

Snapshot	Currency	Closing/ Ref Price	% Change
Equities			
BODCO	SCR	24	-
SACOS	SCR	100	-13.04
SCRF	ZAR	109	-
SHI	USD	1	-
SBL	SCR	70.00	-
FX (Bank rate – notes)			
SCR/USD		13.85	-0.43
SCR/EUR		16.38	-1.36
SCR/GBP		18.72	0.50
Treasury Bills			
91-day	SCR	4.09	-5.54
182-day	SCR	5.42	-2.17
Commodities			
Crude Oil (Brent)	USD/bbl	78.98	2.97
Gold	USD/t.oz	1,287.97	-2.41

Inaugural ceremony marks return of Air France, via subsidiary airline Joon, to Seychelles

After a 20-year absence, Air France is returning to Seychelles through its subsidiary airline, Joon, an event marked by an inaugural ceremony on Tuesday. The Senior Vice President of Air France KLM in the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Latin America, Henri Hourcade, said that “this is a new stage in the relationship between Seychelles and Air France as well as between the two countries through cultural, economic, historic relations.” *Seychelles News Agency*

Cabo Verde tourism minister on technical visit to learn from Seychelles experience

Cabo Verde Minister for Tourism and Transport Jose da Silva Gonçalves is in Seychelles on a three-day technical visit to learn from our country’s experience in sustainably managing its tourism industry as well as explore other areas for cooperation. Since 2014, the two island nations have been cooperating in fields like tourism, civil aviation and this visit is an opportunity to explore other areas for further cooperation such as the blue economy as well as exchange programmes and training in the area of human resource capacity building. *Seychelles NATION*

Business boost: Air Seychelles partners with Booking.com

Under the partnership, Booking.com will enable guests travelling with Air Seychelles or other airlines to book a selection of accommodations including apartments, vacation homes, small family-run bed and breakfasts, guest houses, boutique hotels, and multi-star luxury resorts through a custom integration on airseychelles.com. Air Seychelles’ CEO added that “as part of our strategic plan we are constantly looking for ways to enhance our digital platform to meet the needs of our guests hence the partnership with Booking.com is a great way to improve our service element by providing greater flexibility and convenience to our guests on airseychelles.com.” *Seychelles News Agency*

President Faure reassures finance ministry of his support

President Danny Faure on Friday conducted a familiarisation visit to the Ministry of Finance, Trade, Investment and Economic Planning to see on-hand the daily functions of the ministry and interacted with the management and staff. President Faure was accompanied to the different departments by the new minister, Maurice Loustau-Lalanne; the secretary of state for the ministry, Patrick Payet; principal secretaries and other high officials from the ministry and State House. After the visits, President Faure held a meeting with the top officials of the ministry where Minister Loustau-Lalanne assured him that the ministry was on the correct footing. *Seychelles NATION*

Massive increase of 10% in Mauritius

Mauritian drivers are the first to suffer from the recent diplomatic and political upheaval in the world following President Donald Trump's hazardous decisions. Since midnight Tuesday, gasoline and diesel prices have risen by almost 10% at all the country’s petrol stations. The new fuel prices, explain the Mauritian authorities, are the consequences of the growing instability in the Middle East between Israelis and Palestinians following the transfer of the United States embassy to Jerusalem. *Seychelles NATION*