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National centenary celebrations kick-off in Malta

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Maltese Scouts and Girl Guides took the streets of Valletta by storm on Sunday 5th May, as they paraded through the capital for their ninth joint annual parade. This year's event holds particular significance to the Scout Association of Malta, which is celebrating its national centenary.

Some 4,500 Scouts and Guides, music blaring and drums booming, brought cheer to the city, which is usually quiet on a Sunday morning.

Also joining in the festivities were former scouts, together with a considerable number of foreign Scout Leaders, who were all proud of their association with the Scout Movement.

The day's activities started with a 'thanksgiving' service at the Floriana St Publius church, attended by Senior Scout and Guide officials, commissioners, leaders, and representatives from each and every section within the Scout and Guide Associations of Malta.

The official national centenary flag, together with the Scout and Guide colours, accompanied by nineteen Scout bands and members from forty Scout groups and thirty Guide companies then made their way through the streets where in front of the Presidential Palace, the acting President, Dr. George Hyzler, was given a fitting Scout salute by each of the groups and units present.