



**Defence & Security Committee  
of the National Assembly of Seychelles**

**BRIEF REPORT  
NYALA RG-12 ARMOURED VEHICLE**

**7<sup>th</sup> Cohort**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Defence and Security Committee (DSC) conducted an urgent inspection of the RG-12 armoured vehicle, commonly referred to as "Nyala", on Monday, 01st July 2024, at the Seychelles New Port (Government Warehouse). This action was prompted by a Private Notice Question (PNQ) raised by Hon. Sebastien Pillay in the National Assembly, which brought to light concerns regarding the authenticity and condition of the vehicle delivered to the Seychelles Police.

The primary objective of the visit was to physically assess the state of the vehicle and verify whether it matched the specifications of the model originally ordered and approved. The Committee aimed to gather firsthand evidence, clarify discrepancies between the ordered and delivered units, and initiate a formal investigation into the procurement process. This inspection formed part of the Committee's broader oversight mandate to ensure transparency, accountability, and operational readiness in matters relating to national defence and security.

### **3.FINDINGS**

#### **i. Stakeholders in attendance**

The inspection was attended by key stakeholders including:

- Commissioner of Police Mr. Ted Barbe
- Superintendent Joseph Bibi
- Assistant Divisional Officer Mervin Samson
- DCP Francis Songoire
- Superintendent Ned Wirtz
- Superintendent Antoine Denousse
- Mr. Danny Labonte & Mr. Rock Amesbury
- Mr. Jemmy Bouzin
- Ms. Christine Dogley (Senior Procurement Officer)
- Brigadier Michael Rosette (Chief of Defence Forces)
- Customs Officer Mr. Francois Ally
- Media representatives from Today in Seychelles and SBC were present
- DSC Members: Hon. Clifford Andre (Chair), Hon. Francois Adelaide (Vice-Chair), Hon. Michel Roucou, Hon. Doyace Porice, Hon. Audrey Vidot
- Committee Secretaries: Mrs. Gillian Samson and Mrs. Donatienne Chetty

## **ii. Vehicle Condition**

The RG-12 vehicle was inspected both internally and externally. Sergeant Confiance provided briefed the Committee and presented photographic evidence of the originally ordered model.

Key observations included:

- Rust partially covering the vehicle
- Stickers on the front has been removed
- There are structural discrepancies from the original order

The overall condition was deemed unsatisfactory and unacceptable for operational use.

## **iii. Discrepancies and Procurement Issues**

The vehicle delivered did not match the specifications of the model visited and approved in 2023. Superintendent Bibi reported that the South African supplier ceased communication after the Seychelles Police raised concerns. The vehicle arrived on 15th March 2024, despite the first payment being made in 2019. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs was not involved in the transaction,



*Fig. 1: Photo of the rusty vehicle without sticker*

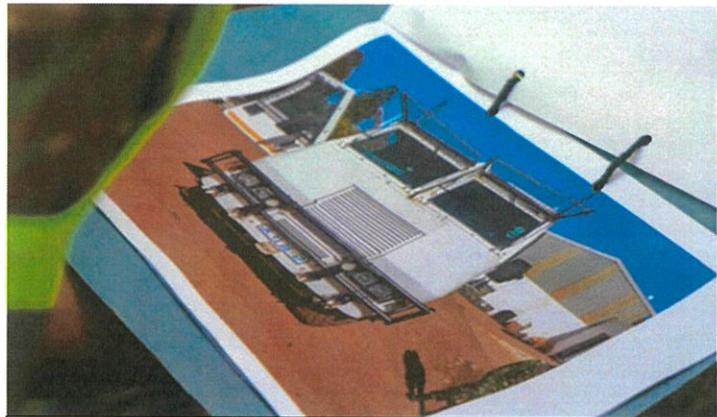
#### **iv. Follow-up actions**

The DSC Committee initiated a formal investigation to determine the procurement timeline and accountability. Actions include:

- Taking detailed photographs of the vehicle
- Conducting a technical assessment and survey
- Reviewing procurement and shipping documents
- Interviewing key personnel involved in the transaction
- Compiling a formal report for the National Assembly after completion of the investigation. The Committee emphasized the importance of being informed of future defence-related procurements to ensure transparency and oversight.



**Fig 2:** Rear view of the Nyala



**Fig 3:** Photo of the vehicle in South Africa



**Fig.4:** Group photo with Police and Defence Officers

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

Unfortunately, due to time constraints, the Defence and Security Committee was unable to conclude its investigation and compile a final report for presentation to the National Assembly. Further inquiries and documentation reviews are required to bring clarity to the discrepancies surrounding the Nyala RG-12 Armoured Vehicle procurement.