

MASTERCLASS

“Afro-textured hair transplantation is much more challenging”

Hair comes in different types and colours. One classification system describes 12 hair profiles, each with their individual characteristics e.g., straight, wavy, curly and coiled/kinky. African hair is generally black, characterised by tight curls and kinks, and grows almost parallel to the scalp. Approximately 28% of the Mauritian population is of African descent and possesses coiled or kinky hair. Diseases of the hair and scalp can affect all races but there are conditions which are overwhelmingly more common in patients with Afro-textured hair.



Bevin Bhojru (on the right), consultant dermatologist and hair transplant surgeon, with Dr Christian Bisanga.

Afro-textured hair has distinct biological and structural properties which may increase susceptibility to certain conditions. These include an elliptically shaped hair shaft which differs from the circular or slightly oval shape of the Caucasian hair. The hair follicle (the tunnel-shaped structure in the skin which surrounds the root of the hair) is curved compared with the straighter Caucasian hair follicle. In addition, African hair has a slower hair growth rate compared with Caucasian or Asian hair. African hair has a lower density (fewer hairs per square centimeter). Last but certainly not least, the water and sebum (oil) content of Afro-textured hair is lower, thereby giving it a dry appearance.

Hair modifications have been a sign of beauty throughout history. It is known that straightening procedures may cause irreparable damage to the hair shaft. Approximately 80% of women of African origin use chemicals to relax their hair. Relaxing agents include sodium hydroxide and guanidine hydroxide. For a long time, hairdressers used hot combs to straighten coiled or kinky hair although these have now gone out of favour. These chemical and physical hair-grooming methods may cause a lot of damage to the hair shaft. Finally, hairstyles which cause constant pulling and tugging on the hair e.g., braids, cornrows and dreadlocks, are more common to people of African descent. This repeated stress on the scalp can result in hair loss (traction alopecia) which, in severe cases, can be irreversible.

Hair loss can result in low confidence and self-esteem. Individuals of African descent can suffer from common hair loss diseases such as male and female pattern hair loss, and alopecia areata as much as other ethnic groups. However, certain hair and scalp conditions present much more frequently in people of African

origin. These include tinea capitis (fungal infection of the hair), traction alopecia, and cicatricial alopecias (conditions which result in scarring and permanent hair loss) such as acne keloidalis nuchae, dissecting cellulitis of the scalp and central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia. These conditions are challenging to manage and should be treated by a dermatologist with expertise in hair and scalp disorders.

Hair transplantation is a specialised surgical technique which can be used to treat the commonest form of hair loss - male/female pattern baldness. It can also be used to treat select cases of traction alopecia and cicatricial alopecia. There are two main hair transplant techniques: follicular unit extraction and follicular unit extraction (FUE). In the last few years, FUE has established itself as the preferred technique, especially in men, due to the virtually undetectable scarring, faster recovery and less discomfort. The curly shape of the follicle in patients with Afro-textured hair makes hair transplantation much more challenging. Therefore, the procedure should only be performed by a skilled surgeon experienced in the treatment of patients with this hair type.

The Afro Hair Masterclass is an annual course held at the Centre de Chirurgie Esthétique de l'Océan Indien with an international faculty of renowned dermatologists and hair transplant surgeons. The first part of the course aims to educate participants on the diagnosis and treatment of hair and scalp disorders in patients with Afro-textured hair. In the second part of the course, attendees will have the opportunity to see experienced surgeons consulting and performing procedures, and will subsequently be offered hands-on training. I had the privilege of learning the technique of hair transplantation from Dr Christian Bisanga, who is one of the faculty members and, in my humble opinion, one of the best hair transplant surgeons in the world. This year, the faculty also includes renowned dermatologists Professor Khumalo and Professor Dlova from South Africa, and Professor Gavazzoni from Brazil.

If you would like more information on the next Afro Hair Masterclass, please email [hairtreatmenttraining@gmail.com](mailto:hairtreatmenttraining@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can contact me via Twitter or Instagram.

