

Restoration in Valletta

The Resources and Rural Affairs Ministry will be concentrating on the regeneration of Valletta, the Capital City, said Minister George Pullicino when visiting restoration work at the National Library yesterday.

The project includes restoration of the building's impressive facade as well as the arches which surround it.

Most of the deterioration of the building's stonework was caused by natural elements, wind, sun and rain, although use of iron clips and nails also contributed.

The work also included cleaning of stonework and columns, replacing badly deteriorated stones as well as treatment of iron railings and apertures and polishing of marble work.

Next on the agenda is the President's Palace, Auberge de Castille while restoration to St John's Co-Cathedral and the law courts continues. The next major project, he said, will be the restoration of the bastions. St Barbara bastion work is at an advanced stage while preparation is underway for the restoration of six kilometres of bastions surrounding Vittoriosa, Mdina, Victoria and Valletta.

The bastions are being restored with e36 million worth of funding from the European Development Fund.
