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## KTP DEMANDS IM BE SUBJECT TO SAME LAWS AND OVERSIGHT AS OTHER DEVELOPERS

The Kamra tal-Periti has reviewed media reports and footage of the scaffolding collapse in Triq Mikiel Anton Vassalli, which occurred at a construction site managed by Infrastructure Malta (IM).

It is noted with grave concern that neither the Building and Construction Agency (BCA), the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSA), nor Transport Malta (TM) have taken any action to safeguard the public or workers. Furthermore, none of these entities have issued any official statements regarding this serious incident.

It is pertinent to underscore that IM is merely an agency. Unlike the Planning Authority (PA), BCA, OHSA, or TM, IM does not possess any regulatory powers. Rather, it is an entity tasked by the government with implementing planned infrastructural projects. For all intents and purposes, IM acts as a developer and should therefore be subject to the same scrutiny and enforcement measures as any other developer under the aforementioned regulatory authorities.

If there are any laws, regulations, or policies that could be construed as granting IM exemptions from regulatory oversight, these must be urgently reviewed.

The health and safety of workers on IM's construction sites, as well as the protection of neighbouring residents, third-parties, and the general public adjacent to or passing by its projects, are no less important than those on any other site and must be afforded equal protection under the law.

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