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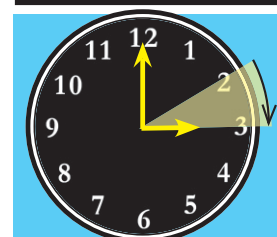


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Like lovers do



MICHAEL Falzon, the 'Labour lion', comes out of the den to launch his leadership bid describing his relationship with PN Secretary General Joe Saliba "as if we were two lovers".
"We would meet up almost in

secret so as not to attract the attention of the newspapers," he said yesterday about his meetings with Saliba to discuss electoral reforms.

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Let's talk NATO: Frendo calls for Constitutional rethink

KARL SCHEMBRI

FORMER Foreign Minister Michael Frendo has called for a rethink of Malta's relationship with NATO and for constitutional changes that would do away with the "passé terminology defining 'neutrality'".

Writing on MaltaToday, Frendo confirms the decision to join the contentious Partnership for Peace was taken just in the wake of the election as it was never decided under his responsibility.



However he says he agreed "fully" with the government's decision to reapply for membership into the NATO-led initiative, scrapped by Alfred Sant's government in 1996.

"In line with rejoining Partnership for Peace, in my opinion, the time has come for a serious unemotional debate to be carried out on Malta's general relationship with NATO since, post-Cold War, this organisation has a changing collective security role also espoused by many non-member countries such as, for example, Russia and Algeria," Frendo writes.

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