

# Mauritius: Raping our democracy 'Xplik ou k'?

**By D.F., Port Louis**

As a daily driver, my routine is to switch on the radio every morning on the way to work. For almost 4 years, I have been a faithful of the radio interactive show "Xplik ou K", where citizens of Mauritius call on the radio set to speak out on problems affecting them.

Last year, "Xplik ou K", was so good that at the end of the year, I voted for the duo Anacootee-Bablee, for the personality of the year nominations.

The show helped so many people and the animators Anacootee and Gilbert Bablee were so sincere in their approach that most Mauritians admired them and kept hope they were the saviours of the people who are suffering.

When Deven Anacootee left, Subhashnee Mahadeo paired with Gilbert Bablee to ensure the animation.

Little did anyone know that a bigger plan was being prepared behind the scenes. Many times on the show, the names Leevy

Frivet and Gilles L'entetté were made familiar to the public when matters concerning them were raised.

They were always available, always helpful and the public, in general, gave positive feedback via social media for the work they were doing. Earlier this year, a leaked document mentioned the names L'entetté, Bablee and Frivet as potential candidates for the coming elections. "Xplik ou K" continued and no one took the rumour seriously.

However, things became clear a few days ago when confirmation was given that all four people were going to be candidates under the MSM banner.

This is not something to be taken lightly. I felt betrayed by the choice of Mr Bablee. I felt as a youngster that a plan was made behind our backs to reach to the national assembly. In my opinion, it is a rape of democracy. I maintain my choice of words. Rape.

For four years, you have given the people of Mauritius hope that without politics, an independent radio station can help people by putting pressure on authorities.

For four years, people have looked at you as heroes, you did not do them any favour though, Mrs Mahadeo and Mr Bablee. You are paid as journalists to work on a show which helps people.

I heard Subhashnee Mahadeo speaking at a gathering at Ste Croix claiming she "helped" people.

What are you even saying? Firstly your payroll was ensured at each end of the month, then you left for Planet FM, a much smaller audience, where was your consideration for people suffering then? That said, it is unfair talking as if you were doing social work.

Coming to a more serious argument about raping democracy, let me make you understand this clearly Mr Bablee. Your choice of choosing the party in power makes it clear to everyone. "If you can't beat them, join them". Is this how someone of your calibre and age thinks? What message is this to the youth?

That there is no alternative politics? An influential person like you joins a major party makes youngsters like me wake up without hope of change. What is the future of "Xplik ou K?" Will it be a trampoline now?

Any animator will come and perform and that will, in turn, make him eligible as a potential candidate? In case you are not elected, your potential will go to waste.

The stigma of a fallen politician will be stuck on your back. I wish to tell you that the youth is disappointed. The people you have let down will let you know their feelings on the 7th of November.

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# **Election Mauritius: If MSM-ML wins, what happens to MMM, Labour?**

Mauritius has called for the general elections and the MSM-ML, like any other political parties in the country, has the chance to win.

But what happens if they really win? What will this mean for the Mauritius Militant Movement and for the Labour Party in particular?

The odds are stacked against the MSM-ML, yet the party is confident it will get the most votes and it will return to power.

That will be good for the Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth, but what will it mean for the Mauritian opposition?

The MMM and the PTR, along with the PMSD or Parti Mauricien Social Democrat are in the opposition. It is a rare state of affairs.

In the political tradition of Mauritius, it is either the Labour or the PMSD in power with the MMM as the biggest opposition party.

Or it is the MMM in alliance with the MSM or PTR sharing power.

But the MSM and the Movement Libérateur created history when they found themselves in power without the MMM, PTR or PMSD. These are the traditional political powers in Mauritius for the past 50 years.

## **MSM MORE POWERFUL?**

But the MSM played a bigger role than the MMM in terms of power-sharing and it had its hands in major political upheavals in the country since its creation in 1983.

The elections will prove whether the MSM is a real political powerhouse or is it still the small faction that it has always been?

The MSM rode on communal sentiments in winning the 1983 elections. Together with a weakened and broken Labour Party, it defeated the MMM in 1983 to form its first coalition government.

