Foreword

Dear readers,

Welcome to another edition of our e-news in which we bring to you updates on the various events, trainings and other activities involving the Mauritius Police Force.

This publication has been materialized thanks to the contribution of all those who have spent their precious time to pen the different articles and also with the good faith of the support staff.

In this endeavour we will be presenting to you (i) an interesting mix of articles depicting police activities, (ii) a special note on the achievement of children of Police Officers who have excelled in HSC-SC Exams, (iii) a resume of SCJ based on circumstantial evidence and (iv) various training related issues including an illustration based on manning of Tonfa Baton.

I hope you will enjoy reading these articles. In our next e-news, innovations in policing will be our main highlights. So I am encouraging Police Officers to submit articles on the interesting work they are doing and that they would like to share with others. I am looking forward for more such contributions for the next editions.

I wish you a pleasant reading. We love to hear from you all and also your family members. So do not hesitate to send us feedback at prdu.mpf@govmu.org.

K. Jhugroo, DCP
Chairman

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**48th National Day Celebrations**

The National Day celebration this year were indeed breathtaking and all eminent personalities, official guest and the general public who were in attendance were overwhelmed by the performance of Police participants during the one hour exclusive display.

The Chief Guest His Excellency, Hery Rajaonarimampianina, President of the Malagasy Republic, and his wife were received with honours. An acrobatic aerial demonstration by the aircrafts of the Maritime Air Squadron as well as the four Police helicopters captivated the attention of all. This illustrated the skill and abilities of our pilots. Our Women Police Officers rose above the expectation and gave a magnificent eye catching display of their talents in self-defence.

The Special Mobile Force contributed to the show by a martial art demonstration and a marvellous silent drill performance. Finally, it was with a feeling of pride and honour that Police Officers marched past the dignitaries and other guests. The smart turnout of all Police officers further embellished the bouquet.

*WPI Ramkissoon*

*Police Press & Public Relation Office*

**Induction of ten Fast Interceptor Boats (FIBs)**

The National Coast Guard proudly received ten Fast Interceptor Boats (FIBs) which were commissioned to them on 12 March 2016. The total cost of the project was six million USD under the Indian Line of Credit. The FIB is 14.5 metres in length and is capable of reaching a maximum speed of 35 knots. It is fitted with the most advanced navigation, communication and machineries with highly potent 7.62 medium machine guns and are propelled by two main engines through water jet propulsion system.

The FIBs certainly add to the existing fleet of patrol vessels in the NCG for undertaking patrol in and around Mauritius. These state-of-the-art vessels in terms of capabilities, can function in a diverse manner for defence, interception of high speed vessels, coastal patrol, effective surveillance, anti-smuggling, anti-poaching activities, search, rescue and fisheries protection amongst others.
The induction of these FIBs opens another chapter in the history of the National Coast Guard in its quest for self-sufficiency and preparedness towards ensuring maritime security in our vast maritime zones. This will definitely provide a quantum jump where extended operations can be undertaken.

**National Coast Guard**

**Police Innovation during Maha Shivaratree Festival**

The Maha Shivaratree festival was celebrated on 7 March 2016. The policing of this event indeed required months of planning and preparation to render the pilgrimage towards Grand Bassin safe and with the least inconveniences to our devotees.

This year Police capitalized on technological support to provide a better service to the public. With the aim to inform the general public on the latest updates at Grand Bassin regarding traffic flow, available parking space, weather conditions and other Police related informations, Police with the collaboration of the Mauritius Telecom, Emtel and MTML, have introduced an SMS Alert System at the rate of a normal SMS. The Outdoor Led Display Screens were placed at ex-Savoy Cinema, Vacoas and Pont Carbonel, Forest Side to provide the public of live updates on traffic conditions and most importantly safety tips. Live aerial images captured by drone on traffic situation within a radius of 10 km around Grand Bassin were also projected. These services were operational between 2 and 7 March 2016.

More so, 900 Police Officers and 40 additional riders were deployed for this event at the various posts in addition to deployment at Divisional level. Indeed, all measures taken by Police resulted in the smooth unfolding of the event.

