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# Alfred Grixti throws hat in the ring to face Micallef



Labour councillor and national executive member Alfred Grixti will challenge Jason Micallef for the post of secretary general after last vying for the post in 2003 when he lost by just 19 votes.

**“Whilst Lawrence Gonzi had Joe Saliba behind him, Alfred Sant did not have a person of the same calibre”**  
**Alfred Grixti**

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## Abela determined ‘to push ahead’ with nomination

**KARL SCHEMBRI**

GEORGE Abela is determined to push forward his name in the Labour leadership race and is said to be a few days away from announcing his final decision publicly.

Speaking to MaltaToday Mid-week yesterday, Abela said he was “still sounding the ground”



but added he was determined to move ahead with his nomination despite the uphill climb to get back into the party.

“I’m meeting lots of people who want the party to open up

**GEORGE ABELA**  
The former MLP deputy leader accuses the party machinery of being ‘unfair’

and represent them,” the lawyer and former party deputy leader said. “The people in the street want the delegates to reflect their wishes, to open the election to all members and get the rank and file to participate in this important decision. I’m very much encouraged by the support I’m getting and I intend to go on.”

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## Diesel rockets, ‘more to follow’ Reggie Fava warns

**DAVID DARMANIN**

AS diesel prices soared above the price of petrol, the former president of the Chamber of Commerce, Reginald Fava, yesterday said a general price-hike will take place as the agreement between government and business on price stability yesterday came to an end.

Fava yesterday said the diesel price increase would “set the example for others to follow suit” – a warning he first made on Reporter in November in an interview with Saviour Balzan.



**Reggie Fava -**  
“more price hikes to follow”

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