It subsequently won the 1987 elections in an alliance with the Labour Party. Together with the **Mauritian** Social Democrat

Party, they won 44 of the 70 seats. The seats comprised of the best loser system.

In 1991, Sir Aneerood Jugnauth pulled his second-biggest victory against the Labour Party and the PMSD, beating them by 57-3. It was a shock defeat for Sir Gaetan Duval and for the then political novice Navin Ramgoolam.

Whether we like it or not, since its inception, the MSM had a larger share of power in Mauritius compared to the MMM.

But the underlying secret of the MSM is not that it commands regular political support or that it has a vast support base.

It is a party that has always benefited from the force and the powerbase of either the MMM and or of the PTR. Except for the 2014 elections!

## **Bourer Mam?**

The question in the current scenario is whether the tempo of 'Virer Mam' has lost steam and will reverse its course?

In the last general elections, a number of small parties and

individuals joined the MSM in an alliance with the ML and PMSD. They won the elections hands down, beating the MMM-PTR alliance.

The MMM-PTR together had won a comprehensive 60-0 victory in 1995. They failed to repeat the feat in 2014 because of the nature of their alliance in that year and the debates around the political issues that did not go down well with the public.

The MMM and the Labour Party, people said, wanted to share power in a dangerous manner that risked undermining the country's long democratic history.

If they were right on this, they were wrong on the party they had chosen to replace Navin Ramgoolam as Prime Minister.

Because since 2014, the MSM-ML ruled the country in the most unprofessional manner, gaining the title of 'comedy of errors' with its [haphazard](#) and topsy-turvy policies.

From the viral 'Virer Mam', which means 'change' the MSM-ML may be faced with new slogans like 'Bourer Mam' or 'run' to save their dignity.

## **MMM- PTR?**

Hence, what is left for the MMM and the PTR in 2019? This is the elections that these two political parties should dread

the most.

If 2014 was a fluke, then 2019 should be a good year for them. But in the event the voters decide to gratify Pravind Jugnauth and his team of rag-tags and tongue wabbling or 'racist' mongers in its ranks, then it will be trouble for the two opposition parties.

Not only it will guarantee them another five horrendous and humiliating years in the opposition, together as they have been since 2014. It will also mean they need to relook at their political future.

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# **China's renminbi in the age of digital capitalism**

From the perspective of the history of currency and global economic development, the ideas and suggestions for promoting the Chinese economic development through the internationalization of the Chinese yuan, or renminbi (RMB) are not unusual.

The entry of international capital and the expansion of international trade will promote the RMB globally from the demand side, hence deepening the extent to which the RMB will be internationalized. This process is conducive to the opening-up of China's capital market and the adjustment of its long-term economic structure.

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However, the view of ANBOUND researchers is that, under the circumstances that the global economy is undergoing, which is profound changes taking place and the trend of anti-globalization constantly evolving, the internationalization of the RMB should consider the aspects of development and competition of both geo-economic and geo-currency.

Under the current international environment, the developmental ideas and focus of RMB internationalization need to be re-examined.

In terms of global economic and financial development trends, RMB internationalization, like China's foreign trade and foreign investment, will encounter great geographical resistance.

## **Geo-dominance**

ANBOUND's chief researcher Mr Chen Gong pointed out that in the gradual decline of globalization represented by liberalism, the economic and social development of various countries has become more characterized by geopolitical development than anything else. This is true for all issues involving geo-space, and there is competition for spatial advantages.

The market as an integral part of space and must be constrained by this. The Crisis Triangle of "urbanization-capital surplus-economic crisis" will then manifest its effect. Therefore, modern geopolitics is actually geo-capitalism, one with strong monetary and financial motives hidden behind.

In this context, even if there is a new power in the world, such as the rise of the RMB as a new geo-currency, the right to change the order and rules in the international financial arena will still be based on geo-dominance instead of moral space.

This also means that the trading rules and methods of the original international financial market will be changed. Looking from this angle, the problems faced by Huawei today, as well as the more complicated financial troubles and problems that may arise against China in the future, are by no means accidental.

