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Foreword

Dear readers,

Thank you for your continued support and interest shown whilst visiting regularly the Police website. Since last year, an e-publication has been inserted with a view to providing you with additional information pertaining to happenings, experiences and events in the Mauritius Police Force.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading the previous e-news and with renewed pleasure, we are back again with recent news.

Your opinions, suggestions and feedbacks are of utmost importance to us. These will enable the editorial committee to come along with smarter e-news in the future.

Whilst waiting eagerly for your contributions, I convey my sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to make this e-news possible.

Have a pleasant reading!

**M. D. Taujoo, DCP
Chairman**

On the Cover



The cover illustrates snaps taken in connection with the National Day Celebrations 2017.

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Marking 49th Anniversary of Independence and Silver Jubilee of the Republic of Mauritius

To celebrate this grandiose ceremony, on 12th March 2017, the Chief Guest, H.E., Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, Vice President of the Republic of Ghana was received with honours.

Eminent personalities, official guests and the general public were in attendance at the Champ de Mars.

A parade comprising of different compartments of the Mauritius Police Force was held in front of thousands of Mauritians as well as television viewers.



This was followed by a spectacular and marvellous Police Talent Show. It started with



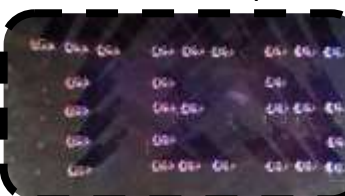
Police Officers from the Police Dog Unit demonstrating a synergy with their dogs. Thereafter, riders from the Traffic Enforcement Squad (TES) of the

Traffic Branch performed an eye-catching acrobatic display, followed by a twirling baton drill and silent drill from men and women of the Force.



The finale, was a magnificent drill performance, under an ear-catching patriotic song title: 'Levé nu Pavion

Lao', composed and interpreted in 10 different languages by Police Officers, where members of the Force formed -up a human chain representing the different islands of the Republic of Mauritius. This was broadcasted live from a birds-eye view through Police drones recordings by the Police Research & Development Unit.



In the end, it was with a feeling of pride and honour that Police Officers marched past the dignitaries and other guests.

A big applause to one and all who have contributed in one way or the other in making this event a success. Long live our MPF! Long live our Republic!

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Rodrigues Regional Assembly Elections 2017

The Rodrigues Regional Assembly Elections was held on Sunday 12th February 2017. Some 28,791 voters were registered with the Electoral Commissioner's Office, whereby 80.18 % of electors voted in the six regions, comprising of 18 Polling Stations.



A Tactical Headquarters (Tac Hq) was set up at Port Mathurin for coordinating all Police activities for the smooth unfolding of the elections. Communication was established between Tac Hq and the Office of the Commissioner of Police through teleconferencing. Aerial views from drones were also used for better planning and preparations and also to coordinate situations during public meetings and conveyance of Ballot Boxes.

Congratulations to Rodrigues Police for the professionalism displayed during the holding of the said elections.

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NEWS

Clean-up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign in Line Barracks Compound

In line with the Government’s vision ‘Clean-up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign’, the Commissioner of Police has on 11th March 2017, kick-started an extensive cleaning campaign of litter in Line Barracks Compound.

Hundreds of volunteers took turns in every corner of Line Barracks Compound to get rid of waste that polluted some areas and polluted the water discharge drains.

The campaign is to be held on every Saturday till December 2017 and has been extended to all Police Divisions, Branches and Police Quarters. Keep it up! Keep our compound clean! Keep Mauritius clean!

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Promotion

Promoted Inspector of Police in a temporary capacity - w.e.f. 31.01.2017

- ◆ PC 3948 POKHOT. O
- ◆ PC 4363 RAMNARAIN. A

Confirmed Inspector of Police in a substantive capacity - w.e.f. 02.02.2017

- ◆ AMASAY. V
- ◆ PIERRE. L. J. C. P
- ◆ CASSY. V
- ◆ DEROCCHOONEE. H
- ◆ HOOSRA. A. E
- ◆ JHINGOORY. T
- ◆ JUTTUN. M
- ◆ KHUNNOO. N
- ◆ PUDARUTH. S
- ◆ SEELOCHUN. V. V

Confirmed Woman Inspector of Police - w.e.f. 02.02.2017

- ◆ BHUGOBAUN. I

Promoted as Police Sergeant in a temporary capacity - w.e.f. 09.03.2017

- ◆ PC 7846 BHEEKHOO, J. U. D

Confirmed Assistant Superintendent of Police in a substantive capacity w.e.f. 09.03.2017

- ◆ NASHIB J.

