SOVRINTENDENZA TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Property Name	Parish Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Saint Gregory the Great				
Address	Pjazza San Girgor				
Town Name	Kercem	**Toponym**	-	**Local Council**	Kerċem
Property Owner	Religious	**Managing Body**	Archidioceses		
Guardianship Deed	No				

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Artistic Social Historical	**Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment**	High
Property Function	Religious	**Conservation Area**	No

Outline Description	Prior to the present Church, there was another Church under the dedication fo Saint Gregory the Great which was built round about 1851. The present Church dates back to 1906-1910.
Property Description	As Kercem evolved, the need for a larger Church was felt. The building for the new church commenced in 1906 and was finished in 1910. An important note is the fact that the Church has two dedications. Besides being dedicated to Saint Gregory, the Church was given another dedication the in 1885 and was co-dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Church is elegantly raised on a stepped parvis. Upon looking at the west façade, one brings to mind a Greek temple. The pilasters are raised on a plinth and capped with volutes and a garland of flowers. The same pattern can also be seen adorning the sides of the square bell towers. A Latin inscription scribed on the frieze above the pilasters states that the Church is dedicated to the Virgin Mary and Pope Gregory. The moulded door for the main entrance is topped off with a segmented arch and nestled in a niche is a Byzantinques image of the Virgin and Child. Between the two bell towers, there is a triangular pediment with segmented aedicule and the figure of Pope Gregory the Great. The dome rests on the crossing of the transepts.

Scheduled by MEPA	-	**Degree of Protection**	-	**G.N. No.**	-	**G.N. Date**	-

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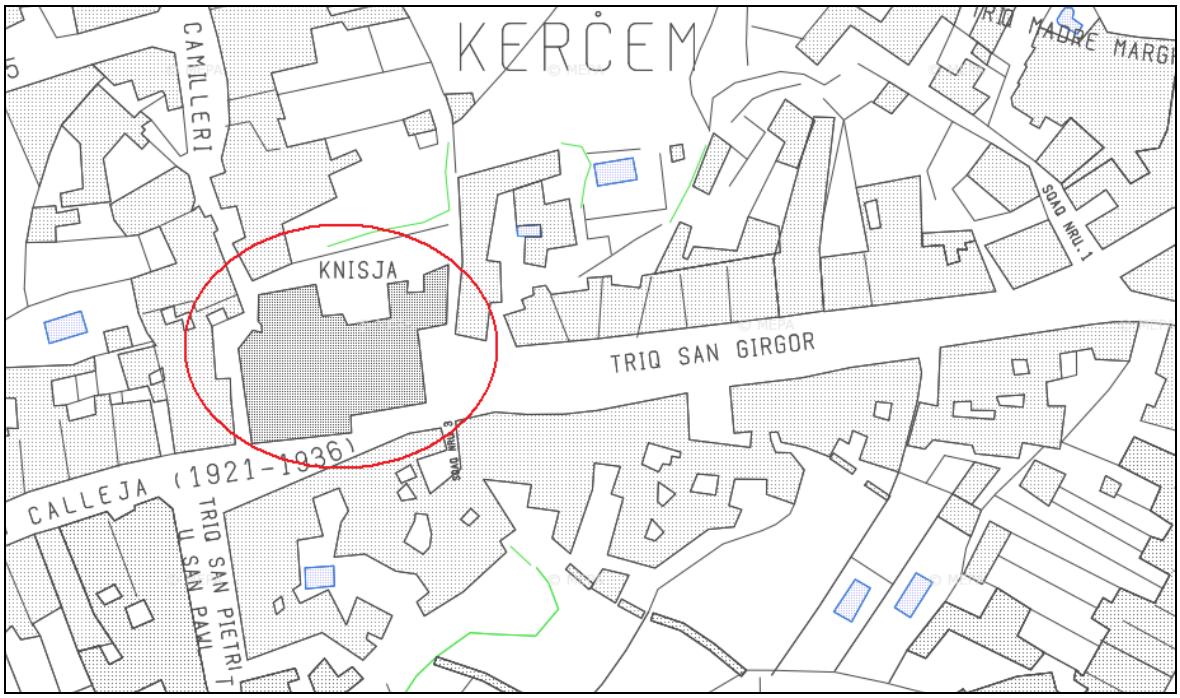
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Coordinates : Easting	30450	89064	Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