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CONFLICT

Rebuild or resist? Hamas's dilemma year after Gaza war

A year after its devastating war with Israel, the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas is faced with a dilemma: to keep up the armed struggle or to lay low and reconstruct the Gaza Strip?



Egyptian diggers and earth movers work at the construction site of a new housing complex north of Gaza City.

ON May 10, 2021, weeks of clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinians in the Al-Aqsa mosque compound in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem culminated in all-out conflict. A barrage of rockets was fired from the Gaza Strip, with some projectiles hitting Israeli cities, the rest intercepted. That same evening, the Israeli air force pounded Gaza.

What followed was 11 days of war that levelled parts of Gaza, killing 260 Palestinians, including many fighters and children. Fourteen died in Israel, including a soldier and two

minors. More than 1,000 housing units and buildings in Gaza were damaged or completely destroyed by the Israeli bombardment.

But a year later, the reconstruction effort has barely taken off. Gaza City's destroyed towers have not been rebuilt, and many roads are still in dire need of repair. "By the middle of this year we should have completed the reconstruction of 500 houses," Naji Sarhan, undersecretary of Gaza's public works ministry, told AFP.

"Our priority is to rebuild the apartments of low-income families", said Sarhan, whose ministry is under Hamas control. He said reconstruction aid was provided by Egypt and Qatar, the two Arab countries which

mediated the truce between Hamas and Israel. With no political solution on offer, Israel has been working to reduce tensions by easing economic restrictions on Gaza, where unemployment is running at around 50 percent. The number of permits for Gazans to work in Israel was increased to 12,000 in early April, with Israel promising 20,000 or more if the situation remains calm.

This offer poses a dilemma for Hamas, which in recent weeks has applauded six deadly anti-Israeli attacks and threatened a "big battle" if Israel continues its "aggression" against Palestinian worshippers in Al-Aqsa. Hamas also invited the leader of the Revolutionary

Guards of Israel's arch-enemy Iran, Hossein Salami, to speak by videoconference at a stadium in Gaza City. "Hamas is divided. The leadership in Gaza is trying to avoid further escalation and is encouraged by the decision of the current Israeli government to give more to Gaza as long as Gaza remains quiet," said Middle East expert Ofer Zalzberg from the Herbert C. Kelman Institute. "But there are also Hamas leaders outside Gaza, like Saleh al-Aroui, who think more in terms of ideology and believe that the strategy should not focus on Gaza," he said.

For Palestinian economist Omar Shaban, the reconstruction and development of Gaza cannot depend alone on donations from foreign countries or work permits granted by Israel. "We need a real political process...which will raise the question of the recognition of the entity that administers Gaza", he said, referring to Hamas, which is branded a "terrorist" organisation by the United States, EU and Israel.

"Without that, there will be no change," Shaban told AFP.

UNITED KINGDOM  
FIRST LGBTQ+ MUSEUM OPENS IN LONDON



Queer Britain, the UK's first LGBTQ+ museum, opened its doors in London this week, promising to bring the history and culture of the community to a wider audience. Housed in a 19th-century building in a redeveloped area behind King's Cross railway station, the museum has been four years in the making and is entirely financed by private donations.

A major exhibition is slated for the coming months combining photos, artworks and costumes. Visitors can already discover the history of the community in the UK, from cross-dressing Victorians to more recent Pride marches. Pioneers honoured include racing driver Roberta Cowell, thought to be the first British trans woman known to have had reassignment surgery, and Justin Fashanu, the first professional footballer to publicly acknowledge he was gay.

One of the museum's managers, Stephanie Stevens, said Queer Britain was "a permanent place for us to be able to celebrate who we are, the amazing contributions we've made to history, and then to educate the nation so that they know about those contributions as well".

ANALYSIS

Is Ukraine conducting a sabotage campaign inside Russia?

