aligned frameworks, and across bilateral channels.

Sovereignty no longer the issue

And now, just as closure was within reach, the process, one is inclined to say, is being deliberately prolonged — not by law, but by hesitation, by succumbing to internal party-political considerations. Using Washington's refusal to entertain an amendment to the Exchange of Letters signed in 1966 between the US and the UK — behind the back of then-colonial Mauritius — as an excuse to delay the restitution of sovereignty is rather lame.

A bilateral accord **CANNOT** override international law!

It is opportune to recall here that both the ICJ and the UNGA pronounced themselves unequivocally on the sovereignty of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago, including

Diego Garcia, 7 years ago, in February and May 2019 respectively.

The consequences of this delay are already evident.

As I have previously underlined, a residual colonial administrative structure continues to function in a territory whose sovereignty has been acknowledged as Mauritian. A court within that structure issues judgments that both undermine and perpetuate its own legal foundations. Political actors in the United Kingdom and right-wing billionaires with no *locus standi*, encourage theatrical incursions into the archipelago. External players, sensing ambiguity, begin to reposition themselves.

This is precisely the price that small states pay when great powers gamble.

These developments do not change the law. But they thrive in the space created by delay.

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What is now emerging is a deeply troubling inversion of roles. A territory whose sovereignty has been recognised in international law is increasingly being treated as an object of discussion between external actors.

It gives the impression of a tenant dictating terms to an unlawful occupant, while the rightful owner is left at the margins of decisions concerning its own property.

Such a situation would not endure were the balance of power different. It is precisely the kind of distortion that small states are expected to absorb when great powers hesitate or recalibrate.

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That must **not** be allowed to happen.

What posture should Mauritius adopt

Mauritius now faces a choice. It can remain passive, in the hope that the process will eventually conclude. It can escalate precipitously, risking the gains already secured. Or it can adopt a posture of firm, structured engagement — asserting its rights, mobilising its partners, and insisting that implementation follow acknowledgment.

The answer lies in that third path.

Mauritius must not retreat from the agreement. But neither should it allow delay to become normalised. It must make clear — quietly, if possible, firmly if necessary — that the time for completion has come.

Because at this stage, the issue is no longer whether Mauritius is sovereign over Chagos.

It is whether that sovereignty will be implemented — or indefinitely deferred.

And when the law is deferred long enough, it is no longer resisted. It is quietly undone.



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Lindsay Rivière, Journaliste



Mauritius Times: Auriez-vous pu imaginer une telle fin: la démission de Paul Bérenger du gouvernement, suivie de sa démission du MMM et de l'abandon par ses lieutenants les plus fidèles durant des décennies à ce stade de son long parcours?

Lindsay Rivière: Je ne pensais pas que le différend entre Paul Bérenger et Navin Ramgoolam, puis avec son propre parti, interviendrait aussi tôt dans le mandat soit après 15 mois seulement, comme en 1995. Je songeais à tort qu'avec un tel mandat, traduisant un immense désir populaire de changement, les responsables de l'Alliance se seraient crus obligés envers le peuple de travailler ensemble, de produire des résultats, en mettant en sourdine leurs différends. Ils nous avaient assuré pouvoir travailler ensemble en invoquant leur âge avancé et leur "Sagesse accrue". Nous avons été trop optimistes et un peu naïfs. Chassez le naturel, il revient au galop!

C'était, en effet, compter sans Paul Bérenger: sa proverbiale impatience, son autoritarisme débordant, son impulsivité, son caractère impossible, ou encore sa fixation sur le rapport de forces permanent et la place future de son parti et de sa fille. C'était aussi compter sans la lenteur exaspérante de Navin Ramgoolam à faire bouger les choses, sa volonté d'un règne sans partage, son désir d'avoir le dernier mot sur tout et sa manie de frustrer tous les autres pour mieux dominer le jeu politique.

Chacun des deux leaders, dans toute cette affaire, porte sa part de responsabilité. C'est pourtant Bérenger qui a dégainé et tiré le premier, en critiquant systématiquement et publiquement des domaines relevant du Premier ministre (Air Mauritius, la Police, la lutte contre la drogue et la corruption, les nominations, le port, etc). Même s'il a raison sur de nombreux points, Bérenger aurait bien pu et aurait dû continuer à agir de l'intérieur du gouvernement, insister pour des changements de cap au lieu de sortir de la maison et lancer maintenant des pierres sur l'édifice.

Il faut aussi regarder au-delà des frustrations de Bérenger. Ce qui se passe depuis novembre est le fruit d'un repositionnement calculé de Bérenger devant une dégradation nette de la position du gouvernement et du pays (économie essouffée, prix, mécontentement populaire, etc.)

Tout ceci arrive au plus mauvais moment possible pour Maurice, alors que le monde vit une période de grande turbulence et pourrait connaître une profonde récession économique, ce qui s'ajoutera à nos difficultés actuelles.

*** Dans quelle mesure le désaveu de ses fidèles collaborateurs a-t-il scellé la perte de contrôle de Paul**

"Never say 'never' in politics!"

Une alliance avec Pravind Jugnauth... n'est à exclure ni pour le PTr ni pour le camp Bérengiste'

Le paysage politique mauricien traverse une zone de turbulences inédite. Alors que l'Alliance du Changement semblait porter les espoirs d'une transition stable, le pays assiste, stupéfait, à un scénario que peu auraient osé prédire : la démission de Paul Bérenger du gouvernement, son départ du MMM et la défection de ses plus fidèles lieutenants.

Pour décrypter les coulisses de cette rupture historique entre Paul Bérenger et Navin Ramgoolam, Lindsay Rivière, fin observateur de la vie politique, livre une analyse percutante des enjeux actuels. Il explore les ondes de choc qui menacent de redéfinir les équilibres jusqu'en 2029, examine l'hypothèse d'une troisième voie et s'interroge sur l'avenir d'un MMM désormais orphelin de sa figure tutélaire.

Bérenger sur le cours des événements? Doit-on l'imputer à l'usure de son leadership ou au calcul pragmatique de presque l'ensemble de ses lieutenants qui l'ont abandonné?

Ce n'est pas l'usure du pouvoir qui détermine les positionnements actuels, mais, d'une part, c'est le caractère des uns et des autres qui gèrent mal leurs rapports et, d'autre part, des calculs cyniques qui vont désormais rebattre toutes les cartes politiques.

Voyons d'abord les facteurs subjectifs. Bérenger et Ramgoolam sont de nature différente, et il est maintenant clair que ces deux leaders ne pourront jamais travailler ensemble.

Il faut attendre encore un peu pour juger de l'action future de Bérenger. A 81 ans, il dit vouloir créer un nouveau parti, sans doute taillé à sa mesure et à celle de Joanna. Ça va être extrêmement difficile, compte tenu qu'en 2029, il aurait 85 ans, que beaucoup de militants MMM se seront déshabitués de lui, le blâmant pour ne pas être resté au gouvernement...

Paul Bérenger est fondamentalement un homme d'Opposition. Il est un Guerrier dans l'âme. Ce qu'il aime, c'est surtout la conquête du pouvoir mais pas nécessairement l'exercice et la gestion du pouvoir. Une fois une citadelle conquise et un objectif atteint (comme renverser les régimes de Sir Seewoosagur ou de Sir Anerood et Pravind Jugnauth), il s'en va conquérir d'autres citadelles.

D'autre part, il déteste l'impopularité, et il panique un peu en voyant monter la colère populaire. Tous ses départs de différents gouvernements ont toujours coïncidé avec des périodes de grandes tensions affectant leur popularité. Paul Bérenger est aussi un perfectionniste, un «Type A personality» : impatient, irritable. Il veut toujours danser plus vite que la musique, voir des résultats immédiats, sans bavure. Il ne tolère pas l'inefficience, la faiblesse et les limites des autres. Or, les autres sont comme ils sont, et ils n'ont pas à subir son diktat.

Il insulte facilement, s'excuse et pardonne peu, et bouscule tout le monde; il ne respecte pas vraiment le style et le fonctionnement des autres. C'est la raison pour laquelle il a perdu autant d'excellents lieutenants, qui n'estiment pas avoir à être des béni-oui-oui ou des faire-valoir.

Paul Bérenger aime bien Navin Ramgoolam comme un ami personnel mais veut voir Navin se comporter et agir comme lui: dans la précipitation. Or, le PM, lui, prend son temps, laisse mûrir les choses et a la patience du fermier qui sème, arrose, attend et récolte plus tard le fruit de son travail.

Bérenger prend des risques, Navin est allergique au risque et méfiant comme un loup.

Ces deux hommes ne peuvent pas travailler ensemble. C'est l'évidence même, et il faut que le pays intériorise cette donnée essentielle.

En faisant alliance avec le PTr, Bérenger entre dans ce *partnership* les yeux grands ouverts et accepte d'être le 'Junior Partner' mais ensuite il n'assume pas ce statut. Il estime avoir toujours raison et veut que tout le monde se plie à son agenda. Voilà, au fond, pourquoi il se retrouve aujourd'hui à 81 ans sans amis, sans alliés.

J'ai toujours pensé, tout en l'admirant personnellement pour son parcours et la force de ses principes, que Bérenger manque d'intelligence émotionnelle et de jugement sur les gens et les choses.

Enfin, à côté de ces facteurs subjectifs, ne nous y trompons pas. Bérenger a un plan avec quatre objectifs:

- (i) renverser aux prochaines élections le régime Ramgoolam-MMM;
- (ii) créer un vaste Front Populaire avec plusieurs partis, mouvements et syndicats (son nouveau parti, Nando Bodha, Roshi Bhadain, Patrick Belcourt, Rama Valayden, Bruno Laurette et même Rezistans ek Alternativ si Subron, exaspéré de ne pas voir ses changements constitutionnels, décide lui aussi de partir, etc.) en fédérant toutes les oppositions extra-parlementaires et en surfant sur le mécontentement populaire actuel;
- (iii) mettre sa fille Joanna sur orbite pour 2029, et
- (iv) enfin ramener le MSM dans le jeu.

*** En attendant qu'il mette son plan à exécution, qu'en est-il du MMM? Sans le nom de «Bérenger» pour porter l'étendard du militantisme, le parti peut-il encore prétendre à une crédibilité institutionnelle? Ou est-il condamné à n'être plus qu'une force d'appoint anonyme, vidée de cette identité singulière qui fit autrefois sa force?**

Paul Bérenger est une légende vivante. Il incarne le MMM à travers soixante ans de combat.

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Déjà avec lui, le MMM perdait, d'élection en élection, de sa force et de sa polarité, passant de 40 % dans les années 90 à 10-15 % aujourd'hui. Sans lui, le MMM aura beaucoup de difficultés à s'imposer et pourrait bien devenir dans quatre ans un «very junior partner» du Parti Travailleiste et seulement un parti d'appoint, un peu comme le PMSD.

Remarquez que Navin Ramgoolam pourrait bien, à l'horizon 2029, se passer du MMM pour inviter Xavier Duval et le PMSD à revenir, ou encore tendre la main au MSM, comme en 2010. *Never say "never" in politics!*

*** Pour revenir au plan de Bérenger dont vous parliez tout à l'heure, ne pensez-vous pas qu'avec sa démission du parti qu'il a cofondé, nous assistons peut-être au dernier chapitre de la longue carrière de Paul Bérenger?**

Il faut attendre encore un peu pour juger de l'action future de Bérenger. A 81 ans, il dit vouloir créer un nouveau parti, sans doute taillé à sa mesure et à celle de Joanna. Ça va être extrêmement difficile, compte tenu qu'en 2029, il aurait 85 ans, que beaucoup de militants MMM se seront déshabitués de lui, le blâmant pour ne pas être resté au gouvernement. Bérenger pourrait se retrouver coincé dans la lutte traditionnelle entre deux blocs. Mais les luttes à trois, la troisième voie, etc., sont des chimères à Maurice.

Paul Bérenger est encouragé par les siens, notamment par Joanna et l'aile Jeune du MMM à faire un 'virage à Gauche', à revenir vers des politiques plus progressistes. Or, l'idéologie n'a plus beaucoup de sens aujourd'hui. Tous les partis prônent plus ou moins les mêmes politiques économiques et sociales.

Le problème avec ce scénario de Front est que tous ceux-là ont leurs propres ambitions et pourraient ne pas vouloir se mettre au service des intérêts étroits de Paul et Johanna Bérenger. Enfin, à la manière dont Bérenger fonctionne et rompt ses alliances, certains pourraient ne pas être chauds à l'idée de travailler avec lui.

Il reste à Bérenger deux cartes à jouer pour rester au-devant de la scène : premièrement, redevenir rapidement le Leader de l'Opposition parlementaire, sans trop se soucier de ce que les gens disent ou pensent, et deuxièmement, démissionner du Parlement et provoquer une élection partielle où il se représenterait afin d'obtenir une légitimité nouvelle autour de son action et valider ainsi sa conduite.

S'il échoue, ce sera son crépuscule; s'il gagne, ce sera un coup de tonnerre dans le ciel politique et beaucoup de choses changeront alors. Voyons voir son prochain 'move'.

*** Par ailleurs, comme vous le disiez tout à l'heure, un rapprochement avec le MSM ne peut jamais être totalement exclu à Maurice. Dans une configuration où l'Alliance du Changement ferait face à des difficultés majeures, la realpolitik pourrait pousser d'anciens adversaires à s'unir pour stabiliser un bloc de pouvoir. C'est tout à fait possible, n'est-ce pas?**

En effet, il y aura bien des repositionnements et de nouvelles alliances dans les années à venir, autant au Gouvernement que dans l'Opposition. Navin Ramgoolam, débarrassé de Bérenger, aura un vaste choix. La position du PMSD sera intéressante à suivre. Xavier Duval est toujours là où Bérenger n'est pas.

