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Labour defeat report ready and waiting

THE Malta Labour Party has been handed the analysis report of its defeat in the last general election, MaltaToday Midweek has learnt, but before discussing its contents, it will pass through the hands of the party administration: which includes the people responsible for the same campaign of which the report is deemed highly critical.

Contacted yesterday, Labour's acting leader Charles Mangion confirmed he received the report prepared by a commission appointed to analyse the party's latest defeat.

Mangion said the report was in the hands of the party administration but would not specify when it will be discussed by the party's executive, which is awaiting the outcome of the analysis before the new leader is elected.

In fact, the party had decided to postpone the leadership election precisely to have time to analyse the report.

"After it is analysed by the administration, it will be discussed by the executive, as is always the case with such things," Mangion said. "It will definitely be discussed there before the June election."

Right now, the party's administration is under the spotlight as it includes key people who are largely blamed for the campaign's failures.

In fact, the analysis report is believed to take secretary general Jason Micallef to task, together with other individuals responsible for the campaign: former campaign manager Claude Falzon, who remained responsible for the party surveys; campaign manager Benny Borg Bonello; and David Borg – MEP Joseph Muscat's personal assistant.

The commission which compiled the report includes Prof. Carm Borg, Prof. Godfrey Pirota, Carmen Sammut and Renee Laiviera.

The outgoing MLP leader flanked by Micallef after his abysmal Independence Day speech at Birzebbuga



Sant's happiest hour: The outgoing MLP leader flanked by Micallef after his abysmal Independence Day speech at Birzebbuga

To Brig. Vassallo, illegally storing up to 5 tons of explosives in a garage near a shooting range is

RELATIVELY SAFE!

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THE Armed Forces of Malta is insisting that its garage in Gozo, packed with up to five tons of high explosives, is "relatively safe" despite internal memos warning of an impending catastrophe.

MaltaToday revealed last Sunday how the authorities have been sitting on an illegal explosives store right next to the AFM shooting range in Nadur, Gozo, for a full



AFM Commander Brig. Carmel Vassallo

10 years since the office of the prime minister and the army were warned of the danger.

In its bid to cover up the extent of the hazard, the AFM is now claiming that "the storage and issue of explosives from Qortin Base is a practical and relatively safe operation", but the official documents at the prime minister's office – seen by this newspaper and which the army is declining to release – show otherwise.

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PN denied members the 'right' to elect new leader

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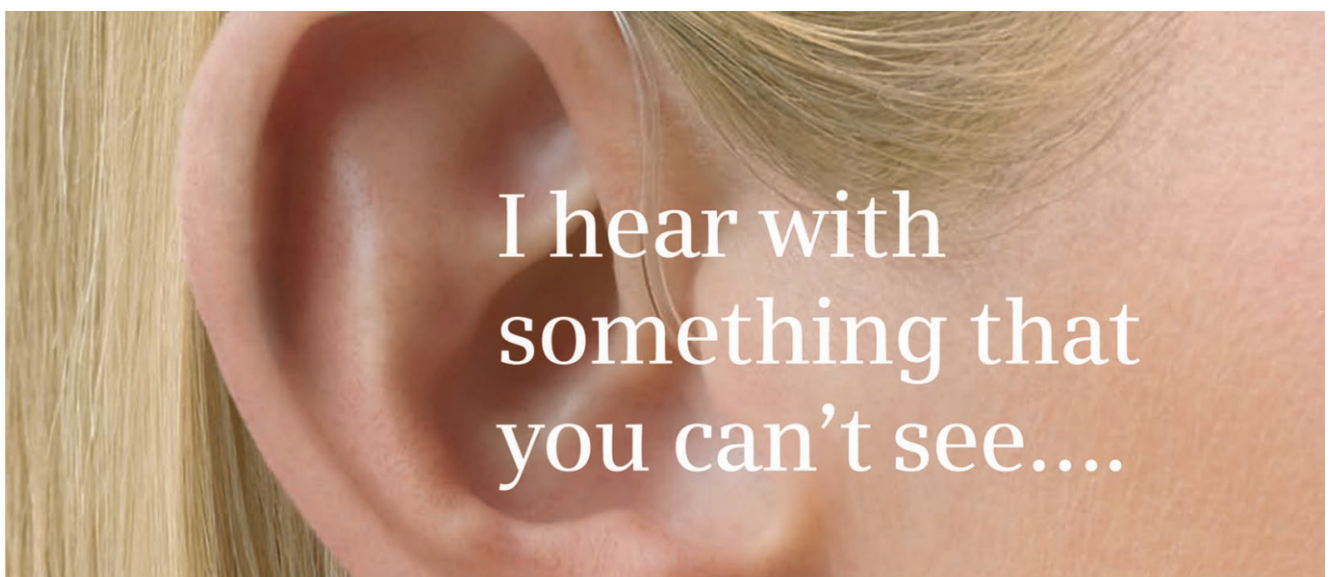
BACK in 1975, the Nationalist party changed its statute to ensure that the party's next leader after Gorg Borg Olivier would

be elected by party councillors: the equivalent of the MLP's delegates.

Prior to these changes, the PN leader was elected by the party's congress, in which all party members could vote. PG 4▶



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