The same is true of the suppression and widespread interference on and against the Belt and Road Initiative. In fact, the recent turmoil in Hong Kong, representing the largest offshore market in the RMB, has also reflected that the existing geopolitical pattern is changing. Hence, the RMB internationalization requires more independent development, rather than relying on the existing path under the rules of the U.S. dollar system.

With the gradual decline of the super-sovereign currency represented by the U.S. dollar and the rise of the geo-currencies represented by the "post-gold standard", the geopolitical trend of sovereign currency has become increasingly

significant. Under such circumstances, the development process of RMB internationalization will also be closely tied to China's geopolitical environment. This means that regions covered in China's Belt and Road Initiative will be the main area of focus for the future internationalization of the RMB.

## Re-easing

The current dominant international trade and capital are mainly from developed countries in Europe, the United States and Japan. It is foreseeable that the major international currencies from these regions, as well as the RMB will see more competitive and cooperative relations in the future. The incremental space of the RMB in overseas markets need to be taken from the markets of the countries covered in the Belt and Road initiative.

With the "re-easing" of global currencies, the easing policies of central banks around the world have increasingly shown the "currency cold war" trend. This signifies that various financial markets will build monetary high walls to prevent capital from impacting their respective domestic financial markets and economy. Although the opening-up of China's capital market will attract

the inflow of international capital, more capital will tend to opt for currencies with lesser risks.

Fluctuations in the RMB exchange rate in the offshore market have already reflected this trend. Although the People's Bank of China can intervene in the offshore market in Hong Kong through cooperation with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, it is hard to imagine that it can establish such close cooperation with other offshore markets like London and New York to "control" the offshore RMB market.

This "currency war" tends to make the RMB face competition between financial markets represented by major geopolitical currencies. Then, with the intensification of the long-term uncertainty of U.S.-China trade frictions, the flow of capital will bring even more negative impact to the Chinese market, which is not something that China can change even if it increases its opening-up.

Therefore, the direction of the RMB internationalization needs to take root in the Belt and Road regions more deeply affected by China's geography, in order to form the long-term influence of the RMB.

In addition, in the case of the rapid development

of the digital economy, the market space of digital currency as a new geo-currency is also a possible direction for the internationalization and development of the RMB. As ANBOUND has emphasized in the past, digital currency is actually an external form of geo-currency (from gold coins to paper money to digital currency), which functions to compete with the sovereign currencies of central banks. This reflects the geo-capital influence behind the digital currency.

The rise of digital currencies is, in fact, a trend in the post-gold standard era. In this new geospatial arena, the RMB and existing sovereign digital currencies are placed at the same starting line and both face competition from multinational corporations as well as new payment giants. Under this circumstance, the development of an RMB-based digital currency will also create new space for the internationalization of the RMB.

## **Geo-capitalism**

The promotion of the RMB internationalization will be beneficial to the healthy development of the

## **Chinese economy and finance.**

However, in the case where changes are occurring in the international environment, it is necessary for China to consider from the perspective of the development of geo-capitalism and promote the RMB internationalization on the bases of the developmental law of geo-currency.

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## **Opinion: Mauritius elections and a Dulloo-Joanna tandem?**

In the run-up to the elections which may be called sooner than later, the MMM is still finalising its electoral strategy. But it is time for the party to make the right tactical move to have a chance to imbalance its opponents.

The Labour Party was running away with a 60-0 call after its May 1st rally, but things have changed since then. The MMM is back on track and if it does the right thing, it will succeed and do better than the last elections in 2014.

In case the MMM has to push Madan Dulloo at the forefront, just like it did in 1976 when it propelled [Sir Aneerood Jugnauth](#) as the Prime Minister candidate, then it has to adopt a slightly different formula than 1976.

In this case, putting Dulloo upfront and as the next Prime Minister will give it a fair chance at the polls.



*Dulloo could be the man who brings sufficient votes for the party in the villages where it will fight against the Labour and the MSM for votes –*  
Picture Credit: [5Plus](#)

Dulloo is still a force to reckon with in the villages, particularly among the small planters.

We saw the massive crowd at the recent small planters meet with the politicians. MMM leader Paul Berenger got a warm welcome while the Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth made the right decision to be absent from the event.