Par contre, une alliance avec Pravind Jugnauth et un MSM supposément «new look» purgé de ses éléments les plus controversables n'est à exclure ni pour le PTr (comme

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en 2010) ni pour le camp Bérengiste (comme en 2000-05). Avez-vous noté cette subite nostalgie de Bérenger pour la période MMM-MSM de SAJ et lui entre 2000 et 2005? Cette évocation n'est pas innocente. Elle semble même très louche.

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Dans de telles conditions, Pravind Jugnauth aurait tout intérêt à se défaire de ses « poids lourds » largement compromis pour projeter l'image d'un MSM réformé et repensé, avec en ligne de mire l'horizon 2029.

*** Navin Ramgoolam a-t-il, lui aussi, cela dans ses cartes pour 2029?**

Il est bien trop tôt pour l'évoquer. Si le Premier ministre n'a pas besoin du MSM pour les trois prochaines années, qu'en sera-t-il après? Sait-on jamais? Il pourrait fort bien envisager un amendement constitutionnel instaurant une Deuxième République, avec une présidence exécutive à la française et un poste de Premier ministre dévolu à un allié.

Enfin, je n'exclus nullement qu'avant 2029, Navin Ramgoolam invite Adrien Duval et le PMSD à rejoindre le gouvernement, tout en remplaçant Xavier Duval dans le giron du pouvoir, surtout si Bérenger commence à lorgner du côté du MSM.

*** Alors que l'incertitude plane sur la capacité de ce**

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qui reste du MMM à réussir sa mutation vers une direction collégiale ou à se trouver un nouveau leader, les autres grandes formations, notamment le PTr et le MSM, se retrouvent elles aussi face à un impératif: repenser leur propre modèle de succession pour garantir leur pérennité. Voyez-vous ces partis entreprendre une telle démarche?

Tout le monde va avoir à se repenser dans les prochaines années.

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*** La chute de Paul Bérenger offre une leçon majeure : tout leader politique, qu'il soit dans l'opposition ou Premier ministre, s'expose au risque d'être renversé non pas par des mécanismes constitutionnels, mais par une simple destitution au sein de son propre parti (Comité central ou Assemblée des délégués). C'est cette possibilité d'une destitution qui explique pourquoi le contrôle total sur l'appareil du parti devient, pour les leaders, une question de survie politique, ne pensez-vous pas?**

À Maurice, on a pratiqué pendant un siècle le culte du héros, mais cela va disparaître. Hurler aux meetings, lever des drapeaux, courir derrière les voitures des leaders, passer des guirlandes au cou ne vaudra plus rien dire demain. Le monde change, le pays change, ses mœurs politiques changent aussi.

Il y a aujourd'hui moins de fanatiques politiques, plus d'indécis (60 %). Les gens ne sont plus impressionnés par tout ce cinéma. Ils réfléchissent calmement, sont influencés par les réseaux sociaux, forment leur propre jugement. Le monde n'est plus au temps des grands leaders historiques. Il faut aujourd'hui convaincre calmement, avec respect et en pratiquant la proximité.

À cet égard, la politique mauricienne doit évoluer: le leadership ne peut plus être une garantie d'inamovibilité.

*** Voyez-vous néanmoins dans le modèle du «leader suprême», qui définit la politique mauricienne depuis l'indépendance, un obstacle à l'émergence d'une nouvelle génération de politiciens?**

En tout cas, chacun espère voir les dynasties disparaître peu à peu du champ politique mauricien. De nombreux jeunes souhaitent entrer en politique, mais les anciens s'incrument. La transition sera cependant difficile tant que les leaders contrôleront les finances des partis et que le vote à main levée restera la norme dans les assemblées.

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'Le gouvernement doit, de toute urgence, planifier un avenir difficile.'

Le "business as usual", ce serait de la folie'

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* Vous avez évoqué auparavant un retour de Pravind Jugnauth et du Mouvement Socialiste Militant (le MSM) au-devant de la scène. Est-ce vraiment du domaine du possible?

Tout est possible en politique à Maurice. Auriez-vous pu imaginer qu'après sa défaite totale de 1995, Anerood Jugnauth serait revenu au pouvoir en 2000 et en 2014? Que Navin Ramgoolam, après 2014, reviendrait en 2024?

Combien de temps durera la traversée du désert pour Pravind Jugnauth? Fera-t-il une purge au MSM pour se rendre de nouveau respectable? S'il y parvient, n'oubliez pas que, malgré le 60-0, Pravind a réuni autour de lui plus de 25 % des voix en 2024. Je vois bien le MSM peu à peu réintroduire dans le débat politique d'ici 2029 le slogan «Mille fois Jugnauth» et promettre un retour aux pensions modifiées.

Mais je le dis de nouveau: attendons voir si Bérenger laisse le poste de Leader de l'Opposition à Joe Lesjongard, Président MSM mais ex-MMM. Ceci dira beaucoup de chose!

* En dernier lieu, la question cruciale pour le gouvernement de l'Alliance du Changement est désormais: "What next?" L'heure n'est plus au "business as usual". Le pays ne peut se contenter d'une gestion de routine, d'autant que des défis majeurs nous guettent, notamment l'escalade des tensions au Moyen-Orient, qui menace notre équilibre économique...

Le gouvernement devra faire face à de

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nombreuses difficultés, notamment la hausse des prix, la guerre au Moyen-Orient et les Rs 10 milliards liés au dossier des «Chagos Archipelago» partis en fumée...

Navin Ramgoolam a laissé percer quelques signes de découragement, notamment avec son récent aveu public que, s'il avait su, il aurait «presque préféré perdre les élections en 2024». Il s'est repris depuis.

Mais la guerre avec l'Iran et Paul Bérenger de nouveau dans la rue vont singulièrement compliquer la situation. Le gouvernement doit donc, de toute urgence, planifier un avenir difficile. Le "business as usual", ce serait de la folie.

Un grand test attend désormais Ramgoolam. Comme on dit: «Leadership is grace under pressure!».



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What next for the UK/Mauritius Chagos Treaty?

Is it too much to hope that today's politicians will implement the commitments by their distinguished predecessors of the 1980s or will discussions continue for another 45 years?

Now that the UK Government has finally decided not to continue with the Diego Garcia and BIOT Bill in this session of Parliament, nor to include it in the King's Speech at the State Opening of the new Parliament on 13 May, UK officials will meet their counterparts on 22 April in Port Louis to consider the situation.

The Treaty was signed by both prime ministers on 22 May last year. The Bill enacting it had reached its final stage in the House of Lords but was paused on 26 January due to opposition from President Trump. In his statement to the House of Commons on 13 April announcing the postponement, the Foreign Office Minister laid the blame for the delay on the President who had for a 3rd time changed his mind, this time against. It made it "impossible to agree at political level an update to the 1966 UK-US agreement that made BIOT available for defence, which is necessary to ratify the Treaty".

My last piece on 20 February, 'Has the UK-Mauritius Chagos Treaty stalled?' examined why it took so long from 3 November 2022 when the negotiations were announced by both governments, to conclude with a treaty. The announcement stated that "The UK and Mauritius have agreed to engage in constructive negotiations with a view to arriving at an agreement by early next year", i.e. January 2023. I pointed out in articles during 2023/4 that it would be prudent to ensure the treaty was ratified well before the three forthcoming general elections - the UK on 4 July 2024, the US on 5 November, Mauritius on 10 November.

Some commentators say we will have to await President Trump's departure from office in 2029 before the US is in a position to support the treaty again, but then we don't know who and what the priorities of the next President will be. If both governments feel they cannot risk waiting another three years, are there alternatives? Can resettlement of Chagossians which has been considered since 2001, be postponed any longer or are they to be the main losers



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Supporters of the Chagos Islanders in Westminster following a 2008 judgment over the decision of the British government to stop the Chagos Islanders going home. Pic: Fiona Hanson - PA Photos

again? Already several British Chagossians have taken the law into their own hands and since February have been camping on Ile du Coin in Peros Banhos atoll. And can the Chagos Archipelago Marine Protected Area under Mauritian auspices have a role while Chagos remains under British control?

Clearly, the quickest and best outcome for all parties is for the Bill to pass and the treaty to come into force. However, if this continues to be impossible because of President Trump's opposition and the war with Iran drags on, would it be worth considering alternatives? For example:

1. Sovereignty Transitions

The UK/US agreement (exchange of letters) will expire on 27 December 2036. Could the formal acknowledgement of Mauritian sovereignty over Diego Garcia be postponed until then as the UK remains in control of the island or be reviewed in say 4 years' time after the next President takes office.

Asserting British 'sovereignty' for a few more years at this tumultuous time in world affairs may reassure President Trump, the media and British politicians.

2. Immediate Restoration of the Outer Islands

In the meantime, the 55 Outer Islands could be returned to Mauritius this year, as has been the case since 2002, since the treaty makes clear that they are not required for defence purposes and never have been.

This may need a small amendment to the 1966 agreement since it refers to the UK retaining sovereignty over the entire BIOT. After all three islands (Desroches, Aldabra and Farquhar) were returned from BIOT to Seychelles at Independence in 1976.

3. Resettlement and Chagossian Engagement

More needs to be done to reassure Chagossians and the UN that under Mauritian sovereignty, the resettlement of the Outer Islands — which has been regularly delayed over the last 25 years — will finally take place for those who wish to return. Currently, however, it remains unclear exactly how many intend to do so.

The UK and Mauritius could issue a joint statement promising resettlement to be organised and funded jointly. All Chagossian groups should be involved in planning a trial resettlement and heritage visits to resume this year, but it will require them to work together for this common objective.

4. The Chagos MPA

It is also important to maintain momentum and implementation of the Chagos Archipelago Marine Protected Area which both countries agreed to in May 2025 and was the subject of a recent workshop with Mauritian, UK and US representatives in Port Louis on advancing plans for the MPA.

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It was repeated in the Commons by Lord Luce, an FCO Minister and later Lord Privy Seal on 1 December 1981. He continued "HMG believes that an early agreement is strongly in the interest of the former islanders. Discussions to this end continue through diplomatic channels". Lord Luce is a retired member of the Chagos Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group.

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World Bank chief economist warns of hunger risk from war in Iran

The conflict in the Middle East could push millions more towards hunger as its economic fallout reverberates further around the globe, the World Bank's chief economist warned in an interview.

"You have about 300 million people who suffer from acute food insecurity already," Indermit Gill said. "That'll go up by about 20 percent very, very quickly," as knock-on effects grow, reports AFP.

Gill spoke on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund-World Bank Spring Meetings in Washington.

The blocking of the Strait of Hormuz, a key oil supply route, has sent fertilizer prices soaring since they rely on oil-based inputs.

Higher prices for fertilizers, which are used in agriculture, may entice countries to halt food exports and hoard more food for themselves, further driving up food prices.

"Those export bans scare us massively," said Gill.

Most exposed are people in countries that are at war

IRAN WAR MAY TRIGGER GLOBAL HUNGER



World Bank chief economist warns of hunger risk from war in Iran. Pic - YouTube

or have fragile governments.

If the situation isn't resolved soon, "hunger will start to stalk these countries massively."

Currently, the shortage of petrochemicals and their

economic effects are being most felt in Asia, Gill explained, but "as the crisis gets longer, it's very rapidly going to spread first to Africa."

"The food that's in the market right now has already been grown," Gill said, but the real effects could be felt in a few months.

Low-income people across the world tend to spend a larger share of their earnings on basic needs like food and fuel.

Gill also warned that inflation - not just in food prices - could rise from about 3 percent globally to as much as 4.7 percent this year, in the most extreme scenario where the conflict stretches to August.

At the same time, global growth could be cut by as much as 40 percent on a yearly basis, if the crisis drags on.

Higher inflation mixed with lower growth would be a "double whammy" for the debt sustainability of poor countries, further hindering their ability to deal with this and future crises.

Across the Globe



Iran will be in U.S. for World Cup. Pic - The New York Times

FIFA says Iran will be at World Cup

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino said Iran would "for sure" participate in the men's soccer World Cup this summer, despite it being at war with one of the host countries. The team is due to arrive in Los Angeles in June, but US President Donald Trump has warned that its players should not attend "for their own life and safety," while Iran's sports minister said, "under no circumstances can we participate."

Infantino, who awarded Trump the inaugural "FIFA Peace Prize" last year, is eager to contain the war's impact on this summer's tournament; he also told Semafor World Economy that the White House's travel bans should not affect fans' ability to attend the competition.

China first-quarter growth hits 5%

China's economy beat expectations by growing 5% year-on-year in the first quarter, but analysts cautioned that the Iran war may cool expansion in the coming months. While Beijing — which holds vast crude reserves and is the world's leading renewables producer — has weathered the worst of the energy

shock, its export-oriented economy has softened over dropping global demand.

A high-stakes meeting next month between the Chinese and US leaders could affect its growth prospects; US officials have cooled once-heightened rhetoric, suggesting a deal is in the offing. "There are things we need to import from China; there are things China should be buying from us," the US trade representative said at Semafor World Economy. "And China agrees with us on that."

Europe ramps up defence spending

The European rearmament push is creating tension between the EU and NATO. Brussels is overhauling its defence industrial policy, stepping up production to meet both US demands for greater military spending and the threat from Russia. But NATO — where Washington plays a leading role — is sceptical of the EU's "Buy European" approach, the Financial Times reported, while Europe is keen to reduce reliance on the US in the face of President Donald Trump's hostility. European defence money is flowing: a \$90 billion EU loan to Ukraine is expected to be agreed soon, with the new Hungarian government lifting its block, and Germany has agreed to arms deals, including a \$300 million order for Rheinmetall drones.

