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## **MEA calls for Civilised Dialogue**

The Malta Employers' Association appealed for a return to reason in the dispute involving transport operators, and condemned, without reservation, the thuggish behaviour by some of the protestors outside Castille Palace. The Association stated that in a civilised society, constructive discussion can only take place around a table and only once hostile action is withdrawn.

The stoppage of public transport has created hardship to many employees who arrived late for work, and companies have suffered losses through lost production. Resorting to strong arm tactics and threats is counterproductive to equitable solutions. The Association stated that the dispute has flared up unnecessarily, and appealed for common sense to prevail. It urged the transport operators to move to the negotiating table in their own interest and that of Maltese society in general.