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Press Release

New Headquarters for Wirt Ghawdex

Wirt Ghawdex and the Ministry for Gozo have signed a Management Agreement whereby the Dar il-Gvernatur in Victoria has been entrusted to the society. The site will be restored and refurbished and will be used as the society's new Headquarters. This was made possible after the property was transferred to the Ministry for Gozo through an agreement signed recently by Giovanna Debono, Minister for Gozo and Dr. Jason Azzopardi, Minister for Fair Competition, Small Business and Consumers.

This house was recently dismantled and rebuilt a few metres from its original location as necessitated by the ongoing roadworks project. This move provided an opportunity to give the much-needed attention in the form of repairs and restoration to this historical site.

This 18th century house used to belong to the Governor of Gozo and is believed to have been used as a resting stop for visiting Grand Masters or other dignitaries of the time who were visiting Gozo.

An agreement between the Ministry for Gozo and *Wirt Ghawdex* was signed by the Ministry's Permanent Secretary John Inguanez and *Wirt Ghawdex* President Franco Masini in the presence of the Minister for Gozo Giovanna Debono.

The Hon. Minister Giovanna Debono stated that she was confident that *Wirt Ghawdex* will again work diligently to bring this historical site back to its former state and make it another public attraction like previous sites entrusted to its care.

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