Iran, US could extend ceasefire

Iran and the US may reportedly extend their two-week ceasefire, as diplomatic efforts to bring the two sides together for more peace talks gather pace. Setting the tone for those possible negotiations, US President Donald Trump said Iran's new regime was "pretty reasonable" and suggested a deal was close. Though oppo-

nents say Trump has repeatedly made statements painting the war as proceeding more positively than results on the ground indicate, former US Secretary of State John Kerry said that he also expected an agreement soon, saying that Trump's decision to blockade the Strait of Hormuz would likely bring Tehran back to the negotiating table. Stocks extended gains on Thursday, while oil prices stabilized under \$100 a barrel.

K-pop boosts record S. Korea tourism

More than 2 million people travelled to South Korea last month, as tourism was lifted by the comeback tour of K-pop band BTS after a yearlong hiatus. Travellers were drawn by the "worldwide



KPop Demon Hunters' fever draws record foreign visitors to Seoul. Pic - KED Global

popularity of (Korean) culture," the tourism ministry said. It's not just K-pop attracting fans: viral TV shows such as Squid Game, as well as films, are adding to the hype.

The figures underscore the capacity of some of the world's biggest musical acts to sway the GDP of cities or entire nations. Taylor Swift's Eras Tour was credited with boosting economic growth around concert sites and added more than \$4 billion to US

economic growth.

China eyes global stability role

Chinese leader Xi Jinping moved to position Beijing as a force for stability compared to the unpredictable US. Following talks with the crown prince of Abu Dhabi, Xi warned against abandoning international law and reverting to "the law of the jungle," a reference to the US blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, after earlier saying the world was "crumbling into disarray" during a trip by Spain's leader. He also hailed "precious" ties with Russia as Moscow's foreign minister visited. The Iran war risks undermining an uneasy US-China détente ahead of President Donald Trump's Beijing visit next month, when the US leader hopes to unveil a trade deal, but it also provides an opportunity for Xi to present himself as a reliable leader.

Bessent says tariffs could be restored

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said President Donald Trump's tariffs could be restored by July to the level they were at before the Supreme Court struck them down. If reimposed, the levies could further compound inflationary pressures in the world's largest economy at a time when the war in Iran is pushing up prices, especially in the energy sector.

While evidence suggests that importers have absorbed most of the costs, tariffs have also taken a toll on the broader economy; the Federal Reserve confirmed the levies were responsible for recent price increases. "When processors face higher input costs, they pass it along," a Cornell economist told Fortune.

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Across the Globe



Nigeria romance novel industry thrives

Northern Nigeria has a thriving Hausa-language romance novel industry, with steamy content serialized on messaging apps beyond the reach of religious censors. Sharia law regulates public morality in the Islamic parts of the country, and some erotic literature has been publicly burned. But a younger generation of authors is using WhatsApp, charging readers roughly 20 cents per installment for works such as Oum Hairan's *Nymphomaniac King*, written by and for women; Hairan offers free chapters in large groups, then introduces a paywall at cliffhangers. Enforcement of Sharia has been less aggressive in recent years, *The New York Times* reported, perhaps partly because the hundreds of thousands of fans of Hausa erotica include governors' wives and the daughter of an emir.

AI bioterrorism risk on the rise

AI can now design and run biological experiments, outpacing regulatory systems and raising concerns about bioterrorism, a leading scientist warned. OpenAI's GPT-5 reportedly conducted 36,000 experiments via a robotic lab, reducing the cost of creating a target protein by 40%.

AI is making biological engineering more accessible, lowering barriers to use. However, research suggests safeguards can be bypassed for dangerous applications such as pathogen creation. Concerns about AI-driven biological risks are shared by both critics and researchers, amid growing debate over long-term implications.

Democracy improves globally

Democracy is strengthening worldwide, according to a leading index, but the improvement is far from universal. Nearly 75%

of countries held firm or saw measures of democracy improve, according to the research firm EIU. The most marked growth has been in Latin America and the Caribbean, while current trends bode well for Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. The finding is contested: Sweden's V-Dem Institute last month said in its annual measure that democratic gains worldwide over the past 50 years had almost entirely been eradicated. Key countries are also backsliding. EIU noted democratic declines in the US were "not abating," while "freedom itself is at stake" in an election in Hungary this weekend, the *Financial Times'* chief economics commentator argued.

Chinese EV exports skyrocket

Chinese EV exports jumped by 124% in the first quarter of the year, and analysts forecast that the war in the Middle East could further boost their fortunes as gasoline prices soar globally. While much of East Asia has been affected by higher oil prices, China's rollout of green energy, along with its large stockpiles of crude, has allowed it to weather the crunch.

With countries rushing to invest in renewable energy as they seek energy independence, Chinese producers are set for a major windfall. China accounts for around 80% of global solar panel production and is home to the four largest wind turbine makers. "All paths to renewable power run through China," *The New York Times* reported.



China's Car exports skyrocket as Electrified cars approach 50% market share. Pic - YouTube

No clear winner in Peru election

No candidate came close to securing the 50% needed for a first-round win, highlighting widespread voter dissatisfaction. Conservative Keiko Fujimori led with 17% of ballots after Sunday's election, which was affected by polling delays and public disillusionment.

Four former presidents are currently in prison, and Peru has had nine leaders in a decade. Despite this, the economy remains one of the fastest-growing in Latin America, with the IMF forecasting 2.7% growth this year. However, ongoing political instability could undermine that progress.



10 US scientists researching UFOs, nuclear power dead or missing since mid-2023. Pic - Pixabay

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The Trump administration is examining reports that at least 10 American scientists have either died or mysteriously disappeared since mid-2023, according to the *Washington Examiner*. Many of these scientists were reportedly researching UFOs or nuclear power.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt recently told reporters that she has not yet spoken to the other officials about the growing deaths, but the White House will look into the concerning pattern, reports HT.

"I haven't spoken to our relevant agencies about it. I will certainly do that, and we'll get you an answer," Leavitt said during a press briefing. "If true, of course, that's definitely something I think this government and its administration would deem worth looking into."

The scientists who disappeared

Among the scientists who reportedly disappeared was Steven Garcia, a government contractor, who went missing on August 28, 2025. He worked at the Kansas City National Security Campus in Albuquerque.

Meanwhile, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientist Frank Maiwald died without a public cause, and Los Alamos National Laboratory staffer Anthony Chavez mysteriously disappeared.

The 2023 death of Michael David Hicks, a research scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, also triggered speculations that American scientists are being targeted. No public cause of death is available for Hicks, who died on July 30th, 2023, aged 59. He reportedly published over 80 scientific papers and worked on the DART Project and the Deep Space 1 Mission.

In January 2025, Monica Reza, who worked as the director of materials processing for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, went missing.

Rep. Eric Burlison (R-MO) has urged the FBI to get involved. In a March X post, he wrote, "The disappearance of multiple scientists and military personnel with ties to advanced research is deeply concerning. I've already requested FBI involvement, and we will keep pressing for answers."

Sudan hunger crisis deepens

Millions of people across Sudan are surviving on just one meal a day, and the war in the Middle East threatens to aggravate the hunger crisis. The Sudanese civil war, entering its third year, has already pushed millions into food insecurity, sparking the first famine declaration in years.

The conflict in the Middle East — which accounted for around a third of global fertilizer supply before hostilities — is now compounding the crisis. "We no longer ask what we will eat. We ask who will eat," one person in North Darfur told the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Féminicides et violences : Briser le cycle de l'échec et assurer une protection réelle

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Le modèle australien: Une approche de santé publique

L'Australie, à travers son plan national 2022-2032, a cessé de traiter la violence domestique uniquement comme un crime pour l'aborder comme une crise de santé publique.

- **Le signalement obligatoire "éclairé"**: Si Maurice envisage l'obligation de signalement, l'Australie insiste sur le soutien "personnalisé". Le signalement ne sert à rien si les centres de soutien sont démunis. Les critiques de l'opposition mauricienne sur le manque de téléphones ou de climatisation dans nos bureaux de soutien familial résonnent ici: on ne peut pas demander à des officiers de gérer des crises humaines de cette ampleur dans des conditions administratives précaires.
- **Réhabiliter pour protéger**: L'Australie investit massivement dans des programmes de réhabilitation obligatoires pour les agresseurs. L'idée n'est pas de

les excuser, mais de briser la récidive. Une loi qui se contente de punir sans traiter la racine comportementale de la violence ne fait que déplacer le problème au sein de la prochaine relation de l'agresseur.

L'analyse: Le choc des chiffres

Le député Adrien Duval a soulevé un point crucial: à Maurice, 70 % des féminicides surviennent alors que la police était déjà au courant, contre 25 % au niveau mondial. Ce chiffre suggère que notre problème n'est pas le silence des victimes — elles parlent, elles dénoncent — mais c'est l'incapacité de nos institutions à évaluer le risque légal.

Une ordonnance de protection ne doit plus être vue comme un bouclier magique. Elle doit être le déclencheur d'un protocole d'urgence incluant un logement sécurisé immédiat et un suivi policier proactif.

Pour un changement de paradigme

Le futur *Domestic Abuse Bill* est une lueur d'espoir. Mais pour que Maurice sorte de ce qu'il faut appeler une "crise des droits humains", trois piliers doivent soutenir

cette loi.

1. L'indépendance économique: La reconnaissance de la violence financière est un pas, mais sans un fonds d'urgence pour permettre aux femmes de quitter leur domicile et de ne pas se retrouver à la rue, le cycle de l'emprise continuera.

2. La formation multisectorielle: Il ne suffit pas de former 35 policiers. C'est l'intégralité de la force policière et du corps médical qui doit être capable de détecter les signaux faibles avant l'agression fatale.

3. L'éducation: Comme en Espagne, la lutte commence à l'école, en déconstruisant les stéréotypes de masculinité toxique dès le plus jeune âge.

"Un cas est déjà un cas de trop", a concédé la ministre.

Pour honorer la mémoire de ces dix femmes, Maurice doit transformer ses bureaux de soutien en véritables forteresses de dignité et ses lois en instruments d'action immédiate, et non en simples constats d'échec.

Le mois qui vient, avec la présentation du projet de loi, sera le test ultime de notre volonté politique.

L'agonie des "grands partis": Radiographie d'un changement d'époque

La déflagration qui a secoué le Mouvement Militant Mauricien (MMM) ces dernières semaines culminant avec la démission de Paul Bérenger ainsi que sa fille Joanna, et aussi Chetan Baboolall du parti n'est pas un simple incident de parcours.

Cette secousse agit comme un révélateur chimique, mettant à nu une réalité que beaucoup feignaient d'ignorer: le modèle des partis politiques «propriétaires» et monolithiques est arrivé à son point de rupture. Ce que l'on observe avec la scission menée par le «Gang des 15» face à la figure historique de Paul Bérenger dépasse la simple querelle d'ego; c'est le signal d'une mutation nécessaire, voire vitale, pour la survie de la démocratie mauricienne.

L'impasse du leadership figé

Depuis l'indépendance, la vie politique mauricienne a été rythmée par des structures partisans construites autour d'hommes providentiels. Ces leaders, souvent fondateurs ou héritiers, ont exercé un pouvoir absolu, transformant leurs organisations en extension de leur propre volonté. Le MMM, sous l'ombre portée de Paul Bérenger pendant plus de cinq décennies, a été l'archétype de ce parti-monolithe.

Ce leadership «figé» a créé une structure descendante (*top-down*) où les lieutenants étaient réduits au rôle de «vases à fleurs». Dans un tel système, la loyauté envers le chef prime sur l'idéologie ou le mandat électoral.

Cependant, cette centralisation excessive porte en elle les germes de sa propre destruction. En refusant d'organiser une transition fluide et méritocratique, les leaders traditionnels transforment leur parti politique en cocotte-minute.

Lorsque l'ambition dynastique — illustrée ici par la «stratégie Joanna» — vient se heurter aux instincts de survie des cadres, l'explosion devient inévitable.

De la loyauté personnelle à l'institutionnalisme

La véritable mutation qui s'opère aujourd'hui est le pas-



La fin du monolithe n'est pas la fin du militantisme; c'est peut-être, au contraire, son second souffle. P - L'Express

sage de la loyauté envers l'homme à la loyauté envers l'institution. La fronde menée par Rajesh Bhagwan et ses collègues marque un tournant majeur: pour la première fois, une masse critique d'élus refuse de suivre le fondateur dans le «désert politique» au nom du respect des structures internes et du mandat confié par les électeurs.

Cette transition vers un «institutionnalisme populiste» est une étape cruciale. Elle signifie que le parti n'appartient plus à une famille ou à un individu, mais à sa base et à ses membres. En utilisant les règles bureaucratiques et constitutionnelles du parti pour contester l'autorité du leader, les dissidents réinventent la démocratie interne.

L'émergence de figures comme Reza Uteem, prenant

les rênes de l'Assemblée des Délégués avec une autonomie nouvelle, démontre que la compétence ne manque pas au sein des rangs; elle était simplement étouffée par le culte de la personnalité.

Le défi de la modernité numérique et sociétale

Pourquoi cette mutation est-elle devenue inévitable en 2026? Parce que l'électorat mauricien a changé. Le citoyen d'aujourd'hui, plus instruit et ultra-connecté, rejette de plus en plus l'idée du «chèque en blanc» accordé à un chef suprême. La transparence, la reddition de comptes et surtout la prévisibilité de la succession sont devenues des exigences démocratiques de base.

