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FURTHER UNPROVOKED ASSAULT IN LA LINEA

In the very early hours of Sunday morning, two young residents of Gibraltar returning from a night out in La Linea were again ambushed from behind, and subjected to a serious and unprovoked physical assault by complete strangers. One of the victims suffered a broken arm requiring an operation. The incident again occurred near the Chinese restaurant close to the frontier.

The RGP is in regular contact with police in La Linea about such incidents. The Government is expressing its grave concern directly to the Spanish Government.

A spokesman for No 6 Convent Place said:-

“These unprovoked and violent attacks are becoming increasingly and worryingly frequent. Until Spanish Police deal effectively with the perpetrators, the Government advises residents of Gibraltar not to walk from La Linea town centre to the border late at night, but rather take a taxi. This situation is wholly unacceptable and the Government will urge the Spanish authorities to take urgent and effective action to counteract these assaults.”