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# MUT had warned MLP against reception class as electoral proposal



MUT president John Bencini - warned Labour not to go ahead with reception proposal during election

## KARL SCHEMBRI

THE Malta Union of Teachers had warned the Malta Labour Party almost two years ago not to go ahead with the reception class proposal before discussing it in detail.

In an interview with MaltaToday, MUT President John Bencini said the way the proposal was put forward for the first time by the MLP in 2006 generated immediate concerns within the union.

"When in May 2006 the Labour Party came out with its draft education policy plan, we analysed it and discussed it on our council, and this proposal immediately set off the alarm," Bencini said.

As Labour's

proposal for a reception class – an extra year of schooling intended to facilitate kindergarten children's streaming into primary education – becomes the unexpected focus of the electoral campaign, a MaltaToday survey finds that 49% of respondents prefer the Nationalist party's policies on education, with only 32.2% preferring Labour's policy on education.

The survey, held a week ago amid a storm of controversy on Labour's reception class proposal, shows that the PN's scaremongering campaign which dubbed the reception class proposal a "repeater class" has left an impact on the electorate.

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# Jose Herrera's conflict of interest allegations lead to yet another libel

## MATTHEW VELLA

THE chairman of the Malta Maritime Authority, Marc Bonello, has filed a libel suit against Labour MP Jose Herrera over his

comments alleging Bonello had a conflict of interest when his architectural firm, TBA Periti, tendered for several MMA contracts for the construction of the deep-water quay project.

Bonello yesterday told Mal-

taToday he had given Herrera 48 hours to substantiate his claims, withdraw his allegations or else face libel action yet again.

"Herrera irresponsibly slandered me with false accusations as he has done in the past and

this was disproved recently by the Permanent Commission Against Corruption."

Herrera's comments, made in the aftermath of an investigation conducted by the Permanent

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# San Gwann mother stabbed to death - 15-year-old daughter arrested

POLICE are investigating the murder of a woman, Tereza Grech, 47, found dead in San Gwann yesterday afternoon.

Her 15-year-old daughter is now under arrest over suspicion of hav-

ing killed her mother in an argument earlier yesterday afternoon, at around 3.30pm in Sebuqa street, San Gwann.

The woman was found in a pool of blood at her residence in the Mensija

area. Police said stab wounds were found on her body, which was later removed at about 6 p.m.

Her teenage daughter was wanted by the police as soon as the body was discovered. Magistrate Antonio Miz-

zi is holding an inquiry. Police Assistant Commissioner Paul Sammut is heading investigations, assisted by Superintendent Pierre Calleja and Inspectors Chris Pullicino, Martin Sammut, John C. Ellul.

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