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# GEORGE FOR PRESIDENT

#### **MATTHEW VELLA**

GEORGE Abela, a former contender for the Labour leadership, is the man upon whom Lawrence Gonzi and Joseph Muscat have agreed to be appointed the new President of Malta.

Abela, 60, yesterday said he had "no

comment to make" at the news that the prime minister and the Opposition leader had reached agreement on his nomination.

One of Labour's deputy leaders under Alfred Sant before resigning in 1998, Abela was nominated by both Muscat and Gonzi.

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#### Lawrence Gonzi reins in disgruntled backbenchers page 7 >

### MEPA demands €4.6 million from MIDI



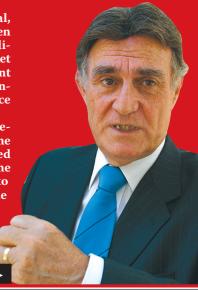
- MIDI claiming that payments are time-barred
- Over 1 million tonnes of construction waste dumped into sea pages 4-5 ▶

#### Farrugia still undecided over EP elections

THE GRTU's director general, Vince Farrugia, who has been named as a possible candidate on the Nationalist ticket for the European Parliament elections, writes about his indecision in an opinion piece published today.

"No, I have not really decided," he writes. "Even if the media seems to have decided for me, I am still weighing the pros and cons... And I have to think of my family and the impact of it all on my life ... The thing is, I need to decide, as the ground is literally being taken from beneath my feet."







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