WPI Ramkissoon

**Police Press & Public Relation Office**

**Leadership and Management Course: Award Ceremony**

A course on Leadership and Management at three levels: Strategic, Tactical and Operational was conducted by the University of Mauritius (UoM) for Police Officers.

The aim of the programme was to enhance capacity of Police Officers at supervisory, middle management and higher management levels in modern concepts and techniques of Leadership and Management.

The course, at all three levels, started in May 2014 and by the end of year 2015, three hundred and five Police Officers attended same.
An award ceremony was organized on Saturday 27 February 2016 at Paul Octave Weihe Auditorium, Reduit. The three hundred and five (305) Police Officers were awarded the Certificate in Leadership and Management by the Chancellor, Dr. Louis Jean Claude AUTREY, CSK, in presence of the Commissioner of Police and other dignitaries from the University of Mauritius.

Police Training School

Brief on International Fleet Review 2016

The prestigious International Fleet Review (IFR) was held at Visakhapatnam, India from 04 to 08 February 2016. IFR is a very high profile international event with Naval and Coast Guard ships participating from over 30 countries. Mauritius, being a prominent maritime nation in the Indian Ocean was well represented at the landmark event by a high level delegation headed by Mr K. M. Nobin, PMSM, Commissioner of Police and Captain Saurabh Thakur, Commandant National Coast Guard. The country was also represented by ‘CGS Barracuda’.

On 05 Feb 2016, the Commissioner of Police made a courtesy call on Admiral RK Dhowan, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy and the principal host for the IFR. Various issues of ongoing maritime cooperation were discussed during that meeting.

The highlight of the IFR was the review of a combination of over 75 Naval/ Coast Guard ships and submarines from Indian Navy as well as frontline Navies from across the globe, by H.E. the President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 06 Feb 2016.

National Coast Guard

Launching Ceremony of CGS - Victory

CGS Victory, the Fast Patrol Vessel built by M/s Goa Shipyards Limited was launched at Goa on 29 February 2016. Mr Jagdish Goburdhun, High Commissioner of Mauritius in India witnessed the launching ceremony of the ship.

Speaking on the occasion, H.E. the High Commissioner congratulated the shipyard for achieving the second milestone of this important project and emphasized its importance to Mauritius. He also said that the ship would enhance the Maritime Security and Search and Rescue Cover within the Mauritian waters and also the capabilities of National Coast Guard. The ship is expected to be delivered by the end of year 2016.

The induction of the Fast Patrol Vessels would also mark another milestone in the saga of Indo-Mauritian cooperation and friendship. The FPV project is a valuable addition to the long list of partnership projects between India and Mauritius in the domain of maritime security.

National Coast Guard
Act of Bravery or Act of Faith?

Whilst three hooded armed men were trying to rob a hardware shop in Forest Side in the afternoon of Saturday 16th January 2016, off-duty constable KAUDEER M. Ally, posted to Rose Hill Prosecutor’s Office, who was there by mere coincidence, intervened and prevented the offence from happening. However, all this was not without direct threat to his personal safety. The offenders, who were all registered Habitual Criminals (HCs), assaulted the Constable by means of sabres. He was seriously injured at his head and had to undergo several life-threatening surgical operations. He recovered slowly and resumed duty months later.

Following the arrest of these three HC’s, a series of cases of armed robberies has been detected. When asked whether at any point in time he feared for his life before challenging the robbers, Constable Kaudeer said: “J’ai simplement fait mon devoir de policier!”

Constable Kaudeer has been overtly congratulated and praised by the Commissioner of Police for his courageous act that is certainly worthy of emulation.

Bravo PC Kaudeer!

Insp. Goorbin
Special Support Unit

Off Duty SSU Officer nabs a Thief

Off-duty SSU Officer successfully arrested a mobile phone thief after a hectic chase of nearly one kilometre. TPC 10757 Shemboo of SSU No 2, a keen sportsman managed to catch up with the suspect who had just committed a larceny of mobile phone at around 19.45 hrs on 29.03.2016 at Jumbo Riche Terre.

The Officer said that, as he approached the parking lot of Jumbo Hypermarket, he heard the stentorian call “Volere! Volere!” In shock and bafflement, he had a quick look around the area and saw a youngster running down the flight of stairs leading to the parking lot.