Les partis qui ne sauront pas évoluer vers des structures plus horizontales risquent l'obsolescence. La mutation nécessaire implique trois piliers fondamentaux.

- 1. La décentralisation du pouvoir**: Passer d'une conférence de presse unique et solennelle à une répartition thématique des responsabilités.
- 2. La méritocratie interne**: Établir des protocoles de succession clairs, loin des réflexes dynastiques qui aliènent la base et les cadres compétents.
- 3. L'ancrage dans le réel**: Privilégier le mandat électif (le devoir envers les «militants koltar») sur les manœuvres tactiques visant uniquement à préserver l'influence d'un clan.

Un mal pour un bien?

Le séisme de mars/avril 2026 laisse un parti fracturé, mais il offre également une opportunité inédite de renouvellement. Le «tsunami» politique actuel pourrait être le catalyseur d'une nouvelle ère où les partis mauriciens ne seraient plus des propriétés privées, mais des institutions démocratiques vivantes.

Si Paul Bérenger restera dans l'histoire comme l'architecte d'un mouvement qui a façonné Maurice, la crise actuelle prouve qu'aucun architecte, aussi brillant soit-il, ne peut empêcher un bâtiment de s'effondrer s'il refuse d'en moderniser les fondations.

La fin du monolithe n'est pas la fin du militantisme; c'est peut-être, au contraire, son second souffle. Pour que les partis mauriciens survivent au 21^e siècle, ils doivent apprendre à exister sans un «monarque», en plaçant enfin l'institution au-dessus de l'individu.

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Le monde au bord du précipice

Entre diplomatie de la dernière chance et réalités économiques de guerre



Pour Maurice, le pétrole à 100 dollars le baril n'est plus une hypothèse, mais une réalité fiscale. P - YouTube

En ce milieu d'avril 2026, le paysage mondial est marqué par un paradoxe frappant: un «dégel» diplomatique momentané au Moyen-Orient qui contraste violemment avec une crise systémique de plus en plus profonde de l'économie globale. Pour Maurice, petite nation insulaire à la merci des courants géopolitiques, les secousses de cette semaine ne sont pas de simples titres de presse; ce sont des chocs directs portés aux fondations mêmes de notre résilience nationale.

La trêve des dix jours: un répit en sursis

L'événement phare de cette semaine est sans conteste la trêve de dix jours entre Israël et le Liban, entrée en vigueur ce 16 avril sous l'égide du président Donald Trump. À court terme, ce répit sur le «front Nord» permet l'ouverture de couloirs humanitaires essentiels. Cependant, le véritable test se profile pour le mercredi 22 avril.

Si cette fenêtre de dix jours ne débouche pas sur un accord plus large concernant le détroit d'Ormuz et le retrait de l'uranium enrichi iranien, les analystes militaires prévoient une reprise immédiate des opérations de «pression maximale».

Pour les marchés mondiaux, le mois de mai pourrait s'avérer volcanique. Nous sommes dans une phase de «diplomatie armée» où le moindre faux pas pourrait transformer ce dégel en incendie global.

L'économie mondiale sous l'ombre de la guerre

Réunis à Washington pour les réunions de printemps, le FMI et la Banque mondiale ont publié un rapport sans équivoque: «L'économie mondiale sous l'ombre de la guerre». La croissance mondiale a été revue à la baisse (3,1 % pour 2026), étranglée par la crise énergétique.

Ce que les experts appellent désormais la «crise du Pacifique» (et de l'océan Indien) frappe de plein fouet les nations en développement. Avec des hausses de prix du carburant atteignant 60 % en une seule semaine, nous assisterons, dans les mois à venir, à une vague de demandes de restructuration de dettes et de subventions énergétiques d'urgence.

Le modèle du «juste-à-temps» qui a dominé la dernière décennie s'effondre au profit d'une philosophie du «juste-au-

cas-où».

L'impact direct sur Maurice: Une économie en état d'alerte

Pour Maurice, le pétrole à 100 dollars le baril n'est plus une hypothèse, mais une réalité fiscale. Si le Gouvernement a su préserver les prix à la pompe grâce au *Price Stabilisation Fund*, pendant un certain

temps, ce bouclier est épuisé. Si le cessez-le-feu du 22 avril expire sans solution pour Ormuz, le déficit budgétaire pourrait se creuser de Rs10 milliards supplémentaires.

À cette pression s'ajoute la «prime de fret». L'océan Indien est devenu la ligne de front des perturbations commerciales. Les frais d'assurance «risque de guerre» font déjà grimper le prix des denrées de base de 3 % ce mois-ci.

La conclusion de la neuvième Conférence de l'océan Indien à Port-Louis est claire: l'autonomie stratégique et les stocks régionaux partagés entre Maurice, les Seychelles et la Réunion deviennent désormais une nécessité vitale.

Le tourisme et le «Facteur X» des Chagos

Le tourisme, poumon de notre économie, fait face à une nouvelle «taxe aérienne» invisible. Le doublement du prix du kérosène en quelques semaines menace notre objectif de 1,45 million de visiteurs. Si les tarifs aériens continuent de grimper, la croissance nationale pourrait chuter sous la barre des 3 %.

Enfin, l'instabilité géopolitique actuelle a ralenti la finalisation de l'accord sur l'archipel des Chagos. Ce retard, couplé aux coûts de défense et d'énergie, pourrait élargir notre déficit budgétaire de 2 % du PIB. Le budget national subit une pression sans précédent, nous obligeant à envisager une «économie de guerre» d'ici juin.

La fin du globalisme par défaut

Les sept jours à venir seront plus déterminants pour Maurice que les sept dernières années de croissance. Nous assistons à la fin du «globalisme par défaut». Le monde bascule vers une «résilience stratégique».

Pour notre République, les mois à venir exigeront une discipline budgétaire de fer et une solidarité régionale sans faille. Survivre au choc pétrolier et à la rupture des chaînes d'approvisionnement ne sera pas une question de choix, mais de résistance.

Comme l'aurait suggéré un sage ancien, ce n'est pas dans le calme de la mer que l'on juge le capitaine, mais dans la tempête. Et la tempête de 2026 est désormais là.

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NOTICE OF VACANCIES

The CWA, invites applications from qualified candidates for the following post:

1. Clerical Officer – On Establishment (*formerly Clerical Officer/Higher Clerical Officer*)

Salary: Rs 25745 x 300 - 26945 x 320 - 28865 x 350 - 30965 x 400 - 31765 x 425 - 33040 x 560 - 35840 x 725 - 37290 x 925 - 39140 x 970 - 45930 (CWA 22-PRB 2026)

DUTIES AND CONDITIONS:

For information on duties, responsibilities, experience and conditions for the post, interested candidates may visit our website on <https://cwa.govmu.org> under "News and Communiqués"/ "Vacancy".

NOTE TO APPLICANTS:

1. AGE LIMIT: Candidates unless already employed in the public service or in parastatal organisations should not have reached their 45th birthday by the closing date for the submission of applications and should be medically fit.
2. Prospective candidates not holding the appropriate qualifications are kindly advised NOT to apply.
3. Public Officers who have retired in the interest of the public service or on medical grounds will not be considered.
4. Applicant should possess and submit all certificates /qualifications/testimonials at the time of application.
5. The onus for the submission of equivalence of qualification (if applicable) from the relevant authorities rests on the candidate.
6. The title of the post applied should be clearly marked on the top left hand corner of the envelope.
7. Application letters received after the closing date and time will not be accepted.
8. Selected candidates will be required to submit a Certificate of Character to the CWA within 3 months of joining office.
9. Non-submission of information/documents at time of application may entail disqualification of the applicant.
10. Incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of the Application Form may entail elimination of the applicant.

CLOSING DATE: Applications should reach the CWA not later than 16.00 hrs on 24 April 2026.

MODE OF APPLICATION:

All applications should be made on the prescribed form with copies of academic and professional certificates together with documentary evidence of working experience claimed.

Application forms may be downloaded from our website on <https://cwa.govmu.org> under 'Vacancy' or collected at the Reception Counter of the Head Office from 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs on weekdays and sent to:

The HR Manager
Central Water Authority
Head Office
ST PAUL

The CWA reserves the right:

- (i) to call for interview only the best qualified candidates
- (ii) not to make any appointment following this advertisement, nor to assign any reason whatsoever for its decision

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From Our Archives -- A Glimpse into 1961

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• He who cannot bear foes deserves no friend. — Schafer



Peter Ibbotson

The Malta Industrial Development Board

Like Mauritius, Malta is an over-crowded island. It suffers from unemployment and a lack of openings for its ever-growing population (birth rate 27.5 per thousand, one of the highest in Europe; death rate only 8.3 per thousand, among the lowest in Europe. In order to provide employment, the Malta Government has embarked on a five-year plan

which includes an industrialisation drive launched last year by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The initial target was to find fresh employment for 5,000 people; already the drive has attracted fourteen new industries which will, it is estimated, give employment to 2,000 people by the end of 1963.

The Meade Report is likely to recommend the establishment of a Development Board for Mauritius. In these columns recently, I have suggested the same thing, and in the past few weeks, I have referred to the successes attained by such boards in Barbados and Jamaica. This week I intend to deal at length with the Malta Development Board.

The overall Development Plan for Malta calls for the expenditure of £32 ½ million (approx. Rs 433 million). A new structure of grants and loans to manufacturers setting up factories in Malta has been devised; this structure is coupled with tax reliefs and exemptions in order to attract investment from overseas. The ordinance primarily aimed at the industrial development of Malta is the '1959 Aids to Industries Ordinance'. Under this, an Aids to Industries Board has been set up, as well as an Industrial Development Board. The executive organisation for the former is provided by the Department of Trade and Industry, through the Industrial Development Division.

The Industrial Development Board consists of Sir George Dowdy as chairman, with Lord Hampden, Sir George Schuster, and Mr. Eric Turner as members; its secretary, Mr. Colin Bruce, is also London manager of the Aids to Industries Board, which is composed of the island's Financial Secretary (chairman), Director of Industrial Development, Under Secretary (economics), Director of Public Works, Comptroller of Customs, and three commercial representatives drawn from the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Malta Industries, and the Commercial Banks.

These boards have the task of attracting new industries. To encourage investment from abroad, the Boards offer a number of attractions which any Development Board for Mauritius will likewise have to be prepared to offer. The main features are as follows:

A Tax-free 'Holiday': New industrial undertakings will be wholly exempted from paying income tax for a period of up to 10 years.

Grants and Loans: Up to one-third (in special cases, one-half) of the cost of fixed capital assets including plant, buildings, and machinery. The grants are not repayable and do not exclude the undertaking from income tax relief. Grants may also be made for dismantling, shipping, and re-erection of second-hand plant.

Customs Duty Reliefs: Exemption from customs duty will be granted on plant, machinery, and building materials for the construction of factories. Exemption or reduction may also be granted on raw materials and component parts.

Customs Drawback Scheme: Import duties on certain raw materials used in production, on which outright exemption cannot be granted, may be refunded when the finished product is exported.

The Empire Preferential Tariff Rates are in force, and a new customs tariff based on the Brussels nomenclature is being prepared to afford protection in the local market. Anti-dumping duties may be levied. There are no local government rates or property taxes.

An Industrial Estate: Fully serviced sites are provided on a perpetual lease at a rent of about 10/- (approx. Rs 6.65) per 1,000 square feet. Standard ready-built factories are available at a rent of 9d (50c.) per square foot for an initial period of 16 years; alternatively, new factories can be built to specification. The Industrial Estate covers 60 acres near the airport and deep-water quays. It is served by several towns with a good supply of labour. All road approaches and essential services — sewage, water, gas, and electricity — are provided. After 16 years, the tenant can rent the factory for a further 30 years. All the foregoing would have to be considered by any Government of Mauritius if it were to set up a Development Board with the double task of encouraging

industrial expansion and promoting the export of Mauritian products. The success of the Malta Board is evident: 14 new industries have been attracted, while 50 more are under consideration. To qualify, an undertaking must create employment, increase the national product, and be self-sustaining.

The new industries include: dockyard and ship repairs; light engineering; knitwear; paint manufacturing; spring interior mattresses; polystyrene insulating materials; bacon products; rubber seals; steel re-rolling; car assembly; textiles; and detergents. Malta's geographical position is more favourable, but this can be offset by the lower wage rates ruling in Mauritius. Malta's potential markets are North Africa and the Middle East; Mauritius has potential markets in Europe, Africa, and Australia. When the Meade Report has appeared, the public will have to get used to the idea of 'thinking big'.

If Mauritius is to mean business, and that is inevitable if misery and depression are to be averted, then something on the lines of Malta's Aids to Industries Board is needed. But it involves thinking big; this brief article is intended to help people to start that thinking big even before the Meade Report is public knowledge.



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EXTENSION DE LA VALIDITÉ DE LA CARTE DU FERMIER

1. Le Small Farmers Welfare Fund (SFWF) avise les fermiers que la validité de la CARTE DU FERMIER (FARMER'S CARD) arrivant à terme le 30 avril 2026, a été ÉTENDUE jusqu'au 30 juin 2026. Les nouveaux fermiers peuvent également s'enregistrer durant cette période afin de bénéficier des facilités offertes par le SFWF et le Gouvernement.
2. Une assistance financière sera allouée en cas de pertes de plantation causées par les calamités telles que les sécheresses, les cyclones/pluies torrentielles, ou le décès des animaux dû à des maladies, y compris pendant la gestation. L'assistance financière durant cette période sera versée en fonction de la superficie ou du nombre d'animaux que le fermier avait préalablement enregistrés sous le Farmer's Protection Scheme durant la période d'avril 2025 à avril 2026.
3. Un communiqué sera émis ultérieurement pour informer les fermiers de l'exercice de renouvellement de la Carte du Fermier pour la période de juillet 2026 à juin 2028.
4. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez contacter le SFWF ou scannez le code QR ci-dessous.



