

## Air Mauritius on list of world's worst airlines

The national airline has the questionable honour of appearing on a list of the world's 10 worst airlines. In a ranking of 72 airlines, Air Mauritius grabbed the 68th spot – which makes it the fifth worst air travel option in the world if the list is to be believed. The list was compiled by AirHelp, a company that helps passengers with compensation claims for delayed, cancelled or overbooked flights.

The world's best airlines are Qatar Airways, Lufthansa, Etihad Airways, Singapore Airlines and South African Airways, according to the list which is based on a study by AirHelp. Austrian Airlines, Aegean Airlines, Qantas, Air Malta and Virgin Atlantic also figure in the top 10. Emirates, on the other hand, was ranked 16.

The worst airline in the world



is Wow Air, an Icelandic low-cost carrier. EasyJet, Pakistan International Airlines and Royal Jordanian Airlines are the only other airlines that are ranked as worst options than Air Mauritius.

The study also ranked airports. Hamad International in Qatar, Athens International and Tokyo Haneda were ranked as the top three. Kuwait International, London Stansted and Lyon received low rankings, as did Eindhoven Airport (Holland), Bordeaux Merignac Airport and Edinburgh Airport. The SSR

International Airport was not among the airports that were surveyed.

The news did not go down well with all airports or airlines. "Another year and yet more bogus findings which serve to do nothing more than generate PR for a compensation firm – it's factually inaccurate and uses a convoluted formula which doesn't hold up to scrutiny," a spokesperson for Edinburgh Airport told British journalists. "As with their previous PR initiatives, this latest survey from AirHelp is purely a self-serving exercise based on very little or no substantive evidence and designed to promote a company seeking to take a share of flight compensation claims," a spokesperson for London Stansted said. ■

## PMSD to lodge complaint at CCID today against common front for stirring up racial hatred



Representatives of the opposition *Parti Mauricien Social Démocrate* (PMSD) will be going to the Central Criminal Investigation Division (CCID) on Thursday morning to lodge a formal complaint against the All Hindu Force Common Front, alleging that the grouping of some socio-cultural organisations is attempting to stir up racial hatred.

"The criminal complaint will be lodged against each and every organisation that makes up the front and that appeared on the MBC," explains PMSD member Kushal Lobine to Weekly. The opposition party will be maintaining that the front and its members contravened section 282 of the criminal code which carries maximum penalty of a Rs25,000 fine and a prison term of 10 years.

On 31 May, representatives of the Human Services Trust, the Vaish Common Front and the Hindu Ekta Sang, which made up the common front, held a press conference which was televised nationally on the news bulletin of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation. In it, representatives of the front criticised the "non-Hindu" leader of the opposition and PMSD leader, Xavier-Luc Duval, for having objected to the government's attempt to nominate Shamila Sonah-Ori to the Electoral Supervisory Commission and the Electoral Boundaries Commission and calling for him to apologise to her. ■

## Evaco launches new hotel concept

Evaco launched its new property development project on Thursday. Named Secret, the project consists of high-end villas in Grand Bay aimed at tenants with a high purchasing power.

Secret is not designed as a classic residential villa. Instead, the project is conceived as a five-star hotel resort where landlords will be able to rent their villa to visitors through Evaco's subsidiary, Evaco Holidays.

Built over 115m<sup>2</sup>, each villa consists of a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, a BBQ area, a bedroom and a dressing, a walk-in shower and a jacuzzi, a heated outdoor pool and a sauna. Noble materials like wood, mother-of-pearl and marble have been used to make the villas resolutely modern, luxurious and comfortable.

The villas comprise features which can be controlled from a



View of a Secret villa.

distance using a tablet. They make wide use of domotics, also known as home automation, to give a comfortable and pleasant stay to residents. The tablet allows the control of the lighting, the air conditioning and the opening and closing of the sliding see-through roof, all in one place. The roof also consists of an automatic system which detects rain and automatically shuts the door. The sliding roof allows you to enjoy the private pool and the terrace

all year round and in all weather conditions.

Secret also offers a concierge system where guests are able to order and have food delivered, book outings, and settle bills without having to move or make phone calls. For Arnaud Mayer, chief executive officer of Evaco Group, Secret marks the beginning of a revolutionary hotel concept which will now be developed worldwide by Evaco". ■