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Prime Minister insists that Mauritius' sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago is non-negotiable

We have been hearing this litany from various quarters since US President Trump told the new British PM on his *salamalecs* visit to the States in September that the Chagos deal was terrible. But no reportage has indicated that the President said more than that. He was certainly not reported to have said that the agreement had to be reviewed or whatever. And yet, the international press said the US was against the return of the Chagos sovereignty to Mauritius.

And in Mauritius, generally — from PM to the man in the street — all got on their high horses to trumpet the fact that the arrangement between the UK and Mauritius cannot be renegotiated though this was NEVER on the menu. And what is the arrangement about? The arrangement was the endorsement, by Britain and all, of the advisory ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) that the decolonisation of Mauritius was not complete with the excision of the Chagos Archipelago.

The fact is that Great Britain had agreed to abide by the advisory ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) that the decolonisation of Mauritius was not complete. That's that. Was any mention made in the ICJ's ruling about financial compensation?

Lease to Britain

Though submitting to the ICJ's ruling, Britain was granted a lease of the Archipelago for an initial period of 99 years, renewable for another 50 years, subject to the payment to Mauritius of tons of pounds sterling. The right of the Chagossians to go to their homeland at will was equally endorsed.

Everyone was happy of this prospect the more so the new Mauritian coalition government under the labour leader, Dr Navin Ramgoolam. The good doctor began to count the chickens

and he included the eggs to be hatched, in his first and second national budgets (2025-26 & 2026-27).

For the past two financial years, no money has been forthcoming for the simple reason that the British taxpayers are not so keen to fill the pockets of the Mauritian people. The compensation money does not grow on trees, says the Conservative leader Nigerian-born Kemi Badenoch supported by the likes of Indo-Britisher Prity Patel. The tax-payers have to fork it out. Will the British submit to the whims of the Mauritians who believe that the money is justified.

There is great doubt that the British people under whichever government will raise the millions of pounds for the compensation and to provide the necessary funds for the refurbishment of the 64 islets to re-accommodate the Chagossians now living in Mauritius, The Seychelles and the UK?

So, to forestall any mishap, Mauritian Prime Minister Dr Ramgoolam, flying the slogan "The Chagossian Deal is not negotiable", has set sail for the UK to speak to *them* British. The PM is in the UK for talk at the time of the article being written.

This move on the part of the good doctor, is being criticised by one and all in Mauritius. His slogan that The Chagossian Deal is not negotiable should have been addressed to the United Nations General Assembly which he refused to attend. His contention was that the trip was not worth the expenses. This is seen by his opponents as a missed opportunity to draw the attention of the world to the Chagos problem.

So, the PM Navin Ramgoolam has decided to take the bull by the horns and to go to the British authorities direct to forestall any adverse decision. He told the Mauritian people that in the UK he was to meet and talk to Mr Jon-



Prime Minister Dr Navin Ramgoolam

athan Powell, UK National Security Adviser. But the visit to Britain is also being criticised in Mauritius because the PM is not going to meet the British PM Andy Burham himself to discuss the Chagos issue.

Trump's interference

It would be naive to believe that a renown meddler and stirrer like Trump would remain quite when the budding PM Andy Burham talked to him during his US visit about the Chagos settlement.

Trump's supposed fear is that Mauritius would open the Archipelago to Chinese influence as a result of the British deal. This fear is expressed by Trump while he was wining and dining the Chinese Premier Xi and his wife at the White House. What a character !!!

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OUT OF OUR CONTROL :

Other's Opinion of Us; The Future and the Past; Time and Ageing; The Way People Speak to Us; What Others Say about Us; External Events, and The Way People Treat Us are out of our Control.

Buddhism



U N G A 2 0 2 6**2026 MARKS 70 YEARS SINCE JAPAN JOINED THE UNITED NATIONS****PRIME MINISTER SANAE TAKAICHI DELIVERS HER FIRST ADDRESS TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY***From Mylene*

On Tuesday, September 22, 2026 (New York time) Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi delivered her first address to the United Nations General Assembly during its 81st session in New York.

The Japanese PM called for the removal of the so-called "Enemy States" clauses from the UN Charter.

What are the "Enemy States" Clauses?

The clauses date back to the end of the Second World War. They refer to countries that had fought against the Allied powers during the war.

Who were the Allied Powers?

The USA, UK and the Soviet Union, (now Russia) along with many other countries.

Which countries were referred to as "Enemy States"?

The main three were Germany, Italy and Japan, the principal Axis Powers.

Why were they called "Enemy States" ?

The UN Charter was written in 1945, immediately after WWII, when the countries that had fought against the Allies were still regarded as former enemies.

The clauses allowed the Allied powers to take certain measures against former enemy states if issues from the war remained unresolved.