A deadly fire at an aerospace research institute in Tver, northwest of Moscow. Another blaze at a munitions factory in Perm, more than 1,100 kilometers (680 miles) to the east. And fires in two separate oil depots in Bryansk, near Belarus. Coincidences, or a sign that Ukrainians or their supporters are mounting a campaign of sabotage inside Russia to punish Moscow for invading their country?

Since the blaze at the Central Research Institute of the Aerospace Defense Forces in Tver on April 21, which killed at least 17 people, social media has leapt on every report of a fire somewhere in Russia - especially at a sensitive location - as a sign that the country is under covert attack. No one is claiming responsibility, but analysts say at least some of the incidents, particularly those in Bryansk, point to

a possible effort by Kyiv to bring the war to their invaders. In a post on Telegram, Mykhaylo Podolyak, a senior advisor to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, called the fires "divine intervention."

"Large fuel depots periodically burn... for different reasons," he wrote. "Karma is a cruel thing."

In a massive country such as Russia, a fire at a remote factory or building would normally not be particularly eyebrow-raising. But since Russian forces invaded Ukraine on February 24, more than a dozen blazes noted by people who document the war have drawn huge attention on social media, amid fears there is a concerted campaign of arsonous terror by the Ukrainians.

Even fires late last month in Russia's far east - at an airbase north of Vladivostok and at a coal plant on Sakhalin -

raised suspicions. And on Wednesday, a massive conflagration struck a chemicals plant in Dzerzhinsk, east of Moscow.

"Russian saboteurs against Putin continue their heroic work," said Igor Sushko, a Ukrainian racecar driver who regularly posts photos and videos on Twitter of alleged acts of sabotage inside Russia - but offers no proof they were deliberate. Another Zelensky advisor, Oleksei Arestovych, was equally opaque to The New York Times, noting that Israel never admits its covert attacks and assassinations. "We don't confirm, and we don't deny," he said.

PART OF THE STRATEGY?

War analysts believe the infernos in Bryansk, which hit facilities sending oil to Europe,

were deliberate and tied to the war. The anonymous analysts behind "Ukraine Weapons Tracker," a Twitter account that posts detailed accounts with supporting videos of attacks by both sides, said they received "reliable" information that the Bryansk fires were the result of attacks by Ukrainian Bayraktar drones.

"If accurate, then this story again shows the ability of Ukrainian forces to conduct strikes in Russian territory using long-range assets," they wrote. "I think it was probably a Ukrainian attack, but we cannot be certain," Rob Lee, another war analyst, told The Guardian.

Added to that have been a number of apparent shelling by helicopters and drones and evident acts of sabotage against infrastructure in Kursk and Belgorod Oblast on the Ukrainian border,

close to the fighting. The governors of Belgorod and Kursk have both blamed the fires and destruction of infrastructure such as railway bridges on saboteurs and attackers from Ukraine.

An April 1 attack on a Belgorod fuel depot, Governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said on his Telegram channel, was the result of "an air strike from two helicopters of the armed forces of Ukraine, which entered the territory of Russia at a low altitude."

"Nothing that would confirm Ukrainian sabotage, except for the fact that many of the fires seemed to hit strategic/military targets," said Phillips O'Brien, professor of strategic studies at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. Such attacks "certainly seem to be a part of their strategy," he said.

Pentagon officials have said that Russian forces inside Ukraine are hobbled by weak supply chains, and attacks on their infrastructure would further affect their war effort. But US officials would not comment on whether, deeper inside Russia, there is an active campaign of sabotage hitting targets not-so-directly related to the invasion.

by Paul HANDLEY  
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**NOTICE FOR PERMISSION FOR LAND USE**

Take notice that I, **Amala Villas Ltd** will apply to the District Council of **Black River** for a Building and Land Use Permit for a proposed Development of **7 Villas and a Gym at La Mivoie, Black River.**

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

Date: 09.05.2022

**NOTICE FOR BUILDING & LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

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Take notice that We, **Mr. Amritlal Ram & Mr. Akilesh Ram** will apply to the District Council of **Black River**, for a Building and Land use Permit for a **Proposed Mixed Development, Office Use and Residential Use at Ground Floor and Personal Covered access to roof slab at Brigands Ave., Bambous.**