There have been questions whether Dulloo can make a comeback and if he can pull the weight against the Labour Party and the MSM in the villages.

Our source says with the government missing the train and

abandoning the group of small planters, it will not get a walk-over in the villages.

But this does not mean the Labour Party will have a free playing field. Unless the MMM decides not to field Dulloo, then it is a different story.

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The group of small farmers forms a large political potential for any political party that has the right man and the right policies.

This is where Dulloo is expected to play an important role in the MMM.

In this scenario, the MMM will have to put a solid Front Bench for the voters to make their mind.

It should have the following:

Paul Berenger as Mentor Minister, Madan Dulloo as Prime Minister, Reza Uteem but instead of Veda Baloomoody, they should have another person in the top list.



*Joanna Berenger could be the woman who will lead the new generation of Mauritius to the MMM in the next General Elections*

If Berenger calls it a day and accepts the role as Mentor

Minister, Madan Dulloo will have the honour to catapult [Joanna Berenger](#) in the forefront.

### **Why Joanna Berenger, the daughter of Paul Berenger?**

There is no disputing the lady has made her mark in the party and won a seat in the Central Committee finishing 5th and dislodging some top guns in the process. It was not a fluke result.

But it will be fair to give Paul Berenger the full recognition for his services to the party, the country and the workers of the country.

The best way will be to have Joanna Berenger in the Front Bench. It will give a chance to a woman to make her mark, once again, in the party's higher echelons.

The young Berenger speaks the language of the youth of the country, she is a savvy youngster who will link the party to the younger (Facebook) generation.

She is active on Facebook, has shown her capacity indeed. And after the departure of some young elements from the party, it increases her chances of becoming more noticeable.

The MMM and the writer here do not believe in 'dynasties' in

politics, but Mauritius already has a few dynasts who have done badly.

It is time we consider giving a chance to the Berenger family, not in the name of creating a dynasty but for the sake of bringing in more people with integrity into the august Parliament.

In 2018, Dulloo won an honest 10th place in the CC's elections, which saw Berenger clinching the top post.

It also saw Berenger's daughter landing a top 5 position. She is expected to be given a chance to join the Political Bureau of the MMM in the future.

Dulloo was instrumental in the transformation of the agricultural sector in Mauritius.

He was eventually revoked by Sir Aneerood Jugnauth after he refused to sign off on a deal.

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# MMM may recreate the 1976 success formula

In an article dated 26, 06, 2018, we said the MMM can still go back to winning ways if it was to adopt the same strategy it did in 1976.

It was the second-best performance ever the MMM had recorded in that year, almost dislodging the Labour Party government from power.

Currently, the MMM is still struggling to find a winning formula to face the next General Elections, alone [\(We said that in 2018\)](#).

Now, the MMM is confirming it is going to contest the next GE alone. Good for the party as it goes back to its original principles.

We also said it is re-looking at the 1976 attempt to take power, working on a formula that might give it an edge.

In 1976, the MMM had Sir Aneerood Jugnauth as

President and Paul Raymond Berenger as the Secretary-General.

SAJ was the candidate for Prime Minister and the formula was a success to the point the party became the biggest political formation in the country.

The MMM did fairly well winning the elections. But a sudden post-election alliance between the Labour Party and the PMSD outplayed it.

This time around, the MMM might just repeat the same performance.

But it has to adopt a formula that is acceptable to most voters.

## **FRONT BENCH**

The party needs to consolidate its Front Bench in the current scenario.

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Last year, there was a strong current suggesting the MMM should have firebrand and long-time MMM figure Madan Dullo as main candidate.

However, we believe the Front Bench should be as follows: Paul Berenger, Madan Dullo, Reza Uteem and Veda Baloomoody.

A source told us the MMM will have a solid fighting chance in this scenario.

“It might just be able to repeat the unexpected,” said the source.

A year ago, the MMM was struggling. After 2014, the party was at its lowest in terms of popular support.

But things have changed and with elections drums beating, the voters are regaining trust in the party.

They see the MMM as the only non-corrupt party where the corrupt leaders quit to join other parties.

