

Main Guard to be handed over to Valletta council

The government has decided to reclaim the Main Guard from the Attorney General's office and hand it over to the Valletta local council, www.di-ve.com has learnt.



Sources close to the Office of the Prime Minister told www.di-ve.com that the government had accepted the council's request to move into the building.

Today, the Main Guard is an annex to the Attorney general's office but since the Attorney General is also moving out of the Palace, the government bought a new building in Archbishop Street to house the AG's office under one roof.

Once the imposing building in St George's Square across the Palace is vacated, it will be used by the council for their offices.

For most of the circa 200 years that the British Empire reigned over Malta, British soldiers used to man the Main Guard across the square from The Palace, in Valletta.

The walls of the Main Guard's inner rooms are the product of a very boring life that the Captain of the Gaurd must have led since with mostly nothing to do except run out and salute every time the Governor or the Archbishop passed by, he dedicated most of the time to carve in stone walls of the Main Guard's inner rooms are the

product of such boredom with no less than 300 wall paintings.

Most are regimental badges but there are other paintings – nostalgia features big, but also countless amateur paintings of pretty girls.

Even today, Many do not know that the Main Guard, or to give it its original name, the Guardia della Piazza, was built by the Knights. It was the British who, as they did to various other buildings in Valletta added a portico.