Assigned duties as Chief Inspector of Police w.e.f. 16.03.2017:

- ◆ CHOKUPERMAL. R

Promoted Band Sub Inspector - w.e.f. 24.03.2017

- ◆ BS 113 BONNE F. L

Promoted Band Corporal - w.e.f. 24.03.2017

- ◆ BC 7879 KOYLAH. V
- ◆ BC 7910 Kunteeram. R
- ◆ BC 8005 MOWLAH. B
- ◆ BC 308 PARFAIT. J. C

Our warm and hearty congratulations to you all on your success and allow us to share your joy. We also take pride in your achievements and wish you plenty of success in your new assignment.

From all members of the Force

Obituary

| Sno. | Name | Date | Sno. | Name | Date |
|------|----------------------------|----------|------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Police Attendant ROOPUN N. | 02.01.17 | 4 | PC 10333 MAUDARBACCUS M. M. | 20.02.17 |
| 2 | CPL 4869 JANHORRY L. F. P. | 30.01.17 | 5 | PC 5950 THOMAS L. M. A. F. | 26.03.17 |
| 3 | PC 605 AUHAMMAD M. S. | 04.02.17 | 6 | PC 5908 CHOOLUN A. K. | 22.03.17 |

May their soul rest in Peace.....

POLICE VS CURPEN SADA (2017 INT 136)



Ruling

INTRODUCTION

The Applicant stands charged under 2 Counts with the offence of money laundering in breach of sections 3(1)(b), 6 and 8 of the Financial Intelligence and Anti Money Laundering Act.

In March 2010, a provisional charge was lodged against the Applicant. The provisional charge was subsequently struck out on the 1st December 2016. The main case was lodged against the Applicant on the 13th March 2017, following which he came to the Intermediate Court on the 20th March 2017 for the arraignment.

THE PROHIBITION ORDER

On the 20th March 2017, the Applicant applied for a variation of the prohibition order imposed upon him in the main case so that he could travel to France via Istanbul from the 22nd March to the 27th April 2017. The reason behind his wish to travel is to see his sick mother, his son and members of his family in France.

The Prosecution objected to the motion for a variation of the prohibition order and an Argument has been heard on the matter. Both the Prosecution and the Defence were assisted by Counsel.

Inspector Jugoo has been deputed by the Commissioner of police to object to the variation of the prohibition order on the following ground:

- (i) Risk of absconding.

OBSERVATIONS

The Constitution of Mauritius guarantees the right of freedom of an individual. Section 15 of the Constitution reads as follows:

“No person shall be deprived of his freedom of movement, and for the purposes of this section, that freedom means the right to move freely throughout Mauritius, the right to reside in any part of Mauritius, the right to enter Mauritius, the right to leave Mauritius and immunity from expulsion from Mauritius”.

However, the right of freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution is not an absolute one. An individual can be subject to conditions to secure the fulfillment of any obligations imposed upon a person by law in accordance with subsection 3(g) of section 15 of the Constitution. Such a condition may take the form of a prohibition order against an Accused party.

The Bail Act provides that a prohibition order will remain in force against an Accused party until the disposal of the case against him. However, under section 16(1) of the Bail Act, the prohibition order may be varied, subject to the Court being satisfied that it is necessary to vary the prohibition order -

- (a) to avoid loss or prejudice to the Accused;
- (b) to avoid damage or loss to the Accused's property;

- (c) because of the health of the Accused or his next of kin; or
- (d) in such other cases as the Court thinks fit.

In order for the Court to vary a prohibition order imposed on the Applicant, the Court needs to carry out a balancing exercise “between the responsibility befalling the prosecution authorities and the convenience of the applicant” to travel (RE: PEERTHUM S. v THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF RIVIERE DU REMPART (2009) SCJ 283).

