

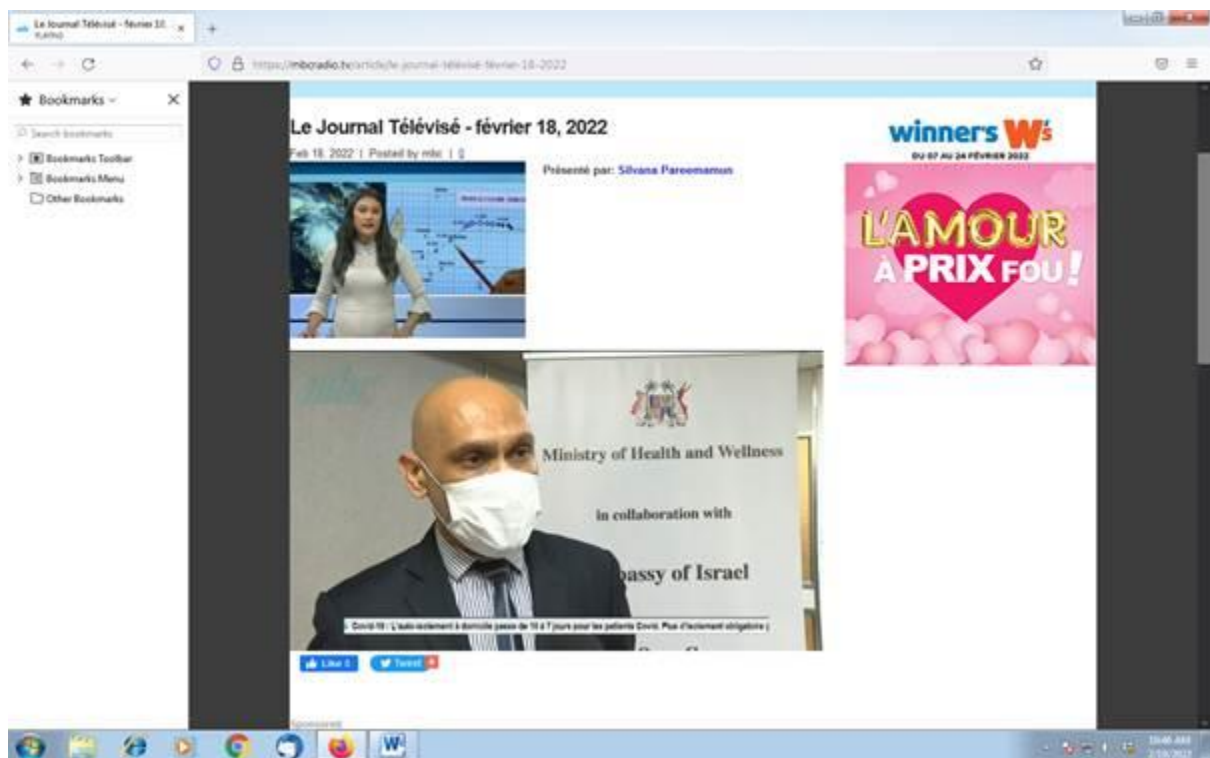
TO: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Alan Ganoo

and Minister of Health, Hon. Kailesh Jagutpal.

Date: 19 February, 2022.

Dear Sir,

LALIT calls by this open letter for clarification about the photograph below. It is a Screen Shot from the MBC News yesterday, 18 February, and seems to show a banner showing a Mauritian Ministry, the Ministry of Health and Wellness, as well as the Minister himself, together with an “Embassy of Israel” of some sort doing a joint event. Is this Government policy? The Israeli Embassy on the poster behind the Minister, from which country is it?



We have recently had clarification from Mr. Ganoo that the Mauritian Government opposes the observer status that has by stealth of some sort been granted apparently to Israel by the African Union, of which the Republic of Mauritius is a member. Now, the Israeli State seems to be inside the Republic of Mauritius.

Clarification in public on this official “joint event” with what looks suspiciously like the “Embassy of Israel”, would be most helpful, as well as a letter to us from each Ministry to explain.

As you know, Israel, as well as illegally occupying Palestine – the West Bank as well as East Jerusalem – and enclosing the entirety of Gaza in an illegal state of seige, has illegally annexed part of Syria – the Golan Heights – and continues to threaten Iran and the entire Middle East with its well-known, though illegal, nuclear arsenal. Israel has recently been

declared an “Apartheid State” – only the second one ever so declared – by detailed reports, to which we can now refer, prepared both Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, and even by the Israeli rights organization B’Tselem. Mauritius should thus be part of the ongoing world-wide BDS -- Boycott, Disinvestment, Sanctions -- campaign, instead of embarking on joint events with this Apartheid State.

Please let us know if this letter has been received and that the screen-shot, too, has arrived at its destination.

Yours sincerely,

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