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LDS CONDEMNS TRAFFICKING IN STATE ASSETS BY RULING PARTY

LDS totally condemns the sale by Parti Lepep to the Seychelles Trading Company (STC) of the site of the building materials depot for SR17 million, confirmed in the National Assembly today.

This action must be considered by all Seychellois as outright theft of the property of the state by the party which has been in power for the last 41 years. It is all the more shameful because it was done immediately after criticism in the National Assembly of the rent of the property to STC for the monthly sum of R800,000. Members of the National Assembly have frequently pointed to the exorbitant sum as part of the cause for the high cost of commodities from the state owned trading company.

The action shows that Parti Lepep is intent on extracting as much benefit as possible from its position of power, at the detriment of the people of Seychelles. In addition, the sale shows that the STC itself is still being used by Parti Lepep for its own gain, despite the mandate of the company as an independent commercial enterprise.

LDS condemns the failure on the part of President Danny Faure to stop the sale of this property which was obtained improperly in the first place. Mr. Faure has had ample warning against this, and has chosen to ignore the deceit. The history of the property going back to its acquisition by the Island Construction Company, of which Mr. Faure was a director, is testimony to the long practice of trafficking in state assets by the political party and its leaders.

LDS reiterates the call for a stop to all sales of property taken from the State by Parti Lepep.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Roger Mancienne'.

Roger Mancienne
Chairman

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