



Wirt Ghawdex

Press Release

Concern regarding Heritage in Gozo

Wirt Ghawdex, the Gozo based heritage NGO has aired its concern about the state of certain monuments of great importance for the island of Gozo.

The Santa Cecilia medieval chapel in Ghajnsielem, the knights' tower in Xlendi Bay and the Votive plinth recently removed from Archbishop Pietru Pace Street in Victoria are three monuments about which the society has been drawing the attention of Government and of all the Ministries, departments and agencies concerned but to no avail.

Wirt Ghawdex, expresses its concern regarding the fact that notwithstanding that the Cultural Heritage Act places the responsibility for the proper protection of such monuments on specific entities, nothing has been done with regard to these three monuments and letters sent over the span of the last three years addressed to these entities have remained unheeded.

Wirt Ghawdex warns that both Santa Cecilia Chapel and Xlendi Tower are in imminent danger of collapse and in a short time Gozo may lose two unique monuments forever. Works being carried out presently in the proximity of the chapel may be causing further structural damages to the already fragile structure.

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Tliet monumenti storici f'Ghawdex fil beriklu

Wirt Ghawdex, l-ghaqda għall-harisen tal-patrimonju fil-gzira ghawdxija, hija mħassba sew dwar l-istat ta' xi monumenti ta' certa mportanza f'Ghawdex.

Il-Kappella medjevali ta' Santa Cecilia f'Għajnsielem, it-Torri tal-Kavallieri fix-Xlendi u l-pedestall ta' l-Erwieh li thenna dan l-aħhar minn fejn il-Knisja ta' Santa Marta fir-Rabat, huma tliet monumenti li dwarhom l-ghaqda ilha għal bosta snin tigbed l-attenzjoni ta' l-awtoritajiet koncernati sabiex issir xi haga halli ma jithallewx jinqerdu għal kollox.

Minkejja li l-Att dwar il-Wirt Kulturali iqieghed ir-responsabilita' għall-protezzjoni ta' monumenti bħal dawn fuq entitajiet partikolari, donnu hadd ma jrid jaf bihom u l-ebda azzjoni għadha ma ttiehdet minkejja illi l-ghaqda ilha ssemma lehinha dwar l-istat tal-biki tagħhom.

Wirt Ghawdex wisq tibza' illi jekk ma tittiehidx azzjoni mmedjata, dalwaqt ser jintilef għal kollox dan il-patrimonju storiku. Huma ta' thassib kbir wkoll ix-xogholijiet li qed isiru fit-toroq qrib il-kappella billi jistaw jikkawzaw izjed hsara strutturali f'din l-eqdem kappella li għadha wieqfa f'Ghawdex..

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