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## Traditional baroque paved square

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The Piazza Duomo in Acireale has recently been paved. This square has a lot of similarities with our own Palace (St George's) Square. As can be seen in the attached photo the paving is a very simple but effective one using natural materials which are found in Sicily. The lava paving in the "street" was respected and kept. The lampposts are the traditional type. Street furniture has been kept to a very minimum.

The square was not designed by a committee or an interior designer. It was planned and executed by an architect as befits such a square.

### Comments

S Vassallo (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

According to the Investments Ministry we only have:

"In-house architects that we employ to draw up the designs of a pavement or a beach-side promenade,"

We need "artists" of "the calibre, experience and reputation of Renzo Piano" for such projects!

By the way: is the Piano proposal for the Valletta gate not a copy of what Maltese architects actually did at Birgu years ago to create a new entrance?

They did also preserve the original entrance which unfortunately is not possible for Valletta any more.

Chris Ebejer (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

"The square was not designed by a committee or an interior designer. It was planned and executed by an architect as befits such a square".

Why is it that the palace square was trusted in dilettante hands of an Int. Designer??

Why the government ignored one of his great architects like Innocent Centorrino.

An expert of classical architecture and an architect per excellence!

The dilettante is not the designers but the commissioners!

Pity that Valletta is in the hands of these plebeians – and OHH look what we have done!!

Tony Gatt (3 weeks, 4 days ago)

It looks beautiful. I wonder if the authorities would allow a few carozzin to give it the authentic Maltese "cart rut" effect as is happening in Mdina?

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