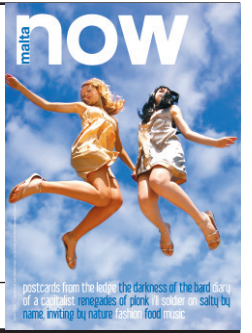


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Gonzi won't appoint JPO to Cabinet post

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PRIME Minister Lawrence Gonzi yesterday said he would not be appointing Nationalist MP Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando to a Cabinet post, after the police arraigned three people over the controversial Mistra disco project that was earmarked for development on land owned by Pullicino Orlando.

"I have made my political judgement on this case when I appointed the Cabinet. I see nothing new that makes me change my judgment.

Correctness in public statements has to be maintained given that criminal proceedings will start in the courts," Gonzi said yesterday.

The case concerns the investigation over the way a permit was issued for the disco on the land Pullicino Orlando had leased out to Tattingers disco owner Dominic Micallef, who used a third party to apply for the permit for the open-air disco.

The controversial permit was issued for the disco on the land against Structure Plan policies. When the case

was revealed by former Labour leader Alfred Sant in the last week of the elections, Sant claimed corruption had taken place in the award of the permit.

Pullicino Orlando subsequently said he knew nothing of the project or of who had applied for the permit over his land, despite having signed a consent form for a third party to apply for the permit.

Three months after the Prime Minister asked the Commissioner of Police to carry out investigations

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Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando - A police investigation has found no criminal liability for the Nationalist MP

AFTER MALTATODAY'S REPORT ILLEGAL ARMY EXPLOSIVES STORE SHUT DOWN PG6

After MaltaToday's report, the head of the defence directorate went on site at the AFM's illegal explosives store in Nadur, Gozo, after the storage of tons of high explosives there was revealed by this newspaper.



LET THERE BE LIGHT: €82,000 for Armier squatters' new electricity supply

JAMES DEBONO

A reliable supply of electricity costing the country €82,000 is the latest gift to the Armier squatter community.

A new substation will be built by Enemalta almost exclusively for the boathouse community in Armier, who took up public land illegally by erecting their own summer boathouses.

Enemalta already supplies

110 illegal boathouses in Armier with electricity, and is now planning to construct an electricity substation situated right next to the illegal shantytown.

The boathouse squatters have for years complained about the poor and unreliable electricity supply and even claim the poor supply poses a health hazard – to the extent that a woman was recently electrocuted.

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