



## Press Release

### **MUMN still retains its position that all foreign nurses are to be replaced by Gozitan nurses in GGH.**

It is clear to MUMN that the Courts upheld the mandatory injunction of Steward health Care regarding the foreign nurses working in Gozo General Hospital (GGH) due to the fact that the transfer of nurses from Malta to Gozo falls under the responsibility of the Ministry Of Health and does not fall under the remit of Steward Health care.

When the mandatory injunction was issued, although the process for the transfer of nurses from Malta to Gozo had initiated from the Health Ministry, the transfer process was not yet completed. That is why the mandatory injunction was upheld by the Ono. Justice Dr. Toni Abela. **The scenario now has completely changed since as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, ten Gozitan nurses were transferred to GGH but Steward Health Care retained the foreign nurses in GGH to this very day.**

MUMN will therefore keep on insisting and fighting that there should never be any foreign nurses working in Gozo whilst there are still Gozitan nurses working in Malta. MUMN would be requesting an urgent meeting this week to resolve this issue. If such foreign nurses are retained in GGH, MUMN will not hesitate to re-issue directives on this regard once again.

It is evident that even now with the transfer of Gozitan nurses being completed, Steward Health Care broke the agreement and the practise of replacing the foreign nurses by the Gozitan nurses. MUMN would like to make it clear that it will not rest until all foreign nurses are replaced by the Gozitans.

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