Date: 17 avril 2026



Rajyogi Brahma
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Green Living From Reckless Consumption to Conscious Living

A few centuries ago, no one worried about climate change because there was no reason to do so. But as humans extracted more from nature and dumped an increasing amount of waste — including highly toxic substances — the ecological balance began to be disrupted. This process has accelerated over the centuries, bringing us to a point where, according to some experts, the entire human race faces extinction in the near future. Climate change and global warming are sometimes perceived as future threats, but scientists are finding increasing evidence that the planet is changing now, and that humans must take a large share of the blame.

Experts explain that excessive carbon emissions from industrial and vehicular pollution, the use of CFCs, and the plundering of forests have depleted the ozone layer. This has trapped solar radiation inside the Earth's atmosphere. As a result, the planet is heating up, triggering natural upheavals like floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, and landslides. Extreme weather, rising sea levels, melting glaciers, and disappearing habitats are no longer rare; they are our lived reality. From droughts impacting farmers to erratic seasons affecting global food supplies, environmental neglect is knocking loudly at our doors.



To prevent such an eventuality, humans must work on themselves. We do not need to “master” nature; the human soul is already the master of all that is material. It is only when the soul identifies with the body that it falls under the influence of matter and vices. In the Golden and Silver Ages, when souls possessed self-awareness and divine qualities, nature was an obedient servant. The elements made life pleasant in that era, remembered in texts as Paradise. No natural calamities occurred because humans and nature existed in complete harmony. Because those divine beings were free of vices, they never exploited nature. Instead of having to be “environmentally friendly,” they had a truly friendly environment.

Trees, rivers, and animals were regarded as sacred companions rather than resources to be discarded. There was an intuitive understanding that to care for nature was to care for one's own soul. This mutual respect created a vibrant ecosystem where abundance flourished without greed. This continued until the Copper Age, when souls forgot their identity and fell under the influence of the body and vices. They began to exploit resources, harming the environment. In return, nature ceased to obey souls who had lost mastery over themselves. What was once a harmonious relationship turned into one between an exploiter and the exploited.

The Prime Minister of India, in a UN speech, stated: “We can achieve prosperity without reckless consumption. It doesn't mean economies will suffer; it means they will take on a different character. For us, respect for nature is integral to spirituality. Yoga is an invaluable gift embodying unity of mind and body, thought and action, and harmony between man and nature. It is not just exercise, but a way to discover oneness with the world. By changing our lifestyle and creating consciousness, we can deal with climate change.”

To return to harmony, we must realize our spiritual identity. Such awareness makes us naturally eco-friendly, sending out positive energy that brings nature back into balance. Each small action — planting a tree, reducing plastic, or mindful consumption — creates a ripple effect. If a critical mass of humanity lives with this spiritual awareness, nature will again become our friend, and we will look toward a golden rather than a doubtful future.

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Health and Education

JSS Academy celebrates World Health Day 2026

The JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Mauritius (JSSAHERM) hosted a prestigious ceremony to commemorate World Health Day 2026 on April 5 at its expansive 8-acre campus in Bonne Terre, Vacoas. The event underscored the institution's growing influence in the regional healthcare and academic landscape.

Hon Patrick Assirvaden, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities, served as the Chief Guest. He lauded the Academy's commitment to academic rigour and its role as a “melting pot of cultures,” noting the vibrant presence of international students within the Vacoas constituency. Since

its establishment in 2018, JSSAHERM has evolved into a premier destination for higher education, offering accredited programmes across three core faculties: Health Sciences, Life Sciences, and Management Studies.

Key milestones shared during the proceedings

- MBBS Programme Commencement: Professor (Dr) Praveen Mohadeb, CEO and Vice Chancellor, announced the launch of the Academy's MBBS programme, marking a new chapter in medical education for the country.
- Newsletter Launch: The Minister officially released the 16th issue of the JSSAHERM “Health and Education” Newsletter.
- Medical Endorsement: Dr Sookha Manish Rai, Chairperson of the Medical Council and Guest of Honour, praised the institution's ongoing contributions to the health sector.

Community Outreach: Free Health Camp

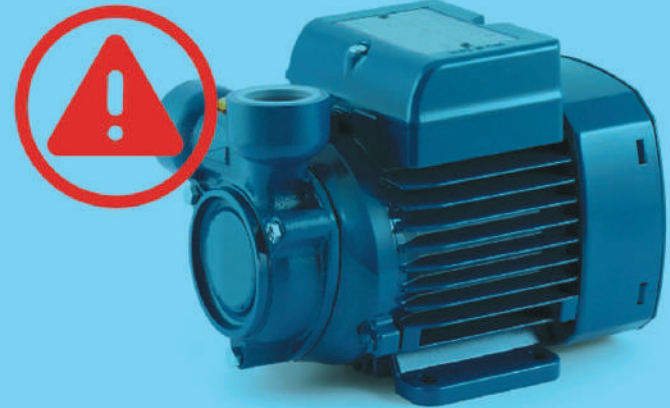
Extending the spirit of World Health Day beyond the classroom, JSSAHERM organized a Free Health Camp on April 4 at the Cascavelle Shopping Mall. The initiative provided the public with accessible health screenings and professional consultations, bridging the gap between academic expertise and community wellness.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks from the Registrar, Mr Naveen K.P., reaffirming the Academy's mission to blend compassionate service with world-class education.

COMMUNIQUÉ

CONNEXION DE POMPES ÉLECTRIQUES

La Central Water Authority (CWA) tient à informer ses abonnés ainsi que le public en général que la connexion de pompes électriques sur le réseau de distribution de la CWA, que ce soit avant ou après le compteur et en amont d'un réservoir domestique, est formellement interdite.



Conformément au *Government Notice 238 de 2011*, section 11(c), il est stipulé que :

« Where a consumer installs, alters, extends or repairs a supply pipe, he shall not connect any pump or similar device on any part of the supply pipe which is directly connected to the meter unless the pump or device is connected on that part of the supply pipe which is located after the water tank (...) ».

En outre, aux termes de la *Central Water Authority Act 1971*, notamment la section 49A, toute infraction aux dispositions réglementaires constitue une offense passible de sanctions pénales. Ainsi :

- dans le cas d'un consommateur domestique : une amende n'excédant pas 50 000 roupies et une peine d'emprisonnement maximale de deux ans ;
- dans tout autre cas : une amende n'excédant pas 200 000 roupies et une peine d'emprisonnement maximale de deux ans.

La CWA informe que son unité Anti-Fraud est activement engagée dans des opérations de contrôle et de répression afin d'identifier et de sanctionner tout contrevenant. La connexion illégale de pompes électriques porte atteinte à l'équité de distribution et compromet l'approvisionnement régulier en eau des autres abonnés.

La CWA sollicite la collaboration du public et invite toute personne à signaler ces pratiques illégales en contactant le 170 ou en transmettant des éléments (photos et/ou vidéos) au 5500 0025.

Ce 15 avril 2026



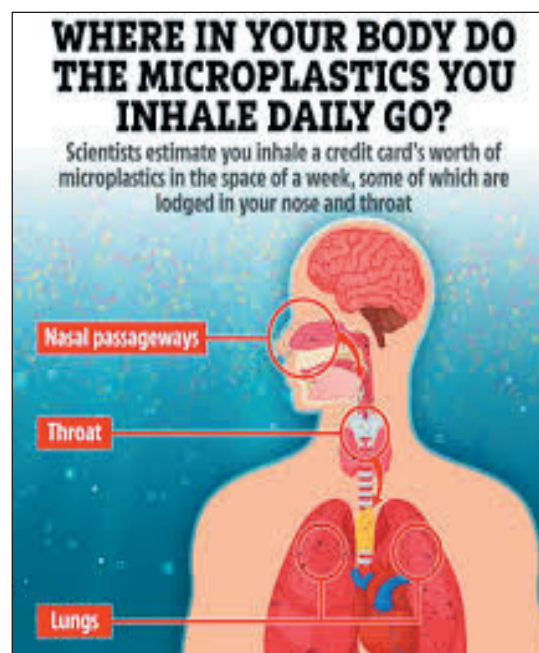
The Invisible Storm: Microplastics Found Saturating Urban Air

For decades, the global conversation on plastic pollution has focused on clogged oceans and tainted soil. However, groundbreaking research from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IEECAS) has revealed a more immediate and "shocking" reality: the very air we breathe in our cities is saturated with microscopic plastic particles at levels far exceeding previous scientific estimates.

According to a study released in January 2026, the atmosphere is not just a transit route for pollution but a major, underestimated reservoir for microplastics (MPs) and nanoplastics (NPs).

Beyond the Human Eye

Historically, measuring atmospheric plastic has been a challenge. Traditional manual inspection methods often missed the smallest particles, leading to a massive gap in data. To solve this,



researchers developed a semi-automated microanalytical technique using computer-controlled scanning electron microscopy.

When applied in major urban centers like Guangzhou and Xi'an, the results were startling. Plastic concentrations in suspended particulates and dustfall were two to six orders of magnitude higher than previously reported. This suggests that earlier studies, which relied on manual visual identification, were only seeing the tip of the iceberg.

Road Dust and Rainfall: The Delivery Systems

The study identifies urban infrastructure and weather as primary drivers of this airborne plastic cycle. Road dust resuspension

acts as a constant engine, kicking particles back into the breathing zone of city dwellers. Meanwhile, wet deposition (rain and snow) serves as a secondary pathway, scrubbing plastics from the sky and depositing them into the local environment, often in unevenly mixed "clumps."

Why This Matters

For the first time, scientists have detected nanoplastics as small as 200 nm within complex air samples. Because these particles are small enough to be inhaled deep into the lungs or enter the bloodstream, the findings raise urgent questions regarding human well-being and ecosystem health. As we clarify how these plastics transform and move through the global cycle, it becomes clear that the "plastic crisis" is no longer just a distant maritime issue -- it is a fundamental part of the urban atmosphere.



Can you survive inside a tornado? This scientist did by accident – he's lucky to be alive

While direct evidence of multiple universes is hard to come by, indirect evidence raises intriguing possibilities.

I have seen the center of a monster. Most people describe the sound of a tornado as like a freight train, but up close, it's more like a thousand screaming jet engines. I am one of the few people on Earth who has driven into a tornado and lived to tell the tale.

While it might sound like a scene from a Hollywood blockbuster involving a high-tech armored truck, my experience was much more dangerous and terrifying.

I am an atmospheric scientist who studies tornadoes, but I am only alive today because of split-second decisions and a massive amount of dumb luck. Believe me, I do not want to ever be in that situation again.

The day the sky broke

It started in northwest Kansas, where I was studying supercell thunderstorms – the kind that produce tornadoes – with a team of students from the University of Michigan.

We were positioned under a thunderstorm that was so dark, we had to turn on our vehicles' headlights in the middle of the day. Suddenly, a tornado formed and began charging directly toward us.

The students were in other vehicles and got away, but my car was quickly swallowed by a cloud of flying debris so thick that I couldn't even see my own hood.

With my options disappearing, I made a desperate move: I turned the car directly into the wind, hoping the vehicle's aerodynamics would keep us pinned to the ground rather than being flipped like a toy.

The physics of fear

When you're inside a tornado's vortex, your body experiences things the news cameras can't capture:

The pressure change: A tornado is a localized area of rapidly changing pressure. Your ears don't just "pop" – they ache, as if your head is being squeezed by giant hands.

The solid wind: We measured wind speeds of almost 150 mph (241 kph) nearby, but inside the vortex, they were likely much higher. At those speeds, air hits you with the force of a solid object.

The soup of darkness: In movies, the "eye" is a clear space. In reality, it's a debris ball – a brownish-black soup



Tornadoes can be erratic and extremely dangerous. Brent Koops/NOAA Weather in Focus Photo Contest 2015, CC BY

of pulverized soil, trees and buildings. It was so dark that my camera couldn't even register a picture.

As debris slammed into my windshield, I was terrified I'd be crushed by flying materials – tornadoes can pick up fences, wood and metal from buildings, tree branches, even cows. Textbook advice says to get into a ditch so you're lying flat and might be more protected from flying debris. But the wind was so violent, I couldn't even open the car door. I just stayed low and prayed.

The making of a monster

How does this severe of a storm even happen? It takes a perfect, violent recipe of atmospheric ingredients:

Fuel: A tornado needs warm, muggy air (water vapor) near the ground with dry air above it. This creates the potential for rising air, but only if the atmosphere is unstable enough to overcome "the cap."

The cap: A thin "inversion" layer of stable air acts like a lid on that warm moist air, bottling it up until the moist air punches through.

The dry line: The dry line is where warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico and dry air from the west meet. The advancing hot, dry air is actually heavier than muggy air, and this dry air pushes the moist air upward, disrupting the cap.

Wind shear: Surface winds from the south and upper winds from the west create a horizontal rolling motion in

the atmosphere. When the air is pushed upward, that rotation becomes vertical, creating what's known as a mesocyclone.

The jet stream: About 5 to 7 miles (8 to 11 kilometers) up, the jet stream is a fast-moving river of air. Disturbances within it can create areas that pull air upward from below and lower surface pressure.

Together, these ingredients can create the powerful, rotating vortex that you know as a tornado.

