

PRESS RELEASE

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Saving Air Malta is a must

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry has supported successive governments, in the country's quest to ascertaining a sustainable future for Air Malta. Today, in the national interest and that of businesses, the Chamber is once again in support of the airline and those negotiating on its behalf to ensure it remains in a position to operate uninterrupted, and into the future.

As it has done in the past, the Malta Chamber expresses its grave concern on possible irresponsible industrial action intended to interrupt Air Malta's services. Such action would not only result in devastating effects on the airline itself, but also on the country's economy at large.

It is most unfortunate that a small yet important section of the company employees is once again threatening to paralyze the entire operation of the airline jeopardising the livelihood of their colleagues in other sections of the airline and with them all businesses and workers whose livelihood depends on the national airline.

The Malta Chamber has said time and time again that the national airline is instrumental to the smooth running of the entire economy with several sectors depending intimately on its efficient and reliable operation.

It is high time that every player in the equation understands the responsibilities and implications of their actions and act responsibly in favour of the economic stability of the country.

The country cannot allow itself to be highjacked by the personal interests of the few. The Malta Chamber once again calls for common sense to prevail in unblocking this dangerous impasse for the economy and for the highest degree of responsibility on the negotiation table.

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