

Sunday 'Monti' moving to Park and Ride area




The popular Sunday open market is to move from St James Ditch just outside Valletta to the Park and Ride in Blata l-Bajda as from this Sunday, the government has announced.

Works have just started on the building of a new bus terminus at St James Ditch.

The Secretariat responsible for small businesses said that talks had been held with the stall owners, with the priority having been easy access to the market.

Bus route 198 will operate to the Park and Ride.

Comments

Daniela Abela(1 day, 12 hours ago) 


Jiddispjacini hafna ghal haddiema tal Monti.....pero nahseb li il belt jixirqila hafna ahjar! Il monti u dak l-imbarazz kollhu li issib quddiem ' Bieb il-Belt' jaghti impressjoni li qisek diehel f'xi Marakech jew Bombay hu mhux f' Belt Barokka! ... bi zwimel/ kiosks/ taxis/ tal hobz....u il monti!...li ma hu xejn haga pulita!

Jew allinqas forsi il monti seta jithalla jintrema il hadd meta jitranga l area ta madwar itTriton Fountain u forsi ikun em stalls puliti fejn jinbijaw antikitajiet u affarijiet


tradizzjonali maltin....ghax dawn it tip ta stall issib hafna barra min Malta u huma ta attrazzjoni ghat turisti.....hu fil milied jista jintrema Christmas market :)

Charles.C.Brown(1 day, 13 hours ago) 

At last we are seeing some real changes in Valletta, no major changes has ever been done in Valletta since probably the days of the knights that built it, apart from rebuilding after war damage and the courts and city gates which now is being demolished. Well done Dr Gonzi.

E.Camilleri(1 day, 14 hours ago) 

I agree with Mr. Borg comments, this government is killing Valletta with every decision they take. First they removed most of the parking spaces that were available in Valletta, except of course the parking spaces reserved for members of parliament. Then we are told that carnival is being moved outside Valletta, instead being held in Palace Square as promised. Now we are told that even the Sunday market is being moved away from Valletta, why not use Merchant Street on Sunday all the shops are closed and it is in the pedestrian zone, at least the catering establishments won't lose the business of tourists that come to Valletta on Sunday to see the flea market. In the seventies when the food market was moved to Floriana they use to say that Mintoff wanted to kill Valletta. Where are the Valletta Alive foundation, the MHRA, the GRTU, and the Republic street business community? Wake up before it is too late.


M Bugeja(1 day, 15 hours ago) 

Frankly, this is a good move. A capital city is supposed to be a majestic place. As it is, ours is a parody of what it should be like. Our ancestors, who put so much time and effort to build a city for us to be proud of are spinning so fast in their graves, we could harness them for electricity.

Let's restore Valletta to its former glory, please. Not only for the tourists, who certainly aren't impressed by our offering of loud people and stone spattered in avian waste, but for us, as Maltese. [source: I actually work with tourists who consistently express their disgust at how poorly managed Valletta is]

If the unsightly gash in our bastions means that some class will be restored to our capital (fortress) city, then at least, we're almost ready to start taking steps forward.

As for those hawkers, perhaps they should take this opportunity to improve on their manners and general presentation? Pointless whining that we're European, when we have such animalistic spectacles on a regular basis (same for other monti places)

S.M. Spiteri(1 day, 15 hours ago) 

Good idea of moving the Sunday market to the Park and Ride area.

How about locating the Carnival festivities there as well?

This site provides ample space for the Carnival Enclosure. The Carnival defile' can stretch from St Anne Street to Park and Ride (Bombi area) and can be enjoyed by a much wider audience.


Josephine Mallia(1 day, 15 hours ago) 

This country always expects to have the cake and eat it!
We complain about the lousy bus service, yet we want the status quo
DECIDE MY MALTA PLEASE!!!!

I welcome this decision – we'll need to get used to it sure, but i'm sure if this comments board existed when the monti was originally put in the Foss, people would have been complaining too... xi qrid maahh

Cynthia Bonnici (1 day, 14 hours ago)

Josephine Mallia naraw meta ikun hemm Gvern Laburista wara l-elezzjoni li jmiss u jaghmel xi haga tkunx l-ewwel wahda li tibda teqred.

Paul Borg(1 day, 15 hours ago) 

This is another blow for catering businesses in Valletta. Yet another obstacle to join the CVA mess, the never ending works on unnecessary projects , the elimination of parking areas and the continuous interruption of power supply for Sunday maintenance. And yet the ETC keeps bothering us to employ more people on full time basis.

