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HOW OVERPOPULATION IS EFFECTING THE COUNTRY

Have you ever been bothered by the overpopulation in Malta? Right now, Malta is going through a catastrophic situation as the population has risen drastically. Part of this problem is that there is uncontrolled immigration. **Source: Times of Malta**

In 2019, the Maltese population was around 514,000 people. By the end of 2023, the population on the Maltese islands had risen to 563,443 people which is a substantial rise of 49,443 people in the short span of 5 years. **Source: newsbook**

Malta doesn't have organisations focusing on this issue. But, several NGO's are working on similar matters for example environmental sustainability, social welfare etc. Some of these NGOs are Moviment Graffiti and SKOP Malta.

With this surge in population, the Maltese islands have been facing a number of problematic situations such as power and drainage cuts, more rubbish in the streets and also more traffic.



Image taken from the Times of Malta

An example for each of these situations are the following: if population of a townhouse in 2019 was about 4 people, in 2025 the townhouse was replaced by a block of apartments with around 15 people living in the block, resulting in an escalation of electricity consumption, more trash and more drainage.

Due to this extreme increase in population, the amount of rubbish also increased, resulting in difficulty to clear the rubbish from the streets. Following the population increase, more people are buying cars resulting in more traffic and also air pollution.

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There are several solutions the government can implement to help with the situations above. An example for possible solutions for each of these situations are the following: the power station gets enlarged and the drainage system gets arranged. Regarding trash there could be more frequent pick ups, people do recycling and also the government enforces stricter rules. Concerning more traffic in roads, the government should make the public transport system more efficient and also trams and underground subways should be built.

These were only some of the many problems that overpopulation brought with it. This shows that we need to act fast and stop this problem as many Maltese citizens are getting tired of this country and want to immigrate to another country.

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