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Labour generals in all-out war



MLP secretary general Jason Micallef in an acrimonious duel with party chief executive James Piscopo (centre). Mario Vella (right) is Joseph Muscat's anointed political consultant

A TURF war between the MLP's newly appointed CEO James Piscopo and secretary general Jason Micallef has sparked new

worries of more internecine battles within the already fractured Malta Labour Party. Piscopo was chosen single-

handedly by Labour leader Joseph Muscat to take over functions primarily within the remit of the secretary general, but has

faced internal opposition to his role from day one. Bickering between the two men has now reached epic propor-

tions, with both party lieutenants bad-mouthing each other in the presence of other officials and soldiers.

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