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Fenech Adami pushing Joe Borg for presidency

PRESIDENT Eddie Fenech Adami is pushing for the appointment of Joe Borg, the European Commissioner for Fisheries, to become his successor when he vacates his seat later this year.

Although Borg is angling for a reappointment to a second term in Brussels, his return to Malta to take up residency at San Anton is expected to pave the way for Richard Cachia Caruana's plan to become Malta's next Commissioner.

While Eddie Fenech Adami has apparently held no influence over Lawrence Gonzi, he still believes he can sway the choice of President.

Cachia Caruana, the permanent representative to the EU, wants the high-profile posting in Brussels to secure himself another five years at the heart of European politics.

Fenech Adami is supporting his former head of secretariat, which is why his predilection for Borg is expected to open up the way for Cachia Caruana.

It is also a move that will annoy Louis Galea, the PN stalwart once touted for the presidency.

Former Nationalist minister Galea served in all of Fenech Adami's administrations as social policy and education minister.

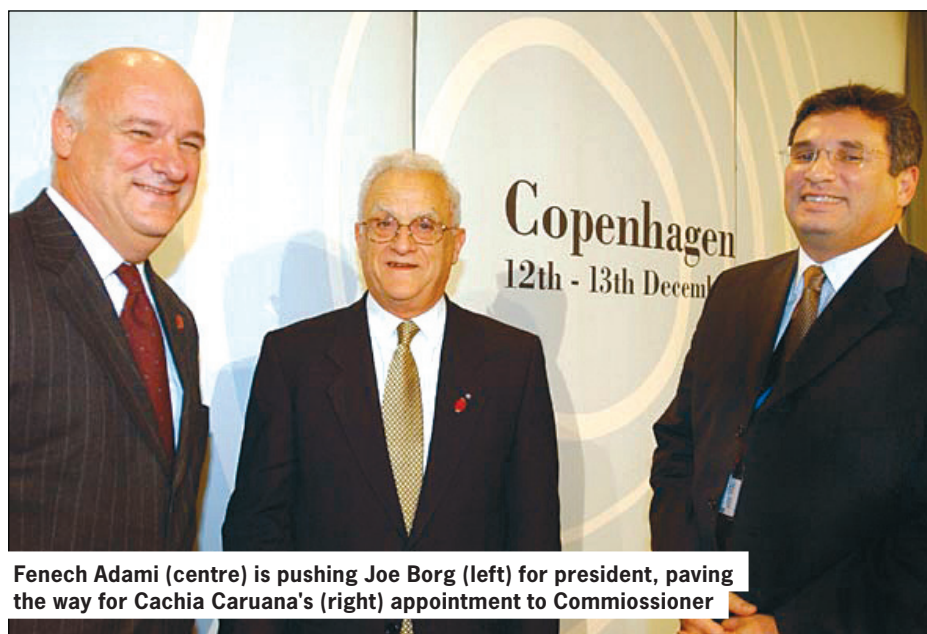
But unlike Galea, Joe

Borg is uncontroversial, likeable, and above all free of a confrontational past – an "acceptable" candidate for the presidency.

In the past, Galea was hit by major procurement scandals at the Auxiliary Workers Training Scheme and the Foundation for Tomorrow Schools, where thousands of liri in direct orders were allegedly awarded to his constituents.

When Galea failed to be elected in the last general elections, after his seat was taken up by newcomer Franco Debono, he was appointed Speaker of the House.

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Fenech Adami (centre) is pushing Joe Borg (left) for president, paving the way for Cachia Caruana's (right) appointment to Commissioner



Israeli strike on United Nations school in Gaza kills 30

(LEFT) Rescuers carry one of the victims injured in the devastating strike by Israeli forces on a United Nations school in the Gaza strip.

The attack killed at least 30 people, Palestinian medical sources said.

The Red Cross has declared the situation in Gaza a "full-blown humanitarian crisis".

In Malta, the General Workers Union and six other NGOs have called on the government of Malta to take a clear stand on the conflict, as Israel vows to carry out an escalation of the attack.

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