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# Malta must implement the Daphne Caruana Galizia inquiry recommendations

The 2017 assassination of investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia still demands action on the failures identified by Malta's public inquiry.

## What we know

Five people received prison sentences for roles in carrying out the murder or supplying the bomb. On September 2, 2026, a jury acquitted businessman Yorgen Fenech, who denied the charges, by a vote of eight to one. The prosecution said it would appeal. The acquittal, the appeal, and the separate 2021 public inquiry all have distinct legal significance. [1–6]

## Our position

The assassination of a journalist is an attack on the public's right to know. Accountability requires both fair trials and action on the institutional failures that a public inquiry identifies. Malta is a state party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. [4–7]

## Our calls

Amnesty Freedom calls on the authorities to:

1. Make public its progress against the inquiry's recommendations.
2. Strengthen protection for journalists and their sources.
3. Ensure that any further proceedings are fair and independent.
4. Protect journalists reporting on public corruption from threats, surveillance, and abusive litigation.

## Supporting information

1. Daphne Caruana Galizia - Committee to Protect Journalists
2. Two men jailed for life for procuring bomb that killed Malta journalist
3. Malta rejects appeal of bomb suppliers in Daphne Caruana Galizia's murder - Committee to Protect Journalists
4. Public inquiry — The Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation
5. CPJ renews call to end impunity in Daphne Caruana Galizia's murder as Malta unveils public inquiry report - Committee to Protect Journalists
6. Malta: IFJ and EFJ condemn failure to convict mastermind behind murder of Daphne Caruana Galizia - IFJ
7. UNESCO, UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

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