Following a mad chase the officer sprang on the thief near Prince Tuna Co. Ltd. The culprit fell on the ground spread-eagled. The mobile phone make Apple was retrieved.

Special Support Unit
Competition to boost Performance, Innovation and Excellence

Competition is a brilliant way to encourage Police Officers to improve performance and also to bring innovation and excellence in achieving goals and objectives of the Mauritius Police Force. It improves coordination among different response teams within the Division.

Metropolitan Division (North) being fully committed to contribute in achieving the Strategic Directions 2015-2018 of the Force. Eventually, such retrospection and introspection led to a competition across the Division. This assessment of performance of Police Stations were based on specific benchmarks, such as, crime state, disposal of outstanding cases, execution of warrants, sick reports and complaint against Police, Community Policing Forums, checking of licensed premises, etc...

The announcement of the competition triggered a tremendous amount of interest not only to win but to achieve set objectives amidst all ranks. As an example, Fanfaron Police disposed 737 cases in one month and brought a net reduction of 71% in larceny. In the same vein, Abercrombie Police disposed 400 cases and brought a net reduction of 38% in larceny. Overall, for the month of March, there has been a decrease of 33% in the crime rate. More than 1,800 cases have been disposed and almost 500 warrants executed. The above figure bear testimony that proper support and guidance will lead to enhance results and hence service excellence.

On Saturday 02 April 2016, an award ceremony was held where Mr. K.M. Nobin, PMSM, Commissioner of Police graced the event. He remitted trophies and certificates to the winners of the competition as follows:

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The following for their good work done:

- **PS 5047 Moideen**
  - Prosecutor Metro (N)

- **DCPL 3213 Diljore**
  - CID Metro (North)

- **PC 1804 Luckoa**
  - Trou Fanfaron Police Station

- **PC 1855 Hunkar**
  - Roche Bois Police Station

- **PC 10458 Lauloo**
  - Plaine Verte Police Station

- **PC 5988 Vythee**
  - DSU Metro (N)

- **PC 4773 Joumont**
  - DCIU Metro (N)

- **PC 1446 L’Ecluse**
  - Tombeau Bay Police Station

- **WPC 766 Barbier**
  - Abercrombie Police Station

- **TWPC 1042 Seebaruth**
  - Vallee Pitot Police Station

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**Metropolitan Division ‘North’**

**Proclamation of Results of the Competitive Examination for Promotion to the Rank of Inspector of Police and Woman Police Inspector**

One hundred and sixty one (161) Police Sergeants and twelve (12) Woman Police Sergeants were successful in the last Competitive Examination for Promotion to the Rank of Inspector of Police and Woman Police Inspector. The examination was conducted by the Discipline Forces Service Commission on 21 November 2015. The newly promoted officers received their letter of offer for promotion from the Commissioner of Police on 15 March 2016.

Our warmest congratulations to all. Best of luck in your new assignment.

**Editorial Committee**
OUR PEOPLE

Our hearty congratulations to all on your success and allow us to share your joy.
We also take pride in your achievements and wish them plenty of success in all your future endeavours.

From all members of the Force

Children of Police Officers who have passed the HSC Examination 2015 with Grade ‘A’ in five subjects

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May their soul rest in Peace.......

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE APPEARS TO DISCULPATE THE RESPONDENTS

The respondents (four police officers) were charged for having, on 12 January 2006 at Line Barracks Port Louis, wilfully and unlawfully committed an arbitrary act prejudicial to the Constitution in that they subjected Ramdoolar Ramlogun, who was in police custody as a suspect in a murder case, to inhuman and degrading treatment, contrary to section 7 of the Constitution. The inhuman and degrading treatment was particularised as “physical abuse”.

There was no direct evidence that the respondents inflicted physical abuse upon Ramlogun. The prosecution’s case was based solely on circumstantial evidence. The Court referred to DPP v Kilbourne [1973] AC 729 and Teper v Queen [1952] AC 480 to distinguish direct from circumstantial evidence.