RISK OF ABSCONDING

In the present case, I have taken into account an overview of the evidence. I have borne in mind that 7 years have lapsed between the date of the commission of the alleged offences by the Applicant and todate. The Applicant has been granted an authorization to travel before the Pamplemousses Court in February 2017 and could have left Mauritius between February 2017 and the 20th March 2017 when a new prohibition order has been imposed against him in the present case. However, the Applicant did not avail himself of his right to leave Mauritius, which shows that the Applicant did not try to abscond.

On the other hand, I have borne in mind that the Applicant has been charged with an offence of money laundering, involving a considerable amount of money. It is for the Trial Court to consider the nature of the evidence against the Applicant and the inferences which must be attached thereto. In the event that the Applicant is found guilty, he may face a heavy penalty.

In addition to the Applicant being the holder of a Mauritian passport, he is also the holder of a French passport. This means that if the Applicant leaves Mauritius, the Mauritian authorities will have no restriction on the Applicant's whereabouts and the Applicant may travel to different destinations and land in a country where Mauritius has no extradition treaty. In the circumstances, I find that there are many avenues open to the Applicant to evade coming back to Mauritius and there is a risk that the Applicant might try to abscond in the face of the serious charges against him.

PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

I have also considered the reasons behind the application for the variation of the prohibition order and I have considered whether the Applicant has “an almost absolute necessity to leave the country”. ((RE: PEERTHUM S. v THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF RIVIERE DU REMPART (2009) SCJ 283). On this score, I have found that the Applicant did not adduce any evidence of any urgent need or necessity for him to see his mother, his son or members of his family in France. I therefore find there is no absolute necessity for the Applicant to leave Mauritius.

CONCLUSION

Having balanced the convenience of the Applicant concerning his wishes to travel and the responsibility befalling the authorities, I find that the balance does not tip in favour of the Applicant in view of the serious risks of absconding. I find that the Applicant has not shown an absolute necessity to leave the country. For all the reasons given above, I reject the motion raised by the Applicant and I decline to vary the prohibition order against the Applicant. The application is set aside.

Cutlass Express 2017



Cutlass Express is AFRICOM’s largest naval training exercise in the Indian Ocean. This exercise assesses and improves the maritime law enforcement capacity, promotes national and regional security in eastern Africa, informs planning and operations, and shape Security Force Assistance (SFA) efforts.

This year, the Embassy of the United States in Mauritius jointly with the Mauritius Police Force, hosted the Cutlass Express 2017. The exercise started from 30th January and ended on 08th February.

The armed/ Naval forces and Coast Guard of Mauritius, USA, Seychelles, Denmark, Djibouti, Madagascar, Comoros, Sudan and Uganda participated in the exercise.

A closing ceremony was held at Coast Guard Training School, Le Chaland. Rear Admiral Duane and Mr K. M. Nobin, PMSM, Commissioner of Police attended.

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Training for Fisheries Protection Officers (FPOs)

From 30th January 2017 up to 04th March 2017, twenty-five Fisheries Protection Officers (FPOs) who joined the Fisheries Protection Service in year 2016 underwent a basic training on drill and Officer Safety at the Police Training School, Beau Bassin.



The training which is an important requirement in their scheme of service, aims at providing the participants with basic

techniques and also in developing ethical and professional behaviour as required from Law Enforcement Officers.



Consequently, during these five weeks, the FPOs followed an intense training on empty-handed techniques, use of tonfa baton and handcuffing. They were also introduced to foot drill and attended in-house lectures on Human Rights, Trafficking in Persons, arrest and recording of statements under caution.

A Passing out Parade was held on Saturday 04th March 2017 at the Police Training School, Beau Bassin. The Hon. Premduth KOONJOO, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, other officers from the said Ministry and the Mauritius Police Force and also members of families attended the ceremony.

Source: Police Training School

US Short Term Training Team

A five-day High Angle Rescue course was held from 13 to 17 February 2017 for the benefit of 30 GIPM personnel.

The course was run by a team of five instructors from the US, headed by Capt Nicolas Velati.

The aim of the course was to provide new/ upgraded tactics, train other personnel in basic angle rescue and conduct high angle rescue best practices in to build partnership capacity and strengthen the bilateral relationship.

The course has been very beneficial to the SMF as the skills/knowledge gained will be utilized for rescue and assist stranded civilians and tourists in mountainous/forest regions of Mauritius as well as other persons who may be accidentally trapped in high rise buildings structures.

Source: Special Mobile Force