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UNITED KINGDOM TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AFFECT GIBRALTAR PASSPORT ISSUING SERVICE

The fibre optic lines connecting the United Kingdom to passport issuing posts has been damaged by a fire which occurred late yesterday night in England. As a result the Civil Status and Registration Office is temporarily unable to provide the general public with normal passports facilities.

In cases of genuine emergencies however, the Civil Status and Registration Office will issue Emergency Passports upon payment of the prescribed fee of £10.00. These passports however, are single sheets of paper which are only valid for one journey to the United Kingdom either directly from Gibraltar or via Spain. Holders of local red Identity cards may also wish to use these for travel within the European Union.

The Civil Status and Registration Office would like to assure the general public that every effort is being made to resume normal service as soon as possible.