These countries are no longer enemies?

Correct. Today, Germany, Italy and Japan are all members of the United Nations. Russia continued the Soviet Union's UN membership in 1991 and is one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

Who are the other permanent members?

China. France. United Kingdom and the United States.

Why have the "Enemy States" clauses not been removed?**Japan PM Sanae Takaichi**

In 1995, the UN General Assembly agreed to begin the process to remove the clauses.

In 2005, the UN reaffirmed its commitment to delete references to "enemy States" from the UN Charter.

However, the Charter was never formally amended, and the clauses remain.

What did PM Takaichi have to say?

Takaichi said: "In accordance with this resolution (2005) these clauses must be deleted." She argued that the UN had already expressed its resolve to remove them and that the outdated clauses should now actually be deleted.

What happens now?

Any changes to the UN Charter would require a two-thirds vote in the General Assembly and ratification by two-thirds of UN members, including all five permanent Security Council members.

Takaichi has brought the issue back into the spotlight, but her speech itself does not remove the clauses.

What else did PM Takaichi discuss?

International Criminal Court (ICC). She did not directly criticise the United States but said Japan's support for the ICC is a commitment to the rule of law and peaceful settlement of disputes.

UN and multilateralism

She called for a "more resilient and effective United Nations" and said the organisation needs reform to better reflect today's world.

Ukraine and the Middle East

Takaichi discussed Russia's aggression against Ukraine and the growing tensions in the Middle East.

North Korea

She raised North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes, as well as the issue of Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea. She also said she was prepared to engage in dialogue with North Korea.

Nuclear disarmament

Takaichi reaffirmed Japan's commitment to nuclear disarmament, referring to the experiences of the *hibakusha - people exposed to the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

Climate and AI

She discussed Japan's efforts on climate change, energy security and AI governance.

She highlighted Japan's Hiroshima AI process, a G7-led international framework, launched by Japan in 2023, to promote safe, secure and trustworthy AI.

*The Hibakusha movement, represented by Nihon Hidankyo, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2024. The story was covered by The Mauritian Overseas Gazette, now Mauritian International Magazine

**OKINAWA white shirt****From KnowBits****Alexander Taylor**

Posted by
Isabella Rossi
Sep 6



In June 1945, in Okinawa, a 22-year-old teacher named Keiko Mori was ordered to tell her 30 students to commit suicide with hand grenades rather than surrender. She refused. And she told her students, "Live. No matter

what they say, you must live." While Japanese soldiers—who imposed death in the name of honor—searched for them, she kept her students hidden in a cave for 12 days.

Even when their food ran out, she sang songs and taught them arithmetic using stones. When the American soldiers finally discovered the cave, she came out first, holding a white shirt aloft to shield her students. The American soldiers were about to shoot her, but seeing the children behind her, they lowered their weapons. And they shared chocolate with the children.

After the war, some Japanese people branded her a "traitor to the nation," but her 30 students survived. In 1975, a small statue was erected in her honor in Okinawa. The statue, which depicts a teacher holding a white shirt, bears these words: *"She taught us the bravest lesson of all: to 'live.'"* Despite being ordered to accept death, this young teacher chose to fight to protect the lives of 30 children.

Editor's Note: This is an example of human's fortitude. Such courage is being shown today in the face of Israeli and Russian cruelty.

Ministry of Health and Wellness INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS 2026



**"The Age of Longevity:
Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives"**

**Strengthening Geriatric Care for Healthy
Ageing Beyond 60**



*Junior Minister of Health and Wellness,
Ms Anishta Babooram*

In the context of the International Day of Older Persons 2026, commemorated annually on 1 October, the Ministry of Health and Wellness organised, yesterday, a Geriatric Care Training Session for healthcare staff on the theme "Healthy Ageing Beyond 60 – Understanding and Application of International Guidelines", at the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital in Rose Belle.

The training session was attended by the Junior Minister of Health and Wellness, Ms Anishta Babooram, as well as healthcare professionals, including specialists, general practitioners, nursing staff, healthcare assistants, dentists and allied health professionals.

The session was delivered by the Officer in Charge of the Geriatric Medicine Unit and Specialist in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine, Dr Shiv Seegobin.

In her opening remarks, Ms Babooram emphasised the need to progressively adapt the healthcare system to address the challenges associated with an ageing population. She highlighted the significant improvement in life expectancy in Mauritius since Independence, noting that around 280,000 Mauritians are currently aged 60 years and above.

The Junior Minister also underlined Government's efforts to strengthen geriatric care services across the country. In this context, the

Ministry of Health and Wellness has, this year, designed, launched and operationalised 10 Acute Care of Elderly (ACE) Wards across the five regional hospitals, comprising five male and five female wards, she stated.