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

Date: 09.05.2022

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Take notice that **Brimah Paradise Ltd** will apply to the District Council of **Riviere du Rempart**, for a Building and Land use Permit for a **proposed Tourist residences & Restaurant (excluding liquor and other alcoholic beverages) without entertainment at Jolie Coeur Lane, Pereybère.**

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

Date: 09/05/2022

**A VENDRE**

**1 à 3 arpents à Grande Retraite sur Port-Louis Flacq Road. Tel. 5908-8288.**

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Take notice that **Brimah Paradise Ltd** will apply to the District Council of **Riviere du Rempart**, for a Building and Land use Permit for a **proposed Warehouse & storage n.e.c (more than 100 m²) at Narad Street, Petit Raffray.**

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Date: 09/05/2022

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Take notice that I, **VEERJU RAOJEE** will apply to the District Council of **Savanne**, for a Building and Land use Permit for a proposed **Green House In Steel Structure And Reinforced Concrete Building For Storage Purposes at Adventist Lane, L'Escalier.**

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

Date: 09/05/2022

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Take notice that I, **Mr Sivaramen Chinasamy** will apply to the District Council of **Riviere du Rempart**, for a Building and Land use Permit for a proposed **Tourist residences at Morc Mon Choisy, Plot N° 37, Mon Choisy.**

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

Date: 09/05/2022

**APPLICATION TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MAURITIUS REVENUE AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUE OF A LICENCE UNDER PART III OF THE EXCISE ACT**

I, **Mrs Renooka Meethoo** representing **succession of Mr Gurudutt Meethoo of Branch Road, Bon Accueil** has applied to the Director General of the Mauritius Revenue Authority for the transfer of a licence of **Retailer of liquor and alcoholic products - off** in respect of premises situated at **Branch Road, Bon Accueil to Mrs Renooka Meethoo.**

Any objection to the issue of the above licence, should be made to the Director General, Mauritius Revenue Authority, Eham Court, cnr Monseigneur Gonin & Sir Virgile Naz Streets, Port Louis within 21 days as from date published in the Gazette.

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 311 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2001 GARWOOD MAURITIUS HOLDINGS**

NOTICE is hereby given

(1) That the above Company holding an authorisation licence and having its registered office at C/o Rogers Capital Corporate Services Limited, 3rd Floor, Rogers House, No. 5 President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius is to be removed from the register of companies under Section 309(1)(d) of the Companies Act 2001.

(2) That the Company has ceased to carry on business, discharged in full its liabilities to all its known creditors and distributed its surplus assets in accordance with its constitution and the Companies Act 2001.

(3) That any objection to the removal under Section 313 shall be delivered to the Registrar of Companies not less than 28 days after the date of the notice, at latest by 02 June 2022.

Rogers Capital Corporate Services Limited  
Registered Agent

Date: 06 May 2022

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Take notice that I, **Mrs Marie Brinda Nathalie BOUTHY (born Chavrimootoo)** will apply to the District Council of **Black River** for a Building and Land use Permit for a proposed **conversion of residential building to be used as Tourist Residence at 71 Rue Des Papayiers, Coteau Raffin, La Gulette.**

Any person feeling aggrieved by the proposal may lodge an objection in writing to the above-named Council within 15 days as from the date of this publication.

Date: 09/05/2022

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Take notice that I, **Mr Christian Bernard Paul Iyapah** will apply to the District Council of **Riviere du Rempart**, for a Building and Land use Permit for a proposed **Conversion of an existing building to be used as Tourist residence at Vingt Pieds Road, B45, Grand Baie.**

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Date: 09/05/2022

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Take notice that I, **Vidiananraw BIKHOO** will apply to the Municipal Council of **Vacoas/ Phoenix**, for a Building and Land use Permit for a proposed **Selling of Block, Macadam & Rocksand at Camp Fidele, Henrietta.**

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Date: 09.05.2022