

## Safety rules ignored in cleaner's fatal fall

A window cleaner who fell to his death while working at a government building did not have social insurance and safety rules had not been followed, the Labor Inspectorate confirmed yesterday without giving details about what action would be taken against the contractor that employed the father of four.

Asiz Emad, an Egyptian immigrant, died on December 19 after losing his balance and falling from the third floor of the Labor Ministry's general administration building. His death only came to light when Coalition of the Radical Left (SYRIZA) MP Michalis Kritsotakis tabled a question in Parliament on December 23 about the incident.



In its first official statement on the subject, the Labor Inspectorate, which is responsible for ensuring labor laws and safety regulations are adhered to, said yesterday that in Emad's case, the rules had not been followed.

"According to initial information, the deceased fell from the third floor to the ground due

to the lack of safety measures... which indicates a breach in health and safety regulations," the inspectorate said. It also confirmed that Emad's social security contributions were not being paid by the contractor employing him. The Labor Inspectorate did not name the company involved but said that it had notified it to give its version of events. Legal action will be launched after that.

"The responsibility of the contractor is great and it needs to be punished swiftly and strictly," said New Democracy MP Yiannis Vrotsis, who is the party's labor and social insurance spokesman. "But the responsibilities of the Labor Ministry are also great."

The Attica Union of Cleaners (PEKOP) is demanding that the government explain why Emad was working on a Sunday when the contract with the ministry stipulated the cleaning would take place on weekdays. PEKOP also wants to know why no record was kept of the cleaners' presence in the building and why Emad had no social insurance.

## Renovated Pedio tou Areos park delivered to Athenians



ANA-MPA/Upon conclusion of the institution of the Athens-Piraeus Supraprefecture, the biggest and most historic park in Athens, the Pedio tou Areos park, has been renovated and restructured under the directions of architect Alexandros Tombazis and offered to the inhabitants of Athens, on Tuesday. It is now comparable to the biggest parks abroad and is open and safe for all citizens.

The park is in no way reminiscent of its past. A total of 1,200 trees have been planted, 50,000 plants, 7,500 bushes and 2,500 rose bushes, while 9,000 square metres of turf and eight stremmas of ground coverage plants have been added.

Moreover, 22,650 square metres of asphalt have been removed from the old paths and earth was placed in its place and, in parallel, 8,800 square metres of marble stones and 3,800 square metres of granite stones have been placed.

Apart from the environmental and visual aspect of the work, it is noteworthy that the temperature in the park in the summer months will be 3-5 degrees less than that of the city, a fact that will literally make it an oasis in the centre of Athens.

## Free school textbooks will stay

The education ministry said school books will continue to be distributed free of charge to state-school pupils and that the publishing process will continue to fall under the ministry's responsibility.

The announcement added that the responsible organisation in charge of the distribution will be integrated into another entity, which will be established and to support policy regarding digital education.

A ministry draft law, up for discussion on Wednesday by the cabinet, foresees the merging of several organisations in order to save up to four billion euros per year in state spending.





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