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FAR FROM A 'PACK OF LIES',
HACKING HAS GONE ON FOR
TWO YEARS - SANT



In September last year, MITTS had asked Alfred Sant to change his password

RAPHAEL VASSALLO

FORMER Labour leader Alfred Sant has confirmed that the alleged hacking of his government email account has been ongoing for two years, and that contrary to claims made by Infrastructure Minister Austin Gatt, his request for a clarification from the Malta IT & Training Services (MITTS) last year had been ignored

"I expected MITTS to inform me about how and to what extent, if any, my e-correspondence, past and present, has been and is affected by what has been going on," Sant said, referring to complaints he had made about his government email account in September 2007.

On that occasion, MITTS advised him to change his password, but offered no explanation for the access difficulties.

This week, Claudio Grech the government appointed chairman of MITTS and who also holds the post of CEO at Smart City, wrote to Alfred Sant claiming that he did not have information that any MITTS employee had accessed the email account of a member of parliament.

Grech said that he could not divulge details about the investigations and told Sant to put the same questions to the Commissioner of Police directly.

Claudio Grech's letter came a day after Sant reiterated his claim, made in Parliament on Wednesday, that government was hiding behind ongoing police investigations in order not to reveal how much it knew about this case, which he claims constitutes a breach of fundamental human rights in his regard, and also that of his correspondents.

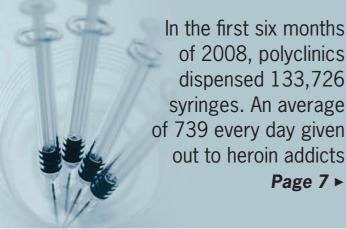
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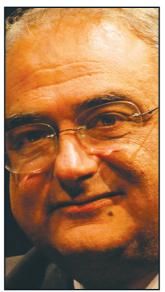
Is a conflict of interest at hand for Austin Gatt's former personal assistant Claudio Grech, the chief executive of Tecom's Smart City who is the handpicked chairman of MITTS, presently the centre of 'hacking' allegations into MP's e-mails? **Page 8** ►

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AUSTIN GATT - "I can't understand why nobody is agreeing with me. I'm not saying there won't be a shock. Of course there'll be a shock but we've no choice but to recover this money."

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