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EU Commissioner John Dalli will not be calling it a day from local politics, announcing that he will remain "proactive" in the Nationalist Party to ensure that "the principles of democracy, solidarity, inclusivity and subsidiarity" are upheld. In an interview with MaltaToday, he promises to remain part of the PN "so long as those who run the party reflect (these) principles."

He also expressed his concern that "much of the collective memory of the government has been lost," after the 'loss' of the only two veterans from the 1987 cabinet: Louis Galea, appointed to the European Court of Auditors; and himself, now an EU Commissioner.

"If this is a break from the past it is wrong, because much of what we have today has

its roots in past rationale. There are many people who were part of that rationale who can give an input if they are asked".

Nor does Dalli plan to relinquish his selfappointed role of "father confessor" to Nationalist backbenchers.

"I will listen to all those who would want to speak to me and will continue to share my thoughts on any situation in Malta".



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JAMES DEBONO

Gozitan Labour MP Justyne Caruana is proposing a legal procedure through which a father can ask the courts to ap-

point a curator to protect the unborn child if the mother is suspected to be planning an abortion abroad: protection which could include prohibition of travel.

Caruana is taking paternity of a proposal made by Social Affairs Committee chairman Edwin Vassallo, ostensibly for the introduction of care orders to protect the unborn child from women who continue taking drugs during pregnancy.

Caruana insists that the committee of which she is also a member is currently discussing her own, more wide-ranging and radical proposal.

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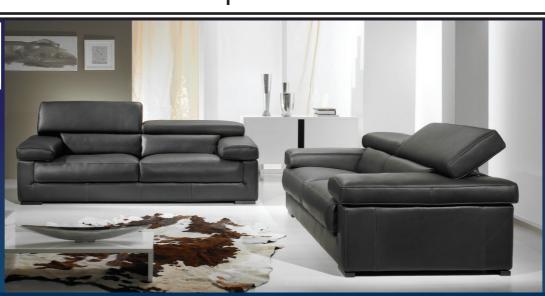
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