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## PRESIDENT VISITS STUDENTS

President Eddie Fenech Adami yesterday visited the different stands set up by the student organisations as part of the Freshers' Week activities, at University Campus, Tal-Qroqq

# 2008 Frontex budget doubled

DAVID LINDSAY

The European Parliament's Budget Committee yesterday voted to nearly double the budget allocated to the European Union's border control agency Frontex, a little more than

one month after the committee visited Malta to look into the country's migration issues.

Frontex, which this year carried out two Nautilus missions in the vicinity of Malta, and one last year, aimed at deterring African

migrants from the EU's southern shores, will see its operational budget increased by EUR30 million for next year as a result of yesterday's vote.

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## Court rules in favour of data protection

The Appeals Court yesterday decided in favour of the protection of people's data when, in a landmark judgment, it ruled that mobile service providers should not be expected to hand over people's data to the police as part of their investigations.

In his judgement, the Appeal's Court, presided over by Mr Justice Philip Sciberras, declared that the police had other options which they could use to investigate crimes rather than ask mobile service providers to provide private information about people and location data.

By way of this judgement, the court revoked the decision handed down by the Data Protection Tribunal which had concluded that Go Mobile and Vodafone were to give information requested by the police while maintaining the "right to privacy of the data subjects and the rights and obligations of the police authorities to sustain the interest of national security and the prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of criminal or administrative offences".

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