These storms can have winds up to 300 mph (482 kph) and leave a long path of destruction, sometimes more than a mile (1.6 kilometers) wide. They can stay on the ground for seconds or many minutes, tearing apart buildings and trees in their path. Where they will travel is hard to predict, so getting to safety should be a priority.

The monster's lesson

When the storm passed, the silence was jarring. My rental car was mired in mud, the antenna was bent in half, and bits of straw were embedded in every single seam of the car's body.

Tornadoes are extremely dangerous. Sixty-one people were killed by tornadoes in the U.S. in 2025, and many more were injured by flying debris. Make sure you know what to do when a tornado alert sounds – follow the alert's advice and get to safety immediately.

When scientists chase storms, they are not trying to experience tornadoes – they are trying to measure the small-scale processes inside storms that cannot be observed in other ways. Many of the key processes that produce tornadoes occur within a few hundred meters of the ground and evolve over minutes, which means radars, satellites and weather stations often miss them.

Seeing a tornado and the damage it causes is a powerful reminder that people are not in control of everything. It serves as a warning to be wise and ready for anything. Sophisticated research using drones and radar is the smart way to study these monsters – seeing them from the inside is definitely not.

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Good News

A man comes home late from work, clearly upset. He barely says hello to his wife and sits through dinner in silence, his mind obviously elsewhere.

Noticing his mood, his wife decides to cheer him up with some good news.

She walks over, sits on his lap, hugs him, and says lovingly, "Honey, guess what? I'm pregnant!"

He stares at her in shock and replies, "What? You too?"

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Texting Codes for the 60+ Club

Since today's youngsters have their texting codes (LOL, OMG, TTYL, etc.), we oldies decided not to be outdone -- so we've created our own too

- ATD** – At the Doctor's
- BFF** – Best Friend's Funeral
- BTW** – Bring the Wheelchair
- BYOT** – Bring Your Own Teeth
- FWIW** – Forgot Where I Was
- GGPBL** – Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- GHA** – Got Heartburn Again
- TFT** – Texting from the Toilet

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The Ninety-Dollar View

A beautiful, sassy lady got into a compartment where three men were seated.

They were staring at her.

She said if they gave one dollar each she would show her legs. Immediately three dollars fell onto her lap.

She lifted her dress to her knees. Indeed the legs were nice.

Then she said "Five dollars each, I would show my thighs".

Came fifteen dollars and she lifted her dress high up till her panties.

Then the bomb came, "Thirty dollars each, I will show where my Gynaecologist operated on me". Salivating, three men gave money.

A station was nearing and the train slowed down. She pointed to a hospital next to the station, "This is where my gynaecologist operated on me" and got off the train.

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The Campfire Contest

Three bushmen — one from New Zealand, one from South Africa, and one from India — were sitting around a campfire in the outback one night, boasting about who was the toughest.

The New Zealander said, "Nobody is tougher than me! Only last month, I wrestled and killed a twenty-foot crocodile with my bare hands."

"That's nothing," the South African shouted. "When a deadly black mamba attacked me, I bit off its head, sucked all the venom out of its body, and swallowed it in one gulp."

The Indian remained silent, but slowly walked into the fire.

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The Outback Pub

While backpacking in Australia, a young Englishman

found it hard to kill time in a remote outback town before the next leg of his journey. With over two and a half hours until his bus was expected, he decided to enter the only hotel in town for a beer and something to eat.

As he walked in, everyone at the bar turned to stare at him. The silence was deafening until one of them stood up and asked, "I hope you are not a pervert, because perverts aren't welcome in this town."

"No, I assure you, I'm not," he replied. "I'm just waiting for the bus."

He ordered a beer and a sandwich. Thinking of the six-hour bus ride ahead, he decided to use the restroom and asked the barman where it was.

"The dunny's out back, and don't make a mess," the barman growled.

On venturing outside, the young fellow was horrified to find the toilets were nothing more than two pits piled high with waste. One pile was six feet high, the other four feet high. Bracing himself, he climbed to the top of the smaller pile and did his business. As he got down, the guy from the bar appeared and grabbed him by the throat.

"I knew you were a pervert!" he snarled. "You were in the ladies!"

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Update Regarding Wedding Invitation To Our Valued Guests

There is no change to the wedding program due to the ongoing war in Iran. Pls arrive on time.

Due to gas cylinder shortage, only the food arrangements have been cancelled.

All other programs will remain as usual.

• Gifts are welcome; there will be no restrictions on them.

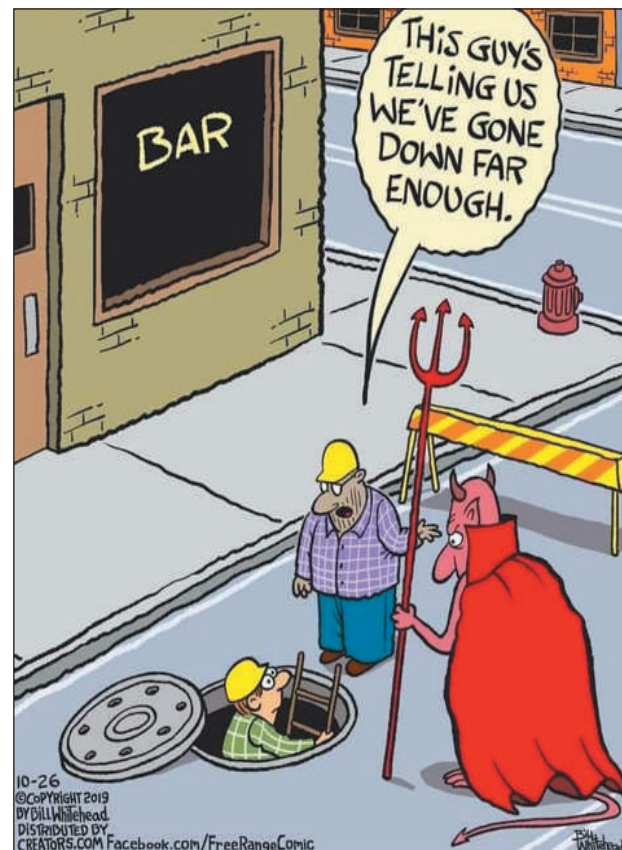
Please come with your family & bless the newly-weds.

Have made arrangements for pure drinking water. Make use of it.

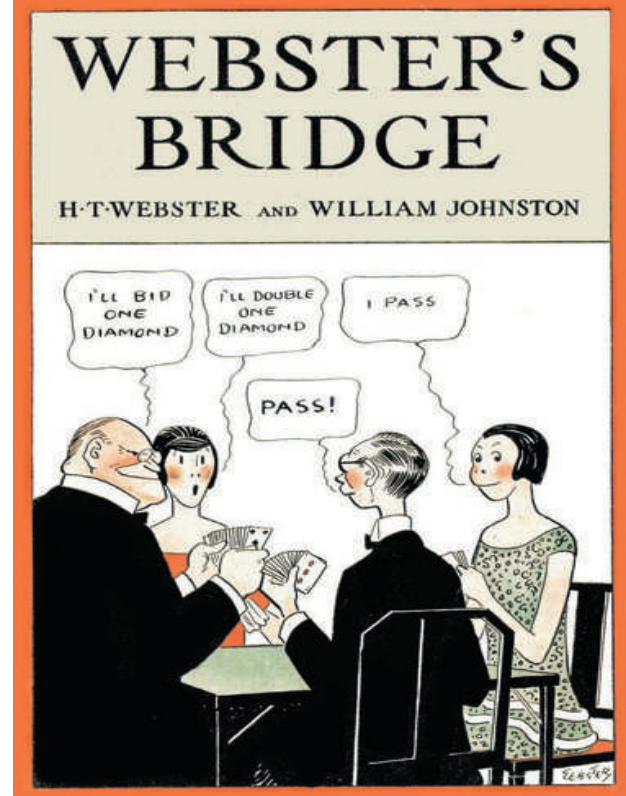
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Guest's Response



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Thank you so much for the invitation.

Our car runs on gas, so without gas, the car won't run, making it impossible for us to attend the wedding.

Pls continue with your program.

Our blessings to the couple.

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When Dad Talks Too Much

Johnny says, "Dad, I've fallen in love with this amazing girl -- Sandra, the neighbour's daughter!"

Dad sighs, "Son... I hate to tell you this, but Sandra is actually your sister."

A few weeks later...

"Dad, I'm in love again -- Angela next door!"

"Son... same problem. She's your sister too."

This keeps happening until Johnny storms to his mother in tears:

"Mum! I've fallen for six different girls, and Dad says every single one is my sister!"

His mother hugs him and smiles:

"My dear, you can date whoever you want... don't listen to him -- he's not your father."

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Omaha Beach and the Passport Lesson

An old American tourist arrived at French immigration at Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport and was searching for his passport in his bag.

The French official grew impatient. "You must have been to France before, Monsieur?" he asked in an unnecessarily sharp tone.

"Yes, but it was years back," replied the old man, still rummaging in his bag.

"In that case, you should know to have your passport ready for inspection," continued the official.

"But the last time I came to France, I don't recall having to show my passport or any documents."

"That's not possible. I'm telling you, old man, you Americans always have to present your passport on arrival in France," snorted the official.

The American fixed him with an icy stare. "And I'm telling you, young man, I came ashore on Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day in 1944. There was no damned Frenchman on the beach asking to see my passport."

Life's Stories

He smuggled an ashtray. It led to a \$2 billion deal

In the 1980s, no ministry in Singapore could own a computer -- except the Ministry of Finance. Philip Yeo, running logistics at MINDEF, desperately needed one.

So he bought an IBM machine -- and called it an "intermediate business machine" on every form and requisition. Nobody questioned it. The machine arrived. His engineers got to work. That small act of defiance became the foundation of MINDEF's systems engineering unit and, eventually, Singapore's national computerisation programme.

Philip Yeo wasn't a politician or billionaire. Not a traditional hero. A civil servant? He'd correct you: "Don't ever call me a civil servant."

He preferred cartoons over reports, three-minute conversations over thirty-page proposals. He once got approval from his boss in under five minutes and started building -- no committees, no decks, no "let's circle back."

He was bold when everything was at stake -- and none of it was for himself.

At the Economic Development Board in 1986, Singapore was emerging from a recession. Yeo doubled overseas offices, added officers, restructured without



Philip Yeo. Pic - Community Foundation

permission. His rule: "If I fail, fire me. But don't get in my way."

The story I love most? The ashtray.

During a \$2 billion pitch to Mobil's CEO for Jurong Island, the CEO needed a cigarette. The room was non-smoking. Most would ignore it. Yeo quietly borrowed an ashtray from the bar and put it on the table. The CEO lit up, relaxed, and the deal went through. Two billion dollars. Because he noticed the human need, not the slides.

That was the pattern. While others chased cheap manufacturing, Yeo built Biopolis for biomedical science -- world-class labs, seven buildings -- before scientists

even arrived. He went to Stanford, MIT, and Harvard, not with slides, but with a question: "Why not Singapore?" Nobel laureates, Novartis, GSK -- all came.

Richard Sykes, former GSK chairman: "You can have a visionary like Lee Kuan Yew. But somebody has to put it into practice. Philip puts things into practice."

Here's the lesson: we all have *Philip Yeo moments* -- a problem we see, a fix we know -- but we wait. We hedge. We over-plan.

Yeo warned about "eunuch disease" -- layers of bureaucracy disconnecting leaders from reality. Most of us aren't short on ideas; we're trapped in permission loops.

So here's your challenge:

- Send the message you've been drafting for months.
- Start building, don't just plan.
- Pay attention to the ashtray -- notice what people really need, not what your agenda says.
- Kill one unnecessary layer. Move. Act. Trust your intentions.

Philip Yeo never asked for permission. And maybe that's the real lesson:

You don't need anyone's permission to make things happen. You don't need a title. You don't need the perfect moment.

Just stop calling the computer an "intermediate business machine"... and call it what it is.

Philo Thoughts

There is always hope

If I've learned anything from life, it's that the darkest times can lead to the brightest places. The most toxic people can teach us vital lessons, the most painful struggles can grant essential growth, and the heartbreaking losses of friendship and love can make room for extraordinary people. What seems like a curse in the moment can actually be a blessing, and what feels like the end of the road can reveal a path we

are truly meant to travel.

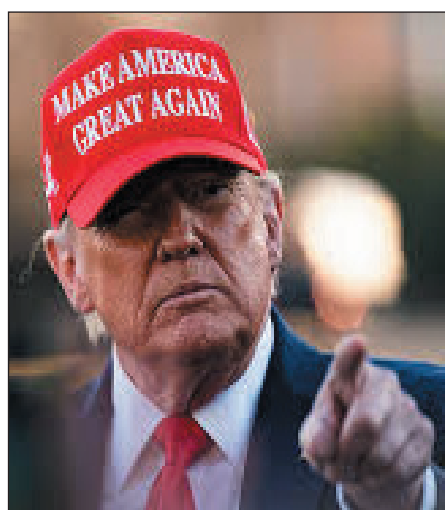
No matter how difficult things seem, there is always hope. No matter how powerless we feel or how grim the situation, we cannot give up. We must keep going. Even when it's frightening, even when our strength feels gone, we must keep picking ourselves up and moving forward, because whatever we're facing will pass -- and we will make it through. We've come this far. We can make it through whatever comes next.

Daniell Koepke

The Architecture of Persuasion: Why Narrative Wins

Here is a cynical but pragmatic look at how power is wielded through communication. The following text argues that while "truth" is the currency of the intellect, "narrative" is the currency of the masses.

