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### **VANDALISM ON THE UPPER ROCK**

The Gibraltar Tourist Board is disheartened to report an act of premeditated vandalism that has been carried out at the City Under Siege exhibition on the Upper Rock.

The site was ransacked on the night of 24th May, with damage having been inflicted on the static exhibitions and general fixtures of this visitor attraction.

The vandals gained access to the site by pulling out the main entrance door from its hinges. Once inside these individuals went on to destroy all the static exhibitions including the decapitation of the life size figures on display. One of the figures was also thrown off the cliff surrounding the exhibitions.

The Minister for the Environment and Tourism, The Hon Ernest Britto has expressed his dismay at such an act of wanton destruction to an area that is of important heritage value.

The exhibition will be deprived of its displays until further notice while extensive repairs are carried out and the Gibraltar Tourist Board would like to apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause to visitors to Gibraltar. The expense to the local taxpayer of the restoration necessary will be unavoidable and substantial.