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GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR ADVICE TO LOCAL BOAT OWNERS

Following further incidents of unlawful encroachments by the Guardia Civil over the week-end, the Government of Gibraltar reminds all users of British Gibraltar Territorial Waters that no Spanish law enforcement agency or other entity has the power or authority to exercise any form of jurisdiction in Gibraltar Territorial Waters.

Accordingly, all requests by Spanish authorities within BGTW to board vessels, to produce documentation, to answer questions of any nature or to seek to enforce legislation on any subject, especially fishing and environmental laws, should be refused.

Boatowners accosted in this way should immediately radio or telephone the RGP or fire off a distress flare which will result in the immediate deployment of the RGP or other Gibraltar Government maritime resources.