Most people aren't persuaded by facts. They're persuaded by stories. Nuance requires intelligence, patience, and emotional restraint. The masses have little of that. Reality is messy. Truth is complicated. The crowd can't digest complexity. Power never speaks in truth. It speaks in narrative. Every ideology that wins the masses is: Simple. Emotional. Moralized. Binary. Good vs evil. Us vs them. Heroes vs villains. Facts don't move crowds. Feelings do. This loses elections: "Some problems have no perfect solutions. Sometimes the left is right. Sometimes the right is right. Often, compromise is necessary."



This wins elections: "Our side is good. Their side is evil. They are why you're suffering. Give me power, and I'll destroy them." Donald Trump understood this instinctively.

"Make America Great Again" was not a plan. It was a story: A lost paradise. A stolen birthright. A villain to blame. A champion to restore order. No white papers. No nuance. No apologies. The lesson is brutal but clear: If you want truth -- speak to elites. If you want power -- speak to emotions. Accuracy is not equal to persuasion. Being right is not equal to being effective. Those who control the narrative control the crowd. Those who speak nuance get trampled. This is not how the world should work. It's how the world does work. Power belongs to those who accept that first.

Stray Thoughts

She's Saving Herself

Not because she doesn't long for love, but because she does.

She craves affection, connection, and depth. But she's reached a place where temporary people no longer get access to her mind, her body, or her spirit.

From the very first conversation, she can tell who's genuine and who's just passing time. And she no longer entertains the latter.

She's done pouring into shallow conversations. Done giving pieces of herself to people who never had the capacity to hold her properly in the first place. She has finally realized just how precious her time is.

Over the years, she's faced trauma that shook her foundation and tested her strength. It changed her, strengthened her, and taught her countless lessons.

One thing she promised herself: she will never again sit across from someone who makes her question her worth.

She knows exactly how valuable she is.

She'd rather walk alone in peace than walk beside someone with hidden intentions. She's not afraid of solitude, she's afraid of settling.

The truth is... she's a rarity in this generation. A woman who believes in depth, loyalty, and genuine intentions. Her heart carries a love that can't be measured, and her soul... her soul reaches far beyond what most can even understand.

She's not hard to love. She's just no longer easy to access.

Cody Bret

Decoding the Language of Love: What Your Date is Really Saying

The silent messages sent through body language can be more powerful than any spoken word. According to body language expert Traci Brown, these gestures are often interpreted unconsciously, but understanding them strategically can help you navigate the complexities of dating.

Signs of Interest

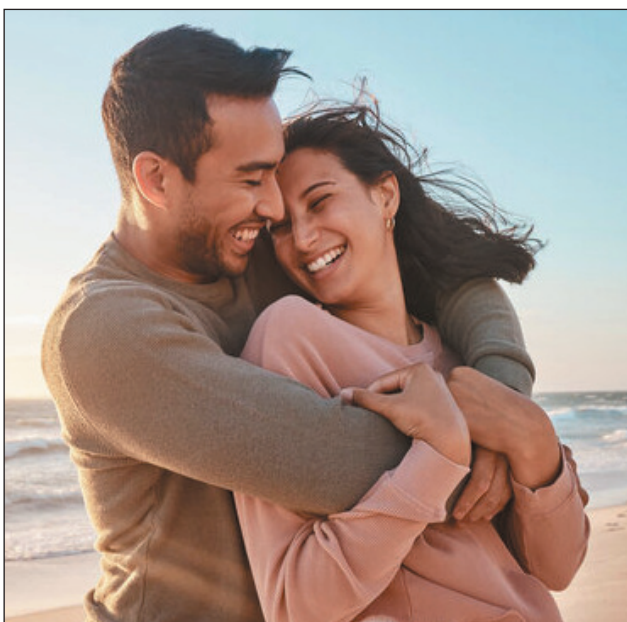
- **The Lean and the Look:** Holding eye contact and leaning in during a conversation are classic indicators of attention and romance.

- **The "Accidental" Touch:** There are few true accidents in body language. A light brush of the arm or leg is a purposeful attempt to establish a deeper connection.

- **Proximity:** Simply put, people want to be near what they like. If your date is sitting or standing close, it's a clear sign of attraction.

Red Flags and Mixed Signals

- **The Crossed Arms:** This is often a sign of a "closed" or cold attitude, suggesting the person is comparing options or feeling defensive.



- **The Hands on Hips:** While this shows confidence, it can also be a display of being ready for a confrontation. It makes a person look bigger and more imposing.

- **The Neck Touch:** Context is key here. Grabbing the back of the neck can signify anger or stress, while a sensual stroke on the side of the neck is a deliberate "come-on."

Work Smarter

Breaking the Cycle of Mindless Work



Have you ever looked at the clock at noon, stunned to realize you've been "busy" all morning but have no idea what you actually accomplished? This common phenomenon isn't just a productivity hurdle; it is a symptom of mindless work. In her research for Harvard Business Review, Leah Weiss argues that slogging through emails or sitting in meetings on "autopilot" is a recipe for inefficiency, disengagement, and even poor health.

The Biological Case for Purpose

The benefits of bringing intentionality to even the most trivial tasks are backed by striking data. One

study of employees at a Japanese IT firm found that a higher sense of purpose and interdependence with coworkers correlated with lower bodily inflammation and higher viral resistance. Beyond the office, a clear sense of purpose is linked to reduced risks of Alzheimer's, stroke, and hypertension. Put simply: knowing why you are doing what you are doing is a biological imperative.

Activating Your Internal Project Manager

To bridge the gap between "busy" and "purposeful," we must employ meta-cognition — the practice of tracking where our attention goes. This is effectively turning on an

"internal project manager" to ensure our focus aligns with our goals. You can reclaim your day by following three strategic steps:

Act on Purpose

Connect your daily output to both personal aspirations and organizational goals. Ask yourself what you are truly good at and how those strengths support the company's "end game."

If the connection feels fuzzy, "job craft" your role to emphasize the tasks that play to your strengths.

Map Your Plan

Ambiguity is the enemy of focus. Identify which tasks are critical versus merely immediate. Create a roadmap that plots out your sequence of work and estimated timeframes.

Use Fridays to audit your performance: Did you stick to the plan? Where did your attention wander?

Uproot Distractions

We often default to "easy" wins -- like clearing an inbox -- because we aren't sure what to do next. Weiss warns against "mindless accept syndrome," where we join meetings or projects simply because we were asked.

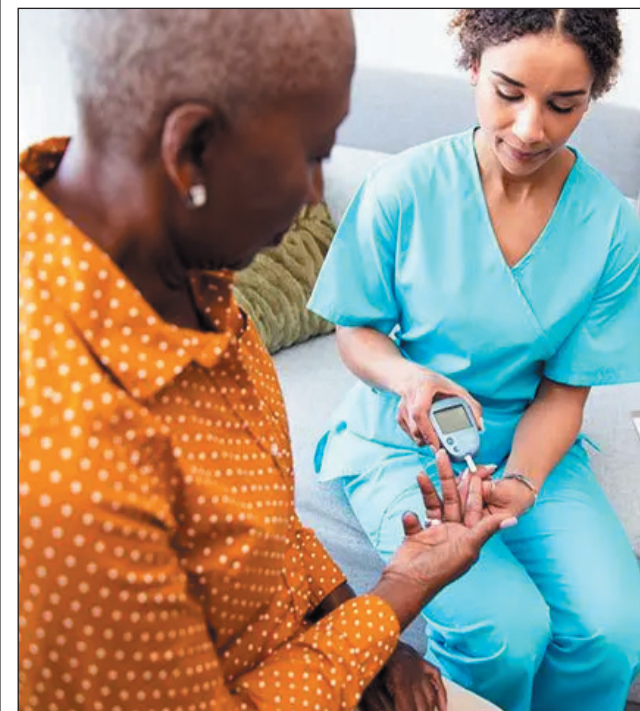
By naming these distractions, you can consciously redirect your energy toward high-value work.

Ultimately, your workday is made up of many small moments. By being present in more of them, you avoid the blur of constant busyness and move toward a career that feels both effective and fulfilling.

Health & Life Hacks

Radical Remission: The New Frontier in Type 2 Diabetes Treatment

For decades, Type 2 diabetes was considered a progressive, lifelong condition manageable only through escalating medication. However, a landmark study from Newcastle and Glasgow Universities has shifted the paradigm. Research published in The Lancet demonstrates that a radical, low-calorie diet can actually reverse the disease, even in patients who have been diabetic for up to six years.



The Power of 15kg

The trial, funded by Diabetes UK, followed nearly 300 adults. The results were staggering: 90% of participants who lost 15kg (33 lbs) or more put their Type 2 diabetes into total remission. By one year, nearly half of all participants in the diet group had reverted to a non-diabetic state without the need for surgery or medication.

The biological mechanism is straightforward: substantial weight loss reduces fat accumulated inside the liver and pancreas. This allows these vital organs to return to normal function, addressing the root cause of the disease rather than just managing blood sugar levels.

A Growing Global Crisis

The urgency for such interventions is clear. Between 1980 and 2014, the number of people with Type 2 diabetes quadrupled to 422 million. Projections suggest this will climb to 642 million by 2040. In the UK alone, the condition costs the NHS approximately £14 billion annually.

Beyond Genetics: The Case for Lifestyle

While genetics play a role in longevity — accounting for roughly 25% to 33% of our lifespan — lifestyle and environment are the primary drivers of health. Public health experts note that medical advancements like antibiotics and vaccines, combined with lifestyle choices, have extended life expectancy by nearly a third of a century. As research into "super-agers" shows, high-quality social relationships and a sense of purpose are just as critical for a long life as leafy greens and exercise.

From Reel to Real: Bollywood Couples Who Found Love on Set

In the world of glitz and glamour, where scripted romances are the norm, some of Bollywood's most enduring love stories began not at a premiere or a gala, but in the trenches of a film set. As of March 26, 2026, fans continue to look toward these "power couples" as proof that on-screen chemistry can indeed blossom into a lifetime of partnership.

From the steady bond of the Devgn to the record-breaking success of the Gautam-Dhar duo, here is a look at the couples who turned their professional collaborations into real-life "happily ever afters."



Kajol and Ajay Devgn: The Foundation of Stability

Long before they were one of the industry's most influential pairs, Kajol and Ajay Devgn first crossed paths on the sets of *Gunday* in 1995. What started as a simple friendship during long shooting schedules gradually deepened into a quiet, steadfast love.

Unlike the high-decibel romances often seen in tabloids, the duo opted for an intimate wedding on February 24, 1999. Twenty-seven years later, they remain a cornerstone of Bollywood stability, balancing prolific careers while raising their children, Nysa and Yug.

Women in Uniform: When Bollywood rewrites power

through quiet authority and inner strength

There was a time when the cinematic image of authority in uniform -- police, prison officials, investigators -- was almost exclusively male. The khaki shirt, the badge, the clipped tone of command were all coded in masculine terms. But contemporary Hindi cinema and streaming platforms have steadily dismantled that stereotype. Today, actresses are not merely stepping into uniformed roles; they are redefining what power looks like on screen -- layered, introspective, and often quietly formidable.

What distinguishes this new wave is not just representation, but interpretation. These performances do not rely on theatrics or exaggerated displays of dominance. Instead, they bring emotional intelligence, moral ambiguity, and psychological depth to the forefront. Authority is no longer about volume -- it is about presence.

Fearlessness with Moral Clarity

Few performances embody this shift as powerfully as Rani Mukerji in *Mardaani*. Her portrayal of Shivani Shivaji Roy is a study in controlled intensity. Fearless and unrelenting, she is driven not by spectacle but by conviction. Mukerji crafts a character who is both razor-sharp and deeply human, an officer whose moral compass never wavers even in the face of brutality.

What makes Shivani iconic is not simply her courage, but her clarity. She does not posture; she pursues. In doing so, she sets a benchmark for how female authority can be depicted -- decisive, ethical, and grounded in purpose.

The Power of Restraint



Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai: A 'Guru' Connection

The romance between Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai is the stuff of cinematic legend. While they worked on several projects together, it was during the filming of Mani Ratnam's *Guru* that their bond truly solidified. Following a romantic proposal in New York, the couple wed in a grand ceremony in April 2007. Despite the constant glare of international media, they have maintained a private and dignified family life with their daughter, Aaradhya.

Yami Gautam and Aditya Dhar: Success in Silence

In an era of over-exposure, Yami Gautam and director Aditya Dhar are masters of the "quiet life." Their journey began on the set of the 2019 blockbuster *Uri: The Surgical Strike*. While the film was shattering box-office records, the



If Mukerji's performance is defined by intensity, Shefali Shah in *Delhi Crime* offers its perfect counterpoint. As Vartika Chaturvedi, Shah delivers a masterclass in understated leadership. Her authority emanates from composure rather than confrontation.

She listens more than she speaks, observes more than she reacts. In a genre often driven by urgency and chaos, Shah's stillness becomes her strength. It is a portrayal that resonates because it feels real -- leadership, after all, often lies in the ability to remain calm when everything else is unravelling.

Quiet Authority Behind Bars

In *Dasvi*, Yami Gautam takes on the role of Jail Superintendent Jyoti Deswal with remarkable restraint. Her performance is not loud, nor is it overtly dramatic. Instead, she conveys authority through precision -- measured speech, controlled gestures, and an unwavering adherence to rules.

Gautam's portrayal underscores an important shift in cinematic storytelling: power does not always need to announce itself. Sometimes, it is most effective when it is quietly asserted and consistently maintained.

Strength in Silence

The same philosophy carries through in *Kohrra*, where Mona Singh delivers a performance built on nuance. Operating within a tense investigative framework, her character relies less on dialogue and more on presence.