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# General Elections: Why the MMM is the key to power?

▪ By DF, Port Louis, Mauritius

Recent resignations from the MMM of 5 members sent a shockwave of sympathy towards the party of Paul Berenger throughout the population.

Many observers concluded this is due to politicians swapping sides for the sole purpose of being in power.

Soon after the resignations, videos of the resigned members flooded social media where they can be heard showering Paul Berenger with praise.

The reasons they put forward were far fetched but again the fact they switched allegiance as soon after they left Berenger and they started praising Pravin Jugnauth lends credit to the theory of greed.

The reaction of the Mauritians has however been interesting to

interpret.

In view of the coming elections, the situation seems more and more complicated and the different parties seem to be doomed for a one-on-one battle on the political field.

If the statements of NCR is analyzed, “politique de rupture” seems to be a slogan that will be put forward and applied in the Labour’s campaign.

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In 2005, Ramgoolam assembled many small parties to form the “Alliance sociale” but in 2019, he is more daring and looks to be focusing only on 60 PTR candidates.

The maths is simple for NCR, logically why should he accommodate a party and then run the risk of becoming a hostage of that party in the event the election results are tight? NCR being a fine politician has already looked far ahead.

## **Remake of 2008**

The strategy of the PTR will be similar to the 2008 regional elections towards the MMM. In constituencies 17,19,20 and 14, the PTR is likely to advise their activists to favour MMM members. With 12 elected members, the MMM would be the perfect ally for the PTR post-election.

Ramgoolam knows that Berenger being a man of honour will repay his help by agreeing to form the next government.

The PTR is likely to get 40 members elected alone. Should this number be less, the PTR will ally to the MMM after the elections.

However, many observers find it difficult that the MSM will elect more than 8 members.

The same observers should be reminded that the Mighty PTR of 2014 has today only 5 Mps in parliament. Vox populi. Vox Dei.

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# Mauritius: The breaking-up of the MMM-PSM 60-0 government!

36 years ago to date, the country lived through a historical moment that changed the country for good.

Now the MMM is celebrating its 50th anniversary. We republish this article for the readers to have a better picture of the MMM and our country's recent political history.

March 1983: The MMM, headed by Paul Berenger, left the coalition government.

That was nine months after seizing power in June 1982.

On 11th June, the MMM-PSM trashing of the Labour Party with a 60-0 victory became a major political landmark.

But the [March 1983](#) resignation of Berenger, followed by 10 ministers, resulted in the party breaking-up into two.

The faction headed by Sir Aneerood Jugnauth (SAJ) became the MSM.

That also signalled the end of an uneasy MMM-PSM coalition.

Jugnauth remained Prime Minister with the support of the PSM of Harish Boodhoo.

Berenger was forced, through a twist of events, to regain his role as a powerful opposition leader.

We recount some of the intricate details of the events that led to the breaking up of the MMM-PSM coalition.

With history on our side, we can say today that Berenger had launched a reckless bet in 1983.

But it was one that was based more on political conviction than on the reality in the villages in particular.



Paul Berenger, the leader of the MMM. Picture Credit: [Theindependent.co.zw](http://Theindependent.co.zw)

## Party's principles

Nevertheless, it is the same political conviction that brought the MMM to power in 1982, that guided Berenger.

The militant party left the government in a move to salvage its political convictions.

The result was the MMM ending up in the opposition for years.

With this move, Berenger may have actually been the architect of greater changes in the country.

He may also have salvaged the nation from a massive backlash and the potential of communal rife.

Certainly the latter with Harish Boodhoo's speech denouncing the move to oust the PSM from power in October 1982.

The speech reverberated across the villages, putting Berenger's attempt to break the coalition into jeopardy.

As far as WFTV can recall – the second break-up of the 60-0 regime was swift, painful and acrimonious.

It did not reflect the great comradeship that existed within the MMM.

As a result, the landmarks of the break-up will remain part of the new political culture in the country.

Since then, Mauritian politics is rigged with incompetence at times and the rise of questionable political leadership.

Fed up with the wranglings within the government, Berenger started to hit at the weak points of the MMM-PSM regime.

