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## Protesta Quddiem l- Uffīċċju tal- Avukat Ĝeneral Valletta

18.02.2022

Siltiet mid-diskors tal-President ta' Repubblika - Robert Aquilina.

Infakkar li f'din is-serqa ġew sparati lejn il-pulizija xejn inqas minn hamsa u sittin (65) tir ... Hamsa u sittin (65) bullet ġew sparati mill-kriminali lejn il-pulizija li kienu qed jaqdu dmirhom.

Hamsa u sittin (65) bullet sparati fuq ħaddiema Maltin, fuq missirijiet Maltin li ħallew djarhom biex jaqalgħu l-hobża ta' kuljum b'mod onest u dinjituż.

Infakkar li persuni kriminali li qed ikunu akkużati b'involviment f'din is-serqa, allegaw li f'din is-serqa hemm involuti wkoll eks Ministru u eks uffiċċjal għoli tal-Partit Laburista u Ministru tal-Gvern prezenti...



Għandhom raġun il-pulizija jkunu irrabjati u għandhom raġun jitkellmu hekk. Għalhekk, minn hawn, aħna nsellmulhom u nagħtuhom l-appoġġ u s-solidarjetà kollha tagħna....

Għaddew il-ġranet, għaddew il-ġimġħat, għadda xahar ... u bħalma jagħmlu dejjem, l-Avukat Ġenerali u l-Kummissarju Gafà ma lissnx imqar kelma waħda ... ma tawna ebda spjegazzjoni dwar l-għaliex sar dan id-deal mat-Topo...

Dik li għal Dr Buttigieg kienet biss daqqa ta' pinna, għall-pulizija li jaqdu dmirhom, għall-persuni fl-uffiċċu tagħha li jagħmlu xogħolhom sew u għall-ġustizzja kienet daqqa ta' stallett ... daqqa ta' stallett li ma wasslet għalxejn.

Għalhekk Dr Buttigieg m'għandiex triq oħra llum ghajr li TIRREŽENJA.

Għandha tirriżenja għax illum huwa evidenti għal kulħadd li minn dan id-deal gawdew biss il-kompliċi f'din is-serqa li għadhom ma ssemmewx u li għadhom jiġru barra.

Minn dak li qal it-Topo nnifsu fil-Qorti, jirriżulta li dawn huma nies ferm perikoluži. Dan il-kriminal li kien akkużat li spara fuq il-pulizija Ibieraħ qal li jibża' jsemmi lil dawn in-nies għax jibża li jpattuha lill-qrabba tiegħi.



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*Il-Kummissarju Gafà ma jistax jibqa' aktar sieket.*

Meta tisma' dan kollu, bilfors ikolli ndur fuq il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija u nistaqsih: Sur Gafà, x'qed jagħmlu dal-persuni perikoluži jiġru barra? X'qed jagħmlu dawn il-kriminali mas-saqajn? X'qed tagħmel int, Sur Gafà biex lil dawn il-kriminali perikoluži titfagħhom fejn hu posthom: imsakkra f'Kordin?

Fuq kollo, lill-Kummissarju Gafà ngħidlu li ma jistax jibqa' aktar sieket.

Il-poplu qed ježiġi tweġġibet čari mingħandu. Il-poplu qed jistaqsih x'kien ir-rwol tiegħi f'dan id-deal skandaluż. Il-pulizija li jaħdmu ma' Gafà qed jistaqsuh jekk jaqbilx mal-pożizzjoni li ħadet l-union tagħhom. Il-pulizija jridu jserrħu rashom li min imexxihom ma jpoġġilhomx ħajjithom fil-periklu għalxejn.

Lil Gafà ngħidlu li iktar ma jdum sieket iktar se jqumu mistoqsijiet dwar fejn tassew thabbat qalb il-Kummissarju tal-Pulizija. Lil Gafà ngħidlu li jekk dawn it-tweġġibet mhux se jagħtihom hu, fil-jiem li ġejjin kulħadd se jkun qed jasal għall-konklużjonijiet tiegħi.

**Ir-rabja tagħna; ir-rabja tal-pulizija; ir-rabja ta' kull čittadin onest li jgħix f'dawn il-gżejjer hija rabja ġustifikata.**



# Repubblika February 2022 Press Releases

**05.02.2022**

Ittri dwar īlasijiet u kumpens lil Dr Joseph Muscat wara r-riżenja tiegħu mill-Prim Ministru f'Jannar 2020

**05.02.2022**

Ittri dwar in-nefqa pubblika għall-promozzjoni tal-gvern fuq il-midja tal-Partit Laburista

