

Uprooting Nature

The Ficus trees of *Paola* are a real wonder. It's a bit of a shock when seeing the NGO planning to uproot these trees. It's even worse if the permission is given. It's planned that there will be 40 trees that will be uprooted. We should think that if it isn't for these trees, that absorb carbon dioxide from the large amount of cars that pass, Paola would be like a factory full of poisonous gasses that cars leave behind them. If we chop down these trees we are not just destroying more nature but we're doing an unhealthy decision for ourselves too. We will make allergies like asthma and Hay fevers increase. These trees have been there so long that no one knows the plaza without them. So many birds live in the branches of the trees because of their big size. Some birds come in Malta for the winter because in other countries there is a much more low temperature than ours. These trees serve for these birds as a comfortable place to live for the winter. People are making stupid excuses. One of the excuses is because because the roots of the trees are causing damage. It's like cutting your head when it aches instead of painkillers. Instead of uprooting the tree we could make concrete barriers.

Fortunately there is this group called FAA in favor of trees which has collected 2,000 signatures for stopping the killing of these old wonders. They make very nice smells. In my opinion I think a place full of trees is nicer than seeing the same boring building growing and growing as trees population decrease. These trees also protect humans like drinking flowing water to decrease the chances of floods. An example of this is Qormi's valley. People have killed trees from the valley so they could build buildings. From then on almost every time it rains the buildings are damage because of continuous floods.



In Marsa the rampage on trees has already began. Trees has been cut unprofessional in some roads such as Aldo Moro Road. The people who are responsible of such disgrace don't even have evidence of any permit. The FAA are still waiting for what the charges are going to be against does who cut these trees. This isn't the first case that charges take long. The protected olive trees of Imdina has been cut in the same way and still no charges are given for now. Tree vandals has been reported to savagely destroy the branches of trees. In the capital city Valletta months ago trees where potted by they were removed by the Regeneration Project and has not yet been returned. We Maltese people should be ashamed. Other nations have large forests and still protect their trees. In Malta we have a very small number of trees and still we don't protect and we uproot them rudely or vandalize them. In Malta we look to care more about concrete than nature. People say that we need to prude trees because when they get too many leaves they're not very nice. In fact it is the opposite. In Malta people prude trees by cutting all the leaves and leave the trees only the big trunks. That's when trees get ugly. Now school staffs has reported that large trees are losing the students concentration because of the whistling of trees. I hope that the government recognize that this is a stupid idea. Meanwhile Senglea authorities managed to save trees from Senglea and have been thanked by the FAA for this. A thing that really made me said is that in Balzan a 160 year old olive tree.

Comments from general public:

1. That this policy of killing trees is stopped as soon as possible.
2. That people who have killed trees are fined as soon as possible.
3. The trees that change place are uprooted gently and placed in there knew homes quickly.
4. That old trees should left where they because they are part of the important Maltese Heritage.
5. That before MEPA make there move they should think about the consequences.