Silences, glances, and subtle reactions become her tools of authority. It is a reminder that power can reside in what is left unsaid -- a compelling departure from traditional, dialogue-heavy portrayals of law enforcement.

Body Language as Command

duo was quietly building a life together away from the spotlight.

They surprised the industry with a simple wedding in Himachal Pradesh in June 2021. Today, they are celebrating both personal and professional milestones: the birth of their son, Vedavid, in May 2024, and the unprecedented global success of Dhar's latest directorial ventures, including the record-breaking *Dhurandhar*.

Genelia D'Souza and Riteish Deshmukh: The Playful Partners

If there is a couple that defines "relationship goals" for the social media generation, it is Genelia and Riteish. Their story began over twenty years ago on the sets of *Tujhe Meri Kasam*. What is most remarkable about their journey is the decade-long friendship that preceded their 2012 marriage. Known for their playful chemistry and joyful presence, they remain one of the most beloved pairs in the industry, proving that a strong friendship is the best foundation for a lasting marriage.



Sidebar: The "Director-Actor" Dynamic

The success of Yami Gautam and Aditya Dhar highlights a growing trend in Bollywood where creative collaborations between directors and actors lead to both domestic bliss and cinematic gold. With Dhar currently rewriting Netflix records, this partnership is proving to be one of the most formidable in modern Indian cinema.

In *Sankalp*, Kubbra Sait brings a distinctive physicality to her role as DCP Parveen Shaikh. Her performance is defined by stillness and alertness, a constant sense of internal composure that translates into external authority.

Sait relies heavily on body language, allowing posture and gaze to communicate what words do not. The result is a character for whom the uniform feels organic -- less a costume, more an extension of identity.

Grounded in Reality

In *Dahaad*, Sonakshi Sinha portrays Sub-Inspector Anjali Bhaati with a quiet, simmering intensity. Set against a small-town backdrop, her performance is refreshingly grounded.

She avoids dramatics, instead letting her instincts and intuition guide her character. The result is a portrayal that feels lived-in and authentic -- an officer shaped as much by her environment as by her duty.

Grit and Vulnerability

Meanwhile, Bhumi Pednekar in *Daldal* leans into the raw, unpolished aspects of law enforcement. Her character is gritty and resilient, constantly navigating pressure yet refusing to break.

Pednekar's strength lies in her willingness to embrace vulnerability. She does not present a flawless officer, but a human one -- flawed, strained, yet steadfast. It is precisely this imperfection that makes the performance compelling.

These portrayals are not emerging in isolation. They reflect a broader cultural and cinematic evolution, one that recognizes that authority is multifaceted. The uniform no longer symbolizes just control or dominance; it represents responsibility, moral conflict, and emotional burden.



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samedi 18 avril	06.00 Tele: Lying Heart 06.45 Serial: The Lazarus Project 07.30 Serial: For Life 08.18 Serial: Nelle Tue Mani 09.10 Serial: Quantico 09.55 Serial: Elementary 10.40 Serial: L'Homme Qui Valait Trois Milliards 11.32 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage 12.00 Le Journal 12.30 Film: Seref Meselesi 15.00 Live: Samachar 15.30 Film: The Mummy 17.35 Doc: Not About Music 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.31 Serial: Dance Deewane 19.30 Le Journal 20.15 National Innovation... 20.30 Local: Deba Klima 20.45 Film: Transcendence 22.39 Tele: Terra Nostra 23.33 Le Journal	06.00 Local: Mon Jardin Ma Maison 06.21 Local: Tous Egaux 06.44 Local: Arsiv 256 07.36 Local: Les Grandes Lignes 08.00 Local: Sur Prise 09.46 Local: Metie 12.30 Mon Jardin Ma Maison 13.00 Local: Les Grandes Lignes 13.34 Local: Sur Prise 15.30 Local: J'ai Faim 15.51 Local: Moments Forts De... 18.05 Tele: Wildflower 19.00 Zournal Kreol 19.35 Rodrig Prog: Kot Nou 20.00 Local: Les Petits Genies 20.30 Music Tour 2026 21.30 Local: En Toute Intimite 22.00 Local: Proze Dime 22.19 Local: Zenn Aktif 22.32 Local: Lavi Zoli An XXL 22.50 La Journee Sous Le Regard	05.00 Mag: Aastha TV 08.00 Mati Ke Mol 08.30 Local: Abhyas Yog 09.00 Aaj Ki Charcha 10.00 Local: Khel Khiladi 10.30 Bade Acche Lagte Hai 2 12.30 Serial: Dikri Vahalno Dariyo 12.52 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan 13.15 Local: Mati Ke Mol 13.41 Local: Khel Khiladi 14.07 Local: Aaj Ki Charcha 15.00 Samachar 15.30 Film: Kidnap 18.00 Live: Samachar 18.31 Local: Puranya Pakwan 18.58 Duniya Mein Iss Saptah 19.13 Local: Virasat 21.00 Film: 13B Cast: R.Madhavan, Neetu Chandra 23.07 Local: Bollywood Unwind	06.00 D.Anime: Ready Jet Go! 06.43 D.Anime: Agent 203 07.05 Charlotte Aux Fraises 09.20 Film: Rio 2 10.57 Serial: The Worst Witch 12.03 Doc: China Farm 13.22 Doc: Japan Video Topics 13.30 Film: The Adventures Of Peanut And Pig 14.46 D.Anime: Baby Einstein 2 15.13 D.Anime: Les Nouvelles Aventures De Caillous 15.52 D.Anime: Abominable Et La... 16.20 D.Anime: Not Quite Narwhal 17.06 Serial: Les Fabuleuses Mesaventures De Renard 17.50 Doc: BRGRS 18.00 Mag: In Good Shape 18.30 Doc: Animals On Instagram 19.00 Mag: Initiative Africa 19.28 Mag: Afrimaxx 20.01 Tele: Un Amour Sauvage	08.00 Dil Ko Tumse Pyaar Hua 10.02 Na Umra Ki Seema Ho 12.08 Udaariyaan 14.02 Anupamaa 16.00 Shrimad Ramayan 17.30 Vidrohi 18.30 Film: Highway With: Alia Bhatt, Randeep Hooda, Durgesh Kumar 21.30 Beyhadh 2 22.00 Crime Patrol
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Mardi 21 Avril - 21.15



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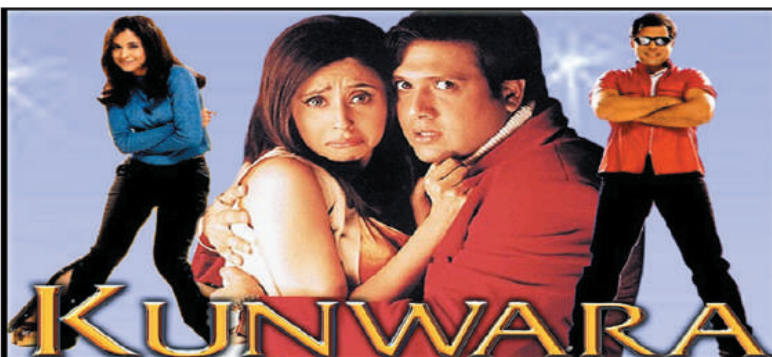
Jeudi 23 Avril - 15.30

Stars: Urmila, Govinda



Jeudi 23 Avril - 20.29

Stars: Anupam Kher, Kumud Mishra, Esha Gupta, Zakir Hussain, Rajesh Sharma, Murl Sharma, Deepshika





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Could we ask ourselves: what were our ancestors of 40,000 years ago like? Or more fittingly, it would be interesting to wonder... did they believe in God? Were they gifted with altruism?

Could they reason like we modern people? Surely, to all these questions, we would be right to answer in the negative; if the answer were "yes," then we would be wondering why it took their descendants 40,000 years to replicate that same mindset today.

No. Surely, they did not believe in God, nor were they altruistic or reasonable. And the obvious question to follow is: why were they not as smart as us?

Suddenly and unashamedly, we must admit that our ancestors emerged from the deep jungle as savages driven by primitive impulses. But still, why were they so different from us? Inevitably, we come face to face

Inevitable Fate

Are we heading toward a dead end? No one knows!

limiting and restraining factors on rapid mental development.

Yet nowadays, we get the impression that this process is adopting an exponential trend. Is our brain evolving more rapidly as we change our environment so quickly? Some believe so. Is Artificial Intelligence proof of that new capacity? Are we heading toward a dead end? No one knows!

Fast Forward

Let's suppose we fast-forward to the year 42,026. Is it possible that some of our descendants — more saintly, intelligent, peaceful, and altruistic than us — will ask the same questions we are asking now? Will they wonder why their ancestors of the year

different stages of mental development. Some think of the welfare of the individual; some think about the good of the majority or the planet. Others think only of their own clan. Billionaires are busy becoming richer, while some religious people are dying for others — and yet others are ready to kill in the name of God.

It is clear that some form of conflict will continue at all times in history. We never share the same frame of reference from which to judge others — a capacity we may only acquire after millennia of further mental adaptation.

The Challenge

Suppose we experience a planetary

catastrophe around the year 10,000. Will we be wise enough to realize that our petty nationalism and egoism are insignificant in the face of a universal threat to human survival? Will that external "shake-up" stir us out of our narrow-mindedness and infuse our minds with more noble, empathetic feelings to set a new trend in biological evolution?

Will that universal threat itself be part of a new experience, triggering new learning processes that stimulate the dormant potential of our grey cells? Is this the way *Homo sapiens* progress down the ages? However much we try to think ahead and decide to do better, our interaction with the ever-changing environment will play the major role in deciding how our life unfolds. Finally, will the majority of people be wise enough to think in the same general direction — just for the sake of peace and the survival of our species?

We don't know



Pic - Coder's Errand

with a hard reality. We cannot blame these ancestors, who had not had enough time to undergo the "culturing" processes of socialization and civilization. Mentally, were they immature? Yes. They lacked the necessary mental apparatus to behave, think, or believe differently, simply because their brains were inadequately developed. That brain, lacking the efficiency we are gifted with today, was anatomically and functionally less mature.

So, we may ask — what happened between 40,000 years ago and now? Current science suggests that time has gradually favoured the development of more branching axons and synaptic connections, which ultimately became more efficient — all a consequence of the risky adventures and experiences gathered in the jungles and savannahs of the world. Their deeply hostile environment and the inevitable daily struggle for food and shelter conspired to stimulate their neurons to react differently. Those were the inescapable action-reaction processes that would mould their brains and behaviour, spurring the primitive forms of rationalization that allow us, their descendants, to reason, feel, and act more smartly. Had they been shunted overnight into our modern world, would they fare as well as us? The answer is obviously no. *Homo sapiens* are children of biological evolution, which seems to impose

2026 were not like them? Will they ask why we were not as peace-loving or tolerant, and why we were so frustratingly obsessed with grabbing others' land — as figures like Putin, Netanyahu, and Trump did around the 2020s?

Why, in spite of considerable knowledge, medical progress, and a scientific way of life, could we not solve our conflicts peacefully? Why could we not conceive that our egoistical behaviour caused so much unhappiness to poorer people and nations?

A wise one from the future may answer: "Maybe their brains were not yet so evolved; perhaps in the 2020s, the majority of people simply could not think differently or more wisely — however much they wanted to." Meanwhile, a "smart" one may respond: "There was a minority of wise people, but unfortunately their heads of state and policymakers were not up to par. After all, in 2020, their brains had not yet acquired the anatomical and physiological processes to make the majority of them noble. Evolution was still going on — for it is never over, just as it was still on track 80,000 years ago when our ancestors were emerging from the jungle."

The Possible Truth

Whatever we may think, it is clear that not all people are on the same wavelength at different times — or even at the same time in history — because they are at



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CEB SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SCHEME (HOUSEHOLDS) 2026

Dans le cadre du Programme gouvernemental 2025-2029, le **Central Electricity Board (CEB)** a le plaisir d'informer ses clients et le grand public du lancement du nouveau "**CEB Solar Photovoltaic Scheme (Households) 2026**". Ce nouveau plan constitue une refonte de l'ancien plan, "**SSDG Photovoltaic Scheme for Domestic Customers (Households)**" destiné aux clients résidentiels.

Les ménages peuvent installer des systèmes photovoltaïques (PV) d'une capacité **maximale de 10 kW**, équipés d'un système de stockage par batterie. Cette batterie permettra d'assurer une autonomie d'au moins trois heures durant la période de pointe en soirée, le réseau du CEB restant disponible comme solution de secours.

Les clients peuvent opter pour le "**Gross-Metering**" ou le "**Net-Metering**", tel que détaillé sur le site-web du CEB.

Les clients doivent soumettre leur formulaire dûment rempli auprès d'un Customer Service Centre du CEB et payer des frais de traitement de Rs 2000/-. Ils peuvent ensuite procéder à l'installation, puis soumettre le certificat d'installation signé par l'installateur et signer l'accord de raccordement, après quoi le CEB procédera à la mise en service.

Le formulaire de demande, le *Installation Certificate*, le *Connection Agreement Form*, ainsi que les conditions, sont disponibles sur : <https://ceb.mu/projects/energy-schemes>

Les clients ayant déclaré leur installation photovoltaïque suite au communiqué du 17 novembre 2025 seront automatiquement régularisés sous ce nouveau plan. Ceux qui ne l'auront pas fait avant le 15 avril 2026 s'exposent à une coupure de leur alimentation électrique pour des raisons de sécurité.

Pour toute information complémentaire, veuillez contacter le **601-1100**, l'unité SSDG au **601-1138** ou visiter un des Customer Service Centres du CEB.

La Direction
17 avril 2026