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FEATURE

LIBYA

The special relationship

IN the 1970s, Malta forged strong links with Colonel Gaddafi's Great People's Libyan Arab Socialist Jamahiriya, amid fears of a possible alliance with what was then perceived as a potentially dangerous rogue state. Today Malta is in the European Union, and oil-rich Libya has been accepted back into the international fold after renouncing its weapons programme and cutting links with terrorism. But as Libya opens up to the West, can Malta still rely on a 40-year 'blood brotherhood' to make the most of the new opportunities?

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'I couldn't get insurance for more than six months'

Lisa Gatt ends Cambodian nightmare in tearful reunion with family

FRANICA PULIS

LISA Gatt reveals the reason for her lack of insurance cover on her ill-fated trip to Cambodia: no insurance company would issue a policy for more than six months, and her intention was to spend some two years in the Asian country.

A tearful Lisa, 25, ended her Cambodian misadventure yesterday when she arrived at Malta International Airport in a wheelchair after suffering a broken femur in a motorbike accident, and enduring painful surgery in a Cambodian clinic.

Accompanied by Red Cross paramedics, she was greeted by family and friends and a pack of journalists and photographers.

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'We can't expect to seriously engage Libya if we only meet the Libyans once a year'

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'Malta will always be close to Libya.'

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'In Mintoff's scheme of things, Libya was a useful trump card in his quest for financial aid for Malta.'

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'By only recognising economic migrants, Libyan authorities can repatriate migrants at will.'

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