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Neighbours in misery as clouds of dust hit parts of Marsascala

The construction industry continues to generate complaints, this time from Marsascala.

Clouds of dust have hit parts of this seaside town from the site where a cinema once stood, and which is now being demolished to make way for a new block of apartments.

The construction industry has been in the public eye for the wrong seasons in the past months. We've had buildings which collapsed, luckily injuring no-one so far; we've had a long list of workers who suffered serious injuries after falls on construction sites, with some also losing their life.

And then there are these everyday occurrences, with residents unable to open windows as dust generated by demolition works envelops whole areas, not to mention the volume of noise such works bring with them.

Edwin Mintoff awarded European Prix Versailles for design of Cugó Gran Macina Grand Harbour

The secretariat of the Prix Versailles, in association with UNESCO and with the International Union of Architects (UIA), has announced that the firm of Edwin Mintoff Architects has been awarded the European Prix Versailles Special Prize for the design of the Cugó Gran Macina Grand Harbour in Senglea in the category of Exterior Hotel Design. The Prix Versailles is awarded in recognition of the best projects around the world and the winners are rewarded for their "extraordinary architecture and design".

The Secretariat summarised the



award process by reiterating its mission statement:

"Inspiration, Progress and Inclusion: the Prix Versailles continues to

pursue its mission of making architecture and design into tools for sustainable development with its various components: ecology (green economy) and society and culture (purple economy)."

Following a far-reaching call for submissions and a systematic press review, the winners have now been invited to compete for the World Title with the successful participants to be unveiled at the World Finale being held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris this coming September. As winners of this award, Edwin Mintoff Architects will be representing Europe in the Category of

Exterior Hotel Design, to compete against the winners of the other five continents for the World Title. The firm was already awarded both the Din l-Art Helwa prize for 'The Rehabilitation and Re-Use of Buildings' and the Malta Architect Award in 'Hospitality, Tourism Accommodation and Leisure' for this project, and was also shortlisted for the Premju Galizia Urban Regeneration Award. The Cugó Gran Macina Grand Harbour forms part of the luxury Cugo Gran sub brand of international IBB Hotel Collection, with 13 hotels in Germany, Spain, Poland and Malta.

Leone Goes Pop

The Leone Philharmonic Society produced its 12th consecutive production of Leone Goes Pop in Independence Square, Victoria, last Thursday.

It is being considered as 'The Greatest Show' of the series, with the participation of the Leone Band, under the baton of Colin Attard, together with Amber, Chris Grech, Mario Caruana, Sarah Bonnici, Denise Mercieca, Centre Stage Dance Academy and Fireplay Malta.



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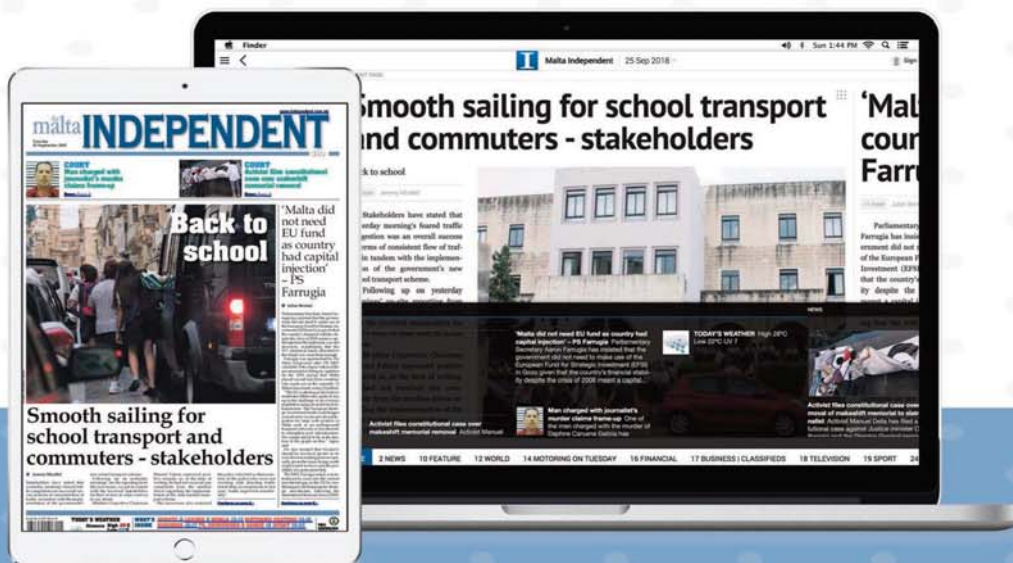
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