Circumstantial evidence is evidence of “relevant facts” from which the existence or non-existence of facts in issue may be inferred. Circumstantial evidence “works by cumulatively, in geometrical progression, eliminating other possibilities” (DPP v Kilbourne [1973] AC 729).

However, although the weight to be attached to circumstantial evidence is not in any way less than that attached to direct evidence, “It must always be narrowly examined ..... It is also necessary before drawing the inference of the accused’s guilt from circumstantial evidence to be sure that there are no other co-existing circumstances which would weaken or destroy the inference” (Teper v Queen [1952] AC 480).

It was also held that the prosecution’s case by far fails to meet the Teper’s threshold which would justify a conclusive finding of guilt based on circumstantial evidence. The following circumstances carry such overwhelming force which would weaken or even destroy any inference of guilt against the respondents:

Ramlogun had been in the company of the respondents at the MCIT office for a limited period (for interview), only from 17.00 hours to about 22.15 hours on 12 January 2006.

Prior to that he had been in the company of other police officers following his arrest at 15.00 hours until he was brought to MCIT office.

After his interview, he was never again in the company of the respondents until he passed away on 14 January 2006. There had in fact been more than 20 other police officers who were involved at one stage or another with Ramlogun from the time he had left the MCIT office on 12 January 2006 until he passed away.

The evidence led by the prosecution itself tends to confirm that Ramlogun was not subjected to any physical abuse or degrading treatment during his period of interrogation (Police Officers who were working in an adjoining room separated by a “Plywood” partitioning, never heard any shouting, threat or sound which would indicate that Ramlogun might have been subjected to any physical abuse).
There is no evidence from any prosecution witness of any injury nor of any mark of violence appearing on Ramlogun subsequent to his interview. He was all the time able to walk normally on his own and looked visibly fine to all those who kept watch over him or escorted him.

Ramlogun never made any complaint about any ill-treatment to any Police Officer or to the Magistrate when he appeared before Flacq Court on 13 January 2006. He first complained of ill-health at about 20.30 hours on 13 January 2006.

The Court considered that the combination of circumstances upon which the prosecution was relying could not raise more than a suspicion as regards the respondents and would not raise any sufficiently strong or reliable inference of their guilt. The circumstantial evidence not only fell dramatically short of establishing guilt but, on the contrary, it appears to disculpate the respondents.

The Court, however, held that Ramlogun was, beyond dispute, subjected to physical abuse and was killed whilst in police custody. Those responsible remain unpunished. It questions the treatment of detainees, virtually cut off from the outside world, placed in a situation of weakness and vulnerability, and who are left to a considerable extent to the mercy of police or prison officials. The State has a duty to secure and not to violate the right to life and the right to protection from torture and inhuman treatment. The Court considered that Constitutional rights and criminal law provisions would remain purely theoretical and illusory unless an effective law enforcement machinery is put in place, endowed with the appropriate legal and investigative mechanism for the prevention, investigation and punishment of any such violation of human rights.

The Court concluded: “When the State kills one of its citizens in police custody, it constitutes an intolerable violation of the human rights of the individual. But when the State kills with impunity, it rocks the very foundation upon which a democratic state rests i.e the Rule of Law”.

C/Insp Moosooohur
CCID

Humour

Source: internet
The Search and Rescue (SAR) Capability Partnership Programme (SCPP) is a partnership among the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and SAR Agencies in Sri Lanka, Mauritius and the Maldives. The programme assists partner countries to strengthen their national SAR services to enable more effective response to maritime and aviation distress situations in their SAR regions and enhance capability in the area.

The activity commenced with a SAR System Assessment of each country’s SAR capabilities against the requirements of relevant international SAR Conventions and the Global Maritime Distress Safety System. This compared existing capability against the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR) guidelines.

The first SAREX (Search and Rescue Exercise) for Mauritius was a table-top SAR workshop held at the NCG Headquarters on the 26th and 28th January 2016. Mr Cameron Heathwood, a Senior Search and Rescue Officer from the Australian Joint Rescue Coordination Centre was the resource person for the workshop.