# Berenger's dedication

His target was the perceived incapacity of some officials and ministers.

Meanwhile, his dedication to the government was seen as a threat to others.

The MMM leader, a workaholic, would only leave the Government house late in the evenings.

The Prime Minister, SAJ and his team would head home after 4 pm.

Perhaps some were busy with the soap operas on national television and had to head home earlier.

But Berenger's commitment to the political cause of the 60-0 victors became a real threat.

Others within the MMM itself pitched against him.

The actors of the shenanigans were hot on the heels of Aneerood Jugnauth. The PSM was seen as facilitators of the running against Berenger's.

They wanted to curb on Berenger's powers, which were beyond

that of the Ministry of Finance.

Any conflicts within the young coalition would have one result: The PSM would support SAJ, instead of Berenger.

With this at-all-cost attitude from Boodhoo, Berenger's chances of cleaning up the mess by others were null.

This led to Berenger and SAJ clashing.

Then came the issue of the PSM remaining in the coalition after Berenger's first resignation on Oct 1982.

It took the hard work of a young lawyer amongst others to patch the government together in 1982.

Refusing a post of deputy-Prime Minister, Lawyer and MMM diehard Madun Dulloo worked the ropes.

SAJ insisted that he will only lead an MMM government (without the PSM) if Dulloo was his deputy.

This was to replace Berenger after a disgruntled Jugnauth refused to continue working with the latter.

Many among the MMM ministers had complained to SAJ about Berenger's perceived harassment and interference in their ministries.

At one point, Ramduth Jadoo was to be the MMM's DPM. But SAJ was against it at first.

It is through much negotiations that Jadoo's name was officially on the list as new DPM of an entirely MMM government,

Berenger would return to his post as Minister but only after SAJ reconciled with him through the intermediaries of Dulloo and others.

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## **Bio-XCell or how you burn Rm470m of public money**



Malaysian Bio-XCell Sdn Bhd (Bio-XCell) has gone into receivership exposing over 80 acres of land

within the Southern Industrial and Logistics Clusters (SILC) in Iskandar Puteri, Johor which will be put up for sale to recover money owed to investors.

*The news of the company going into receivership is a shock to industry players and stakeholders in both the bio-industry and the energy sector.*

Bio-XCell's demise started well before the change of regime in Malaysia and there are questions whether the Pakatan Harapan in power since May 2018 has pushed the entity to an abrupt downfall?

Inside sources tells of the decay at the company started with the appointment of new leaders at the Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation Sdn Bhd. Bio-XCELL falls under Bioeconomy and was a money making entity in the stable of companies owned by Bioeconomy.

But a leadership change during ex-PM Najib Razak's last year in power in 2017 shifted the game, the source says, and this was the start of the demise of this once high flying entity.

Bio-XCell runs a biotechnology park which is touted as Malaysia's premier biotechnology park. It is a 60:40 joint venture formed in 2009 between

Malaysian Bioeconomy Development Corporation (the Government Agency in charge of developing the Biotechnology industry and Bioeconomy in Malaysia) and property developer UEM Sunrise Bhd.

Bio-XCell Malaysia was established as a result of a stimulus to accelerate commercialisation of Biotechnology in the National Biotech Policy. The company was at the centre of a multi-billion dollar foreign direct investment programme and contributed to the success of the bio-industry in the country.

“But that was before but since then, the company’s direction changed resulting in a bankrupt organisation that has to go into receivership. It is a sad end to a success story,” says the source.

The government injected RM470 million in Bio-XCell which is now wasted, the source says, adding that it was surprising to see the rapidity with which the lenders went for the receivership.

*“With the assets the company has, it would have been easy for it to avert receivership but nothing was done to prevent this tragedy,” the source says.*

Bio-XCell spreads across a 160 acre park available to bio-manufacturing and bio-industrial companies and was created to enhance the biotechnology industry in Malaysia.

Its long term goal was to enable a an ecosystem with the aim to expedite the growth of the biotechnology industry in the country, namely in Healthcare and Industrial Biotechnology as well as to focus on FDI promotion and implementation of industrial projects and large scale bio-based manufacturing in Malaysia.

