



Vice-President Timmermans
Commissioner Jourovà

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Dear Vice-President
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We regret that for the second time in a few days we have to write to object to the content of letters loaded with innuendos and with linkage to unrelated facts which are being sent to the Commission as we mark the first anniversary of the murder of Ms Daphne Caruana Galizia.

The joint letter of 10 October 2018 from five MEPs purportedly asking the Commission to closely monitor the investigation into the assassination of Ms Daphne Caruana Galizia and to support “the call for an independent public inquiry...into the role of the Maltese state in the assassination” says a lot about the impartiality of the mission conducted by these MEPs representing the LIBE and PANA Committees.

The Government has placed no limitations on the resources to be used in the investigation on the murder of Ms Daphne Caruana Galizia. The investigation is in fact ongoing whilst, concurrently, three persons stand charged with the murder before the courts.

We regret to note the efforts of such MEPs to belittle and discredit the investigation.

Clearly, the call for the public inquiry made by the five MEPs is politically motivated and solely intended to create some sort of general assumption that the murder was the work of the Maltese State. Such a claim falls within the parameters of the ongoing independent judicial and police investigations since it relates directly to the commission of a crime.

As stated in our letter of 9 October 2018 in relation to claims made independently by MEP David Casa, the request for a public inquiry is the subject of an ongoing correspondence between the family's London-based lawyers and the Attorney General of Malta.



We are also attaching a statement which the Government of Malta issued on 11 October 2018 regarding the same matter.

It is also worrying that the allegations made in the letter of the five MEPs are also either subject to a judicial investigation in Malta or consist of alleged facts which bear no logical or causal relationship with the conclusion that the Maltese State was in any way involved in the murder of Ms Caruana Galizia.

We are therefore once again constrained to point out that the content of the letter of 10 October 2018 is totally unwarranted and intended solely to attract attention presumably for ulterior motives.

Malta is a Republic which fully adheres to the principles of the rule of law. Suffice it to remind you that last year, when confronted with very serious accusations, Prime Minister Joseph Muscat subjected himself to an inquiry presided by an independent magistrate. The inquiry was concluded last July and found that not only were the allegations baseless, but documents were forged in order to frame an innocent family – that of the Prime Minister.

The main conclusions were immediately made public by the Attorney General.

Similarly, every major allegation levelled against the Government of Malta is being investigated by independent magistrates, reflecting Malta's strong rule of law.

Once again, Malta reiterates its willingness to engage with the Commission and all other European and international stakeholders to provide a comprehensive and factual understanding of the situation.

Yours truly

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