The objectives were to:
- Exercise officers and arrangements of the national SAR agencies and organizations by way of a desktop simulation;
- Benchmark current capability to measure improvement in SAR after future exercises;
- Encourage discussion regarding the roles, responsibilities and capabilities of the respective SAR organizations;
- Mutually identify opportunities for improvement and to further inform the SCPP so that future activities can be targeted;
- Build a base on which more comprehensive SAREXs could be developed.

The workshop also comprised representatives from Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping & Outer Island (Shipping Dept); Maritime Air Squadron; Mauritius Radio Service; Civil Aviation Department; National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Centre (NDRRMC).

Forty Senior Police Officers attended a three-day workshop on ‘Human Rights and Policing’ at the Police Research and Development Unit, Police Headquarters. The workshop was conducted by the delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross. It culminated in the award of a certificate of attendance to the participants on 28.01.2016.

Police Inspector Botharrygadoo of the Police Prosecutions Office who attended the workshop said, "International norms pertaining to the fundamental principles on the use of force and firearms, rights of suspects and
**protection to be afforded to the vulnerable in situations of conflict and violence**”. He added that learning about International Humanitarian Law had also enabled participants to get a better insight and a greater respect for life and human dignity. The workshop was very enriching, interactive and gave them some new ideas on the fundamental principles of human rights which they intend to share with their fellow colleagues.

**Workshop for Newly Assigned SPs/ASPs/CIs**

Three one-day workshop for the 20 newly Assigned Superintendents, 27 Assigned Assistant Superintendents and 22 Assigned Chief Inspectors were successfully completed at the Police Training School on 16, 23 and 24 February 2016 respectively.

The workshop tutored the Police Chiefs to be efficient and effective in their new capacity. Through discussions, brainstorming and lectures they identified their roles and expectations, learned how to develop risk management, to manage enquiries and outstanding cases. They have also identified their leadership strengths and areas of improvement on issues pertaining to strategic decision making and bail procedures.

The recently appointed leaders now have a huge opportunity to effect positive change within the organization. They will have to inspire junior Officers to share a common vision and build collaboration, teamwork, and trust. They should also strengthen the subordinates’ abilities to excel.

**Editorial Committee**

**Ship Divers Qualifying Course (04 Jan - 27 Feb 2016)**

PC 2184 Arjoon and PC 4957 Chuttoo of National Coast Guard attended the above course in Kochi, India.

**Securing Institutions and Protecting VIPs (16 Jan - 11 Feb 2016)**

PS 4720 Beeharry and PS 5242 Choony of VIPSU attended the above course in Cairo, Egypt.

**Combatting Terrorism (16 Jan - 11 Feb 2016)**

PS 7447 Louise and PS 7532 Baureek of Special Support Unit attended the above course in Cairo, Egypt.

**Engineer JCO/NCO Foreman Earthmoving Plant Course (18 Jan - 05 Mar 2016)**

PC 5633 Ramsamy of Special Mobile Force attended the above course in Pune, India.

**Shipwright Artificer Apprentice Qualifying Course (22 Feb - 26 Mar 2016)**

PC 6969 Gooradoo of National Coast Guard attended the above course in Vishakapatnam, India.

**SADC Protection of Civilians Course (07 - 18 Mar 2016)**

PC 6903 Nallan of VIPSU attended the above course in Zimbabwe.
TheTonfa(3rdPart)

A Police Officer (right) is performing an arrest by using the long extended part of the Tonfa baton.

The aggressor (left) gets hold of the Tonfa and prevents the Police Officer to perform the arrest.

The Police Officer (right) is now defending his Tonfa and to regain control by applying his left hand on the long extended part of the Tonfa.

The Police Officer (right) moves his right hand in an upward direction and at the same time moving his left hand in a downward direction moving slightly to the right.
The Tonfa (3rd Part) - Contd

The Police Officer forces his right hand in an anti-clockwise direction forcing the aggressor to lose control.

The Police Officer moves to the left side of the aggressor and apply a back control to destabilise the assailant.

The Police Officer has moved completely back of the aggressor and keeps on controlling him by applying the neck control and regain his Tonfa baton.

Demonstration prepared and presented by PC 9527 Jaunbocus and PC 2509 Jhugursing of the SSU PTI TEAM.