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First ever exit poll:

Busuttil, Cassola and Muscat ahead

A MALTATODAY XFM radio exit poll indicates Simon Busuttil as the candidate with the highest number of first count votes, followed by Arnold Cassola and Joseph Muscat a close third. However, a vast majority of those answering yesterday's exit poll refused to divulge their preferred candidate. That fact alone indicates that the scenario could very well change as the votes are counted. But the exit poll (see special feature on page 7), the first of its kind ever organised by a media group, points to a resounding electoral result for former MIC

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Exit Poll

chief Simon Busuttil.
Dr Busuttil, who rose to fame

with his calm disposition and 'honest' looks may well be elected on his first count and indications put him close to a quota and a half. He acquired 32.8 percentage points in the poll.

Dr Cassola was indicated as still way behind being elected, but at over 8 percentage points in the poll he stands a good chance of giving both political sides a good fight. Maltastar editor Joseph Muscat is in third place with 5 percentage points.

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Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi and his wife Kate at the M'Skala polling booth yesterday. This is the first electoral test for the PN premier in elections which may see some shifts in electoral support (see feature on pages 6, 7 and 8)

Sant backtracks on Caqnu allegation

Karl Schembri and
Julian Manduca

LABOUR LEADER Alfred Sant has told the Employment and Training Corporation there was no longer need to investigate his allegation about the dis-

missal of a Maltese worker, employed with Charles Polidano (ie-Caqnu), who he had claimed, was replaced by a foreign worker.

MaltaToday is informed that the worker referred to dramatically by Sant on TV, was dis-

missed for disciplinary reasons, although the official reason given for his job termination was that of 'lack of work' so that he could register for unemployment benefits.

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More serious revelations on land scams as libel actions unleashed

MALTATODAY HAS been served with libel actions in a bid to prevent this newspaper from bringing to light the way families and young couples were sold property in Ta' Ibragg. The sale was made on the false premise that the land on which they stood would be theirs, with a legal surety that guarantees buyers the land they purchase is theirs and has no other competing claims to ownership. This is known as the pacifiku pussess in Maltese notarial jargon.

The libel actions were presented filed by legal representatives Dr Tonio Azzopardi and Dr Henry Antoncic. Labour candidate Dr Zammit Lewis and Dr Joseph Giglio have also threatened that

one of their clients will sue.

MaltaToday is citing its right to report the true facts and its privilege to report court proceedings and is promising its readers to continue to uncover the truth. MaltaToday's Managing Editor described the legal advice and legal action proposed by the lawyers as vexatious and he added that MaltaToday would not be gagged by these court proceedings. He added: "To fight these libel cases, preliminary court fees alone would add up to over Lm700. But this is not the first time that attempts have been made to silence MaltaToday."

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Farmers outraged:

"The safeguard clause would have solved our problem, but if they're not going to apply it and they're going to make a bloody issue out of it every time we'll have to use it, forget it. We'll just stop farming once and for all"

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A recently refurbished DETACHED BUNGALOW located in this highly desired destination, finished to superb specifications, being offered fully air-conditioned, set on land measuring approximately 1.5 tumoli (1,700m²) commanding superb unobstructed sea views. Ample accommodation comprises an entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, living room (all laid with parquet floors), lovely fully fitted kitchen/breakfast with appliances, 4 bedrooms (main at a higher level with ensuite bathroom, walk-in wardrobe & laid with parquet floors), main bathroom, shower ensuite to one of the spare bedrooms, beautiful landscaped garden with swimming pool, large terrace drive and carport. (An optional adjacent plot of land is also being offered for sale at a price of Lm130,000 with permits to construct another Bungalow). SOLE AGENTS.



MADLIENA Lm99,000

An impressively well finished luxury and recently built ground floor CORNER MAISONETTE situated in a tranquil part of this upmarket residential area. Comprising hall, split level sitting/dining laid with parquet flooring and air-conditioned, beautifully fitted kitchen/breakfast equipped with Smeg appliances, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, shower ensuite, spacious yard and an optional interconnecting lock-up garage.



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One of the few last remaining TOWN HOUSES to come on the market having an enormous mature back garden (30'/63' x 180') in need of some refurbishment located in the old part of St.Julians just walking distance from Spinola Bay. Comprising hall, sitting/dining, living, kitchen/breakfast, 2 studies, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, laundry, self-contained annex and lock-up garage.



MADLIENA Lm225,000

A large SEMI-DETACHED VILLA located on high grounds, in this most envious location commanding spectacular views. Comprising entrance hall, sitting/dining, living, fitted kitchen/breakfast, 3/4 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 shower rooms (ensuite), lovely swimming pool, garden and underlying basement.



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