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"Daphne Project" revelations must spell end for implicated senior politicians

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An international consortium of journalists has today published further revelations on the stories being investigated by the murdered Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia.

The reports come from the Daphne Project, which is following up on the work of the journalist. New leaks show that the Maltese anti-money laundering agency (FIAU) had reason to suspect that Maltese Minister Konrad Mizzi was involved in money-laundering as far back as October 2016.

The FIAU report called for a police investigation, but this was not acted upon by the Maltese authorities. The Prime Minister's Chief of Staff, Keith Schembri, is also implicated in the scandal.

Sven Giegold, financial and economic policy spokesperson of the Greens/EFA group, comments:

"This surely has to be the end of the line for Mizzi and Schembri. If they won't do the honourable thing and stand down, then the Prime Minister surely has no choice but to sack them. In no other European country would it have been acceptable for people in such senior positions to stay in power for so long with these sort of scandals piling up on them."

"The European Commission needs to step in and investigate. These revelations add further suspicion of money laundering, and Vice-President Frans Timmermans needs to take them seriously. This is not just a Maltese concern – it concerns the interests of the whole EU. MEPs have given warnings already. The Commission should not drag its heels any longer."

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