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PM asks 'soldiers of steel' to prove themselves

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Dr Muscat was speaking at a PL mass meeting in Cospicua in which he recalled the first time International Workers' Day was celebrated in Malta, in 1926, by a group of Labour Party activists in Senglea.

Prime Minister Joseph Muscat insisted this afternoon that the next European election was a moment of truth for the "soldiers of steel," a term originally used to refer to those who voted for the Labour Party when it was under Church interdiction.

Dr Muscat was speaking at a PL mass meeting in Cospicua in which he recalled the first time International Workers' Day was celebrated in Malta, in 1926, by a group of Labour Party activists in Senglea.

In his address, he repeatedly compared the way those activists had been ridiculed to the way, he said, the Nationalist Party needed to the Labour Party's proposals in opposition and actions in government: examples included lowering utility bills and the youth guarantee, along with the fuel price reductions announced yesterday.

After days of hinting that "very good news" was in the offing, Dr Muscat yesterday revealed that this consisted of lowering petrol prices by €0.02 a litre, keeping diesel prices unchanged and lowering the price of a 12kg LPG cylinder by €1.20. The price of petrol and diesel has been locked until the end of the year, while that of LPG has been locked until September.

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