

## COMMUNIQUE

On 02 November 2019, the Chairman of the Electoral Supervisory Commission received a complaint from Mr Ravi Yerrigadoo, Counsel acting for and on behalf of *L'Alliance Morisien* to the following effect:-

- (i) *“There is a video footage circulating on social media and on the internet wherein one can see some persons destroying the posters, buntings, banners and other election material belonging to L 'Alliance Morisien. We are producing a copy of the said video footage on the enclosed pendrive;*
- (ii) *In the said video footage one can see a person resembling Mr Juman Mohamed Eshan and one can hear a voice which resembles may be that of Mr Mohamed Shakeel. Messrs Juman and Mohamed are candidates in Constituency No. 3 Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East for L'Alliance Nationale, the opponent of L 'Alliance Morisien;*
- (iii) *We believe that there has been a breach of Article 3 - II Duties of Participants paragraph 3.3(e) and (f), respectively.”*

On even date, the Commission, by way of a letter, sought the explanations of Messrs Juman Mohamed Eshan and Shakeel Mohamed.

By e-mail dated 03 November 2019, Mr Shakeel Mohamed on his behalf and that of Mr Eshan Juman noted that no accusation had been levelled against them for having breached the Code of Conduct for the National Assembly Elections 2019 and the complaint disclosed no wrongdoing by himself and Mr Eshan Juman. However, Mr. Shakeel Mohamed accepted that both himself and Mr Eshan Juman were present at Rue Pont Rouge on 01 November 2019 after Friday prayers' following the request of a group of inhabitants who in their presence, proceeded to remove the banners and buntings of the MSM which they had themselves placed a few days earlier. He went on to explain that he advised them not to throw the banners and buntings into the canal and instead to return them to the MSM Headquarters' at Sun Trust Building.

On 04 November 2019, the Commission forwarded to Mr Yerrigadoo, a copy of the explanations' letter of Messrs Mohamed and Juman and invited him to expatiate further on the complaint in the light of the explanations given.

Electoral Supervisory Commission  
Port Louis  
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