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**Chief Minister hosts Spanish Journalists**

On Friday, Chief Minister the Hon. Fabian Picardo, MP. held a dinner for a group of Spanish journalists at the Rock Hotel. The dinner was attended by a group of well-established prominent members of a cross section of the media based in Madrid.

Among the group was former Europa Sur editor Jorge Bezares, currently Parliamentary Correspondent for the Grupo Joly, which owns eight of the top regional newspapers including Diario de Cadiz. It included the legendary Jose Oneto who became famous during the Spanish transition and is author of the historic book 23-F LA HISTORIA NO CONTADA.

The majority of the party had never been to Gibraltar before and expressed their satisfaction at getting first hand information on the reality and views of the Gibraltarians. The visit was part of the Government's general policy of spreading Gibraltar's case across opinion makers in Spain.