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Unable even to acknowledge progress in the waste management sector

The Nationalist Party is dismissing the achievements of the Maltese people in the field of waste management. There are times when the Opposition has a duty to criticise. But there are also times when, before rushing to attack the Government, it should take a step back and acknowledge the achievements of the people. On waste management, however, the Nationalist Party has chosen a different approach.

In its determination to attack the Government at every turn, the PN has ended up undermining the significance of results which, ultimately, are not simply the achievements of the Government or WasteServ, but above all the result of the efforts of thousands of Maltese and Gozitan families and businesses who separate their waste everyday.

The figures speak for themselves. According to Eurostat, in 2024 Malta recorded 1,092kg of waste per capita, the lowest level in the European Union. At the same time, Malta's plastic recycling rate has also increased significantly, with the gap between Malta and the European average narrowing considerably over the space of just two years.

This does not mean that we have reached our destination. Nor has WasteServ ever suggested otherwise. In fact, its own statement acknowledges that there is still a gap to be bridged. But refusing to acknowledge the progress that has been made means either turning a blind eye to the figures or having other interests at heart.

The PN's attacks come in the wake of manoeuvres by individuals within the party itself, driven by personal interests, against the Waste-to-Energy project contract.

For PN spokespersons to allow partisan politics to dictate their approach in this way, particularly at the very beginning of a new legislature, does not bode well.