

ANNOUCEMENTS

OBITUARY - MR RAJMAN RAMPERSAD

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, it is with deep regret that we have learnt of the demise of Mr Rajman Rampersad on 19 December 2010 at the age of 68.

Mr Rampersad was born on 01 September 1942 at Laventure. He attended the Laventure Hindu Aided School for primary education and pursued his secondary education at Bhujoharry College.

Mr Rampersad was a sugar cane planter. He occupied the post of the Secretary of the Laventure Cooperative Credit Society. He also worked at the British American Insurance until his retirement.

He was also a member of the Laventure Village Council and also occupied the post of Chairperson of the Moka/Flacq District Council.

During his lifetime, Mr Rajman Rampersad also served various socio-cultural organisations.

In 1995, Mr Rampersad stood as a candidate for the General Election and was returned as the Third Member for Constituency No. 7 - Piton and Rivière du Rempart. From July 1997 to August 2000, Mr Rajman Rampersad occupied the post of Junior Minister for Urban and Rural Development.

May I, therefore, request you, Mr Speaker, Sir, to be kind enough to direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to convey the condolences of Government and of this Assembly to the bereaved family.

Mr Bérenger: Mr Speaker, Sir, we join with the Prime Minister and we request you to convey our condolences to the family of late Mr Rampersad.

Mr Speaker: I associate myself with the tribute paid to the late Mr Rajman Rampersad by Dr the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Leader of the Opposition and I direct the Clerk to convey to the bereaved family the assurance of our sincere condolences.

OBITUARY - MR SHUSHI BHUSHUN PANRAY RAMDAHEN

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, it is with deep regret that we have also learnt of the demise of Mr Shushi Bhushun Panray Ramdahen on 08 March 2011 at the age 66 in England.

Mr Ramdahen was born on 22 April 1944 at Quartier Militaire. He graduated in Economics and became Education Officer.

Mr Ramdahen joined politics in the 1980s. He stood as a candidate for the general election of 1982 under the banner of the MMM/PSM Alliance in Constituency No. 20 - Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière and was returned as a Second Member for the said Constituency.

From 01 December 1983 to 16 October 1987, Mr Ramdahen was Ambassador in Pakistan.

After his retirement, he resumed studies and obtained a M.A. first class degree in French and later a B.A. in Journalism followed by an LLB in 1997. He continued to write on various subjects of interest.

Mr Speaker, Sir, may I request you to be kind enough to direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to convey the condolences of Government and of this Assembly to the bereaved family.

Mr Bérenger: Mr Speaker, Sir, we would request you to convey our condolences to the family of late Mr Ramdahen.

Mr Speaker: I associate myself with the tribute paid to the late Mr Shushi Bhushun Panray Ramdahen by Dr. the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Leader of the Opposition and I direct the Clerk to convey to the bereaved family the assurance of our sincere condolences.

OBITUARY - MR KRISHNADUTH BHORRA

The Prime Minister: Mr Speaker, Sir, it is also with deep regret that we have learnt of the demise of Mr Krishnaduth Bhorra on 14 March 2011 at the age of 61 in Switzerland. In fact, the Bhorra family has unfortunately suffered a double tragedy with Mr Bhorra's wife passing away one week earlier while with him in Switzerland.

Mr Bhorra was born on 19 August 1949 at Terracine, Surinam. He was a teacher at the Thanacoody College during the 70's.

In 1976, Mr Bhorra stood as a candidate for the general election under the banner of the *Mouvement Militant Mauricien* in Constituency No. 11 - Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle, but was not returned.

In 1982, he stood for the general election under the banner of the *Parti de L'Alliance Nationale* in Constituency No. 11 and was not returned.

In 1983, Mr Bhorra joined the *Mouvement Socialiste Mauricien* and participated in the general election under the banner of the MSM and the Mauritius Labour Party Alliance in Constituency No. 15 together with the PMSD at La Caverne and Phoenix, but was not returned.

He was nominated to serve as President of the Administrative Board of the National Transport Corporation, post which he occupied until 1987. He ran for the general election in the same year under the banner of the *Bleu-Blanc-Rouge Alliance* in the Constituency No. 12 – Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien and was returned as Second Member for the said Constituency. He was subsequently appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary.

Mr Bhorra also occupied the post of Chief Editor of the Newspaper L’Echo.

In 2005, Mr Bhorra joined the *Parti Action Libérale* and became the Secretary General.

Lately, he served as Chief Executive Officer of the New Security Guards Ltd.

May I, therefore, Mr Speaker, Sir, request you once again to be kind enough to direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to convey the condolences of Government and of this Assembly to the bereaved family.

Mr Bérenger: Once again, Mr Speaker, Sir, please convey our condolences to the bereaved family and especially to the children of late Mr Bhorra.

Mr Speaker: I associate myself with the tribute paid to the late Mr Krishnaduth Bhorra by Dr. the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Leader of the Opposition and I direct the Clerk to convey to the bereaved family, especially the children, the assurance of our sincere condolences.