According to her, the training session forms part of ongoing efforts to promote healthy ageing, strengthen the quality of care provided to older persons and enhance healthcare professionals' capacity to apply international guidelines in geriatric care.

It is to be noted that the ACE Wards are equipped with adapted infrastructure and equipment and provide multidisciplinary specialist and allied health care. A weekly Geriatric Care Training Programme is also being conducted at each regional hospital to strengthen the capacity of healthcare staff in the management and care of older persons.

In addition, Standard Operating Procedures have been developed and launched in collaboration with the World Health Organisation to ensure that geriatric care services are aligned with international norms and standards.

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One Essential Read

Recommended by Kate Turton, Newsletter Editor



Evacuated in an incubator, now back in Gaza getting to know mama

Bissan plays with her mother Sundus inside their tent in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip. REUTERS/Mahmoud Issa
Bissan was born because of an airstrike.

Two weeks into the war in Gaza, an Israeli attack ripped through her family's home seriously injuring her pregnant mother and killing her sister. Her mother was forced to deliver her six weeks early to save both their lives.

Weeks later, newborn Bissan was driven out to Egypt in an ambulance while still in an incubator. She was one of a group of 29 preterm infants evacuated from a neonatal hospital ward as invading forces drew close, and seven of those babies died in Egypt.

While she grew in Egyptian hospitals and a care home, her mother, Sundus al-Kurd, never lost hope that they would be reunited. In March this year, with a ceasefire ostensibly in place, Bissan was returned to Gaza to be reunited with her family.

Reuters documented their reunion and visited with them and several other children who had been evacuated in incubators.



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The Cruel World

The Vocation of Mankind is Torture and Killing

Through the ages since the creature known as MAN first emerged from the Jungle some one million years ago, this creature has been engaged in one form of killing or another. We must understand the ancestors. The poor creatures could not be vegetarians because there was no vegetable then though they were surrounded by jungles and forests and bushes. Those primitive creatures organised themselves into tribes. They became tribal for self protection against tribes from other parts of the jungle.

Those jungle people were at times hungry and they had to eat. The only food available was the flesh of the other tribes. So they inevitably became cannibalistic. They carried raids at night snatching women and babies. At that time when they had not invented fire yet, the flesh was devoured raw with the blood dripping. All the screaming of the victims did not stop them. While the males of one tribe were on incursion attacking the females and infants of a nearby tribe, the males of that tribe would be attacking another one. No radio, no tv, no mobile phones, killing was their pastime.

As the tribes became civilised, bit by bit, they turned their localities into villages and towns, into countries and nations. They left the JUNGLE, but the JUNGLE never left them. The killing instinct is still in Man. If at first he used to kill to feed himself, today he kills to take other nation's territories. Nations need more living space, more "lebensraum" as Hitler put it. The US wants to annex any country in sight, including Greenland, Canada and Whatnot!; Israel wants Palestine, Lebanon etc, and Russia wants to rebuild the Soviet Union and is destroying Ukraine for resisting.

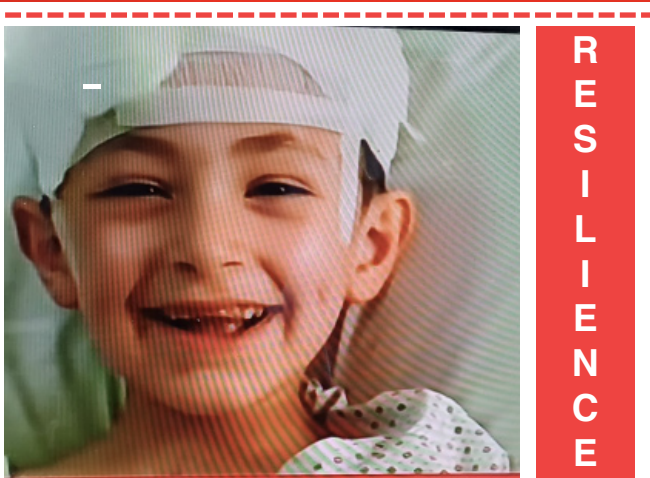
It's now worse than in the past. Some world leaders are delighted by the torture of other beings and by the sight of blood. They find a special gratification in the starvation and killing of children. The enjoyment of torture is in their blood. Man is still ruled by the law of the jungle. **P.C.**

True or False?

UN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM USED TO DETERMINE ACCESS TO FOOD HAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED FAMINE IN GAZA CITY







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ISRAELI-MADE GAZA FAMINE

RESILIENCE

The children will grow up. They will remember. How can the Jews ever find peace!

Biblically, they have never known peace

That a little girl can still find the courage to laugh in spite of such trauma, Barbados PM, at the UN Assembly, Mrs MIA AMOR MOTLEY called it **Resilience**

No kind word for bullies

P.C.