Would it have killed the ministry to allow hawkers to remain in Merchant street with a small extension up to St John street ? Where is the Valletta Alive foundation, the MHRA, the GRTU, and the Republic street business community ?

Chris Tanti(1 day, 15 hours ago)

U l-Vannijiet fejn jipparkawhom siehbi? fuq il-pavimentar il-gdid??
tghidx kemm jibqa gustuz..

il-Hadd qed nitkellmu fuq xi 250 bejjieh jekk mhux aktar, u ma tul il-gimgha affari ta' xi 30 ruh ikun hemm!!


P. Montebello(1 day, 13 hours ago)

Paul, I do not know if you have noted the onslaught of parking tickets on patrons coming into Valletta in the evening, when most of the shops are closed but quite a few catering outlets are open. It seems that a war is being fought to rid Valletta of catering at night. I am referring to parking in Castille Place, in Market Square. in Christopher street, in St Paul Street and many other streets. So Castille Place and especially Market Square is OK to park in for ministers, members of parliament (all of them) and visiting dignitaries, but not OK for us ordinary Maltese people. This also goes when there is a performance at the MCC or Manoel Theatre.


Last Sunday, at around 6.30pm, I saw a traffic warden issuing a ticket to a car parked in a yellow box, unloading only, in St John Street, corner with St Paul Street. Pray, what inconvenience was this car causing? To top it all the warden vehicle was parked on the pavement, in front of a house, under a towing sign. Did they give themselves a parking ticket?

Paul Borg(1 day, 9 hours ago)

Sur chris Tanti Hija problema hafna u hafna akbar mit tnejn sas Sibt minhabba n-nies tax xoghol , u jekk tqum mir raqda, il-Monti jarma fuq il-pavimentar u anke il-kwantita ta karozzi parlamentari jipparkjaw fuq il-pavimentar. Jaqaw qatt ma tidhlu l-Belt ?

Ludvig Grima(1 day, 15 hours ago) 

I like the new location of the Monti - this will mean that it will be just a short walk from the park and ride, and I wont need to tag along my purchases back to the car... anyway I think the bastions deserve better...

Joseph M. Meli(1 day, 15 hours ago) 

Last nail to the COFFIN of Valletta on a Sunday.

May you Rest in Peace Valletta.

C Cassar(1 day, 15 hours ago)

The new changes will mean that we will actually start to visit Valletta. Right now, the market is an embarrassment - full of cheap, badly made (and often conterfeit) rubbish.

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Joe Spiteri (1 day, 14 hours ago)


C Cassar you are in the minority that supports the city gate without a gate, a parliament on stilts as used by circus clowns to remind us of what parliament has been reduced to under Gonzipn, and to cap it all a roofless theatre. Keep on dreaming Cassar. Next election will kick Gonzipn out.

C Cassar(1 day, 13 hours ago)

No dreaming necessary. The long awaited revamp of Valletta is happening for real whether you like it or not. Looks like the majority wanted the new Valletta since the majority voted for the current party in power - fact.

C. Farrugia(1 day, 16 hours ago) 

Viva il-Progress.....desecration of trees presumably hundreds of years old....and now booting the traditional Monti out of the way. It should have been given an alternative place in Valletta. Perhaps in Merchants Street in place of the weekly one, albeit with more space upwards towards Castille. No longer a one-bus ride into Valletta for the Sunday morning outing for many. One less tourist attraction too.... Hope this move is temporary, or is Valletta turning into a place *only for the Elite*?

Christopher Mamo(1 day, 16 hours ago) 


Tackiness and Baroque didn't mix well anyway!

Luke Buttigieg(1 day, 15 hours ago)

Good one!

Andrew Vinci(20 hours, 38 minutes ago)

you obviously haven't heard of rococo (or the late baroque period) - the peak of tackiness

Mark Piscopo(1 day, 16 hours ago) 

I am really sorry for all the hawkers who without any notice received this unjust transfer. I have relatives who are shocked with such decision. This will be the end of the Monti, as a Sunday flea market.

George Cassar (1 day, 14 hours ago)

Mark Piscopo tell them to enjoy the benefits of the PN regime.

Stephen Koludrovic(1 day, 16 hours ago) 

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=D.Calleja(1 day, 16 hours ago)

The Oracle has spoken!

Patrick Mallia (1 day, 14 hours ago)

D.Calleja and the Oracle's echo has answered him.