Representations were made to the Ministry of Finance to allow a listed company to get a contract to restructure Bio-XCell's Central Utilities Facility (CUF) but this was turned down.

At this stage, the source says, MOF imposed some conditions on Bio-XCell's request for additional funding and attached with these instructions was the award of the CUF contract to a little known entity, UAT Energy (<https://uatenergy.wordpress.com/>).

The source says the MOF this year interfered with the board's decision to press for the non-listed entity with no experience in the business to be awarded the contract.

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# Why not call for PKR emergency meeting?

The PKR should call for an emergency meeting, with Minister of Economic Affairs Azmin Ali and the entire leadership of the party to discuss the latest revolt in party and the video implicating the party's deputy president.

This is what people who are outside the party's leadership and outside the party apparatus feels.

WFTV spoke to several individuals who believe in the party's struggle for reform.

Their thought is the party president who is under attack from all quarters and from Azmin Ali himself should call for the emergency meeting.

They say they know for a fact that Azmin has avoided all party meetings and is sitting in his office or joining Parliament sessions in the hope the issue dies out.

*But they also say a decision by the party's leadership is needed.*

PKR was founded on the basis of fighting for the truth contrary to what some party leaders are saying lately.

In other words, the party must face the facts. It has to be made clear within the party the video exists.

If the video exist, then an illicit same-sex act took place. If it took place and one PKR member confessed he is in the video (Haziq Aziz), and based on Azmin's statement that << PKR is behind the release of the videos >> the party has to go down the matter and find the truth.

Azmin's statement that PKR is behind it means he is well aware that the video exists.

Police did not determine if he is involved in the act, but people on the streets know who it is. This will hurt the party's image even more than the scandal itself, that is if the party decides to protect Azmin and avoid a party meeting with Azmin sitting together to discuss the truth about it.

The voters are people who wants the truth, not the conspiracy theories.

For what we know so far, this matter will definitely go to the AG since there is a police investigation that has proven the video is authentic.

The ball will soon be on Tommy Thomas court and he will have to bear the burden of deciding if there will be a court case that will follow suit.

If there is a court case, Azmin will have to be called up and the videos will be used as evidence.

*Once again, will PKR prove that its reformasi slogans are empty ones?*

How is it possible that a minister is still in office if a case is in court and he is a witness?

The fact of the matter the party has to decide whether Azmin must be relieved of all his duties and functions.

“There’s no 2 ways about it,” many are saying.

If Keadilan wants the rule of Law, “NOBODY IS ABOVE THE LAW!” says Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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## **Trump destroys Iran drone in a fiery display of US power**

In a dazzling display of force, the American military squared off against the Iranians, shooting a drone that was acting provocatively.

Yesterday, the US Navy says it destroyed << provocative and hostile >> Iranian drone that flew within 1,000 yards of an American warship ship.

The military says it ignored warnings to retreat – as President Donald Trump claims it threatened the ship's crew.

While it did not say if the crew were scrambling to find shelter, the report says the USS Boxer was travelling through the Strait of Hormuz when an Iranian drone closed on its position in international waters.

*U.S. Navy communicated warnings and then brought the drone down after it came within 1,000 yards, says Daily Mail UK.*

For US President Trump it was a << provocative and hostile >> act.

But the sharpshooters of the American army immediately destroyed the Iranian intruder, employing electronic signal-jamming.

Iran and the US are on their toes in the Gulf of Hormuz but Iran has the advantage in that area because it is mostly in its territorial waters.

The Americans can only act in international waters.

The US says it is very concerned about Iran's dare to use commercial drones in its maritime surveillance.

Iran says it is protecting its waters and monitoring the offensive launched by the Americans in the international waters against Iranian interests.

The attack against the Iranian drone comes after Iran destroyed an American drone in the seas last month.

The American actions could also be linked to the seizure of a "foreign tanker" and its 12 crew by Iran on Sunday for smuggling fuel in the Gulf.

Iran's state media published footage of Iranian speedboats circling around the Panamanian-flagged Riah tanker, which may have triggered the need for the US to respond against Iran.