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Government Saddened at Bob Peliza's Death

The Government was saddened to learn of the death earlier today of Sir Robert Peliza.

Bob to his many friends, he was the only person to have held the offices of Chief Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Speaker. Throughout his involvement in active politics, Bob was a passionate advocate for maintaining and strengthening the link between Gibraltar and United Kingdom.

He was instrumental in securing the Preamble to the 1969 Constitution through his involvement in the Integration with Britain Movement, which later became the Integration with Britain Party.

Bob was also at the forefront of the campaign to secure full British Citizenship for the people of Gibraltar in 1981 against the wishes of the then British Government. The lobbying campaign conducted by Bob and others, at the time, convinced the UK Government to change their policy and grant full British Citizenship to those Gibraltarians who applied.

Chief Minister Fabian Picardo said:

“Bob was a friend and a great defender of Gibraltar and its people. He was also a family man and I know that he will be sorely missed. I would like to express my most sincere condolences to his wife Irma and his family”.