

## Works to start shortly on fortifications information centre



Works on the rehabilitation of Biagio Steps in Valletta and the transformation of the spacious building into an interactive information centre about the fortifications is due to start in the coming weeks, Resources Minister George Pullicino has said.

The project, expected to cost €436,000, was first announced in November 2008. The building, which is accessible from Melita Street and from Marsamxett, includes large vaulted halls that up to recently were used for the holding of exams.

It has direct access to the Valletta bastions and overlooks the fortifications of Fort Manoel and Fort Tigné.

The upper part of the building, level with Melita Street, was removed after the Second World War because of bomb damage.

The museum will include a permanent display on the fortifications of the Knights and the British, an audio-visual theatre, a resource and reference library, offices for administration and curators and a retail/souvenir area.

There will be large scale models of Malta's fortifications, interpretation panels, as well as interactive multimedia displays on the history and make-up of military architecture.

## Comments

J Oatmon (2 weeks, 5 days ago)

A more important priority is a large new modern purpose built law court, and a bigger jail.

Crime is on the increase in Malta, and illegal immigrants and frequent arrivals of drug mules, will mean more crime in future. The present antiquated courts, are already overwhelmed and are running with many years of delayed justice.

R Naudi (2 weeks, 6 days ago)

very good initiative indeed!

Gerard Cassar (2 weeks, 6 days ago)

Why examinaion centre known as Biaggio is to be used as an exhibition centre when it is a convenient place for exams. One has to be familiar with the exams to become aware how difficult it is to find suitable places to conduct public examinations without disturbing schools.

Why not use Fort Sant Elmo for the purpose of exhibiting fortifications' material. It is even more suitable than Biaggio centre.

Joe Zarb (2 weeks, 6 days ago)

While the government is investing hundreds of thousands of euros in this project, shamefully most of the De Redin and Lascaris towers around the islands are falling apart.

Some things should be prioritised!!!

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