**15.02.2022**

L-Imġieba Inkwetanti tal-Prim Ministru

**17.02.2022**

Public Conference on Freedom of Speech and the Protection of Journalists

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**17.02.2022**

L-Avukat Ĝenerali Għandha Tirriżenja

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**22.02.2022**

Kampanja qarriega u inveritjiera ta' One News fil-konfront ta' Repubblika

**25.02.2022**

Protest for Peace

**01.02.2022**

Show Your Solidarity With The People Of Ukraine

**Repubblika Live FB Broadcasts**

**15 Frar 2022**

**Id-Deals ta' Robert Abela u s-Sospensjoni ta' Victor Vella**



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# 16 February 2022 Vigil Roundup

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## #52Months

### Robert Aquilina

#### **President, Repubblika**

"Aħna ta' Repubblika kburin li din it-tfittxija saret fuq rapport li għamilna aħna. Aħna ta' Repubblika nafu x'informazzjoni għaddejnejna lill-Maġistrat Inkwirenti. Għalhekk nafu li llum jew għada, irid u ma jridx Muscat u jrid jew ma jridx il-Prim Ministru Abela, il-ġustizzja ma' Muscat u ma' shabu se ssir u se ssir kollha kemm hi.

Aħna qalbna qawwija li għal darb'oħra l-istorja se tkun qed tinkiteb minna, minna li ninsabu hawnhekk, f'din il-pjazza."

### Clemence Dujardin

#### **Activist, #OccupyJustice**

"Do you know what humility is, Robert Abela? Because we have been seeing it in the demeanor of the family of Daphne Caruana Galizia who, in spite of repeated harassment and state bullying, stand tall without ever losing their dignity.

And pride is what we will feel when history will judge us for standing up to criminal behaviour and demanding justice for Daphne and for her stories. Because Daphne was right, and 52 months later, she is still right."



### Claudia Taylor East

#### **CEO SOS Malta**

"I have watched and admired Daphne's children, husband, parents, family and friends standing tall over the past years. Never succumbing to insults and maintaining dignity whilst looking to pursue any avenue in the fight for justice. In their steely resolve and well-mannered disposition they have shown us that they are not after justice for justice's sake. I commend their fight for our present and the fight for our future and our children's future. The fight to make sure that our society will look to overcome hate and division and never again witness another brutal assassination.

Let us not give in to provocation. Let us shift our discourse. Each and every one of us. With each conversation we hold. With each post or comment on social media. Let us not fan the flames of hate but start slowly but surely rebuilding a society we wish to live in."

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*Pride is what we will feel when history will judge us for standing up to criminal behaviour and demanding justice for Daphne and for her stories*

# Public Conference on Freedom of Speech and the Protection of Journalists

**24.02.2022**

**Corinthia Palace, Attard**

Together with the Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation, PEN Malta, and SOS Malta, Repubblika organised a one-day Public Conference on Free Speech and the Protection of Journalists on 24 February 2022. The conference evaluated proposals that have been made since the Public Inquiry into the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia published its recommendations.

The conference brought together journalists, academics, activists, and other interested people in a lively debate that produced substantive recommendations that have been passed to the experts group appointed by the government to advise it on the matter.

Speakers included academic Marilyn Clark, journalist Nicole Meilak, media advisor Karl Schembri, and the Head of Europe and Central Asia from Article 19, Sarah Clarke. The meeting was also addressed by Public Affairs Officer Elizabeth Canellakis from the United States Embassy. The Embassy supported the organisation of the conference.

Forty-one proposals were put forward by the end of the conference and communicated to the experts group. Participants demanded transparency and consultation in the reform process insisting that changes are not driven by some desire to regulate journalism, but reforms should instead enable press freedom and free expression.

The conference called for measures to address impunity and to uphold journalism as the fourth pillar of democracy. Changes should go beyond legal reforms and should promote a cultural shift towards a space where journalism is recognised as a public interest function in a democracy.

Other recommendations included new regulations to govern public spending in the media, the provision of psychological support to journalists, and effective measures to protect journalists from SLAPP suits.

The conference participants called for a change in mindset on the application of Freedom of Information legislation and changes to Whistle-blower Protection laws to effectively protect sources.

Another suggestion was the opening of government archives that are currently restricted such as notarial archives, the land registry, and the registry of public deeds.



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# Public Conference on Freedom of Speech and the Protection of Journalists

Proposals also included suggested measures to protect journalists from physical and psychological harassment. Participants called for an end to political rhetoric and smear campaigns against journalists.

Other measures proposed include improvements to media literacy programs in schools, increased resources for professional development of journalists, improved security and safety, and training for the police to understand what the job of journalists and media workers is.

The conference insisted that the State has a duty to identify whether a journalist is at risk of harm and to take measures to protect journalists.

More details on the conference as well as a record of its proceedings can be found on  
<https://repubblika.org/public-conference-on-free-speech-and-the-protection-of-journalists/>

