

19th September 2024

Right Honourable Sir Keir Rodney Starmer KCB KC.
Prime Minister of United Kingdom
10 Downing street
London
England



Honourable Prime Minister,

Object : Plea for your government not to proceed with any negotiation with the present Mauritian Government pending General Elections.

We the undersigned are the coleaders of an alliance known as 'Linion Moris', an active alliance regrouping six extra-parliamentary parties which is challenging the present corrupt government in the forth coming General Elections. We are informed that your your government is discussing with its Mauritian counterparts to lease the 'Chagos Archipelago' from the Republic of Mauritius with a rental.

We are aware that the United Kingdom has leased the island of Diego Garcia to the United States of America for its exclusive use since 1966. The lease of Diego Garcia island expires in 2036. However as the value of Diego Garcia as a strategic backstop has become more apparent than never since it is right in the middle of the very busy sea lane between the straits of Malacca and the Cape of Good Hope which is now more important with the developments in the Middle East.

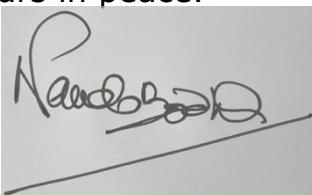
We know that defence was high on the agenda when you met President Biden specially after you withdrew arms export licenses to Israel.

We are humbly urging you Not To Proceed with talks with the present regime which will be ousted soon, and to restart any negotiations after the General Elections.

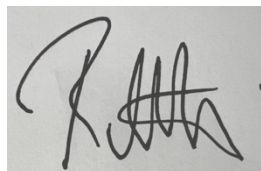
The unintended consequences of any negotiation for a lease in the present volatile circumstances in Mauritius will lead to the perception that the British Government is interfering in the General Elections by bailing the present government. We are comforted in our views that your High Commission has the right information as regards to the abusive situation in Mauritius and when Rule of Law, Democracy and Liberty are flouted.

We hope that the contents of our letter will be taken into condireration.

Thanking you beforehand.
Yours in peace.



Nando Bodha (MP)



Rama Valayden (Former AG)