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BirdLife Malta's Priorities...

Further to the Federation for Hunting & Conservation – Malta (FKNK) statement of yesterday as above captioned, BirdLife Malta through their law Firm R. Frendo Randon & Associates have once again threatened legal action against the FKNK and requested that the FKNK publish the hereunder BirdLife Malta statement:

“Regarding the issue of Spanish Sparrow nests in key areas at Mater Dei hospital, BirdLife Malta did NOT 'impede' the removal of nests - rather BirdLife Malta, the pest control company and the Mater Dei hospital have been recently working together in a very positive way to resolve the issue of nesting birds in critical areas within the hospital environs. This is being done with the firm understanding and agreement that the health and safety of the patients and staff at the Mater Dei are of paramount concern and that health and safety standards are maintained to the highest possible degree at the hospital. At the same time, the three organisations have been working together to deal with the issue of nesting birds in critical areas of the hospital through a preventative approach, thus maintaining the hospital's high and rigorous health and safety standards, without damaging active nests sites and nesting birds, which is against both national and international law. This is being carried out in a constructive and legal manner to the ultimate benefit of the Mater Dei hospital.”

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