

# media release

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## **MTA AND LANDS CLOSE DOWN FRA BEN KIOSK IN QAWRA**

Following the joint operation conducted by the Malta Tourism Authority and the Lands Authority in which deckchairs and umbrellas were removed from Ta' Fra Ben yesterday, the two entities followed up with further action today.

When MTA and Lands Authority officials inspected the area again this morning, it was found that the operator had continued with the provision of illegal deckchairs. About 70 deckchairs were already in use when the inspection took place. The operator was informed that MTA and the Lands Authority will be issuing €5000 in fines excluding any operational costs. The authorities will also be enforcing closure with immediate effect.

This joint action is part of the ongoing drive aimed at ensuring that regulations are respected in full. Further actions have already been taken at Armier Bay and Little Armier. Operators in other locations in Malta and Gozo are voluntarily taking action in order to regularise their position.

## **L-MTA U L-AWTORITÀ TAL-ARTIJJET JAGĦLQU L-KIOSK F'TA' FRA BEN, IL-QAWRA**

Wara li l-bieraħ saret azzjoni kongunta bejn l-Awtorità Maltija għat-Turiżmu (MTA) u l-Awtorità tal-Artijiet li matulha tneħhew umbrelel u deckchairs mill-bajja Ta' Fra Ben fil-Qawra, dalgħodu iż-żewġ awtoritajiet komplew bil-ħidma tagħhom ta' infurzar fl-istess lokalita'.

Meta dalgħodu, uffiċjali tal-MTA u tal-Awtorità tal-Artijiet marru jagħmlu spezzjoni fuq il-post, sabu li l-operatur kien qed jerġa' jikri umbrelel u deckchairs b'mod illegali. Fil-fatt, madwar sebgħin deckchair kienu diġa' nkrew lil membri tal-pubbliku meta seħħet l-ispezzjoni. L-operatur ġie avżat li l-MTA u l-Awtorità tal-Artijiet kienu se joħorġu €5000 f'multi, minbarra xi ispejjeż applikabbli. L-

awtoritajiet se jkunu ukoll qed jinforzaw l-għeluq b'mod immedjat tal-istabbiliment.

Il-ħidma kongunta hija parti minn kampanja li għandha l-għan li tiżgura li r-regolamenti li jikkoncernaw il-bajjiet ikunu rispettati f'kull ħin. Diġà ttieħdet azzjoni simili fil-bajjiet tal-Armier u Little Armier, filwaqt li f'postijiet oħra madwar Malta u Għawdex, operatori qed jirregolarizzaw ruħhom b'mod volontarju biex jevitaw dan it-tip ta' inforzar.

