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**Opposition Wrong On Montiel**

The Opposition's continued misrepresentation of the circumstances surrounding the re-engagement of Louis Montiel is characteristic of their style of politics.

The fact is that this issue has received so much publicity is exclusively as a result of them making use of the case to attack the Government.

This evidences the problem that Mr Montiel's re-engagement into the public service creates given that he remains an active politician in the party that is in Opposition to the Government.

It is for that reason that finding a post of responsibility which does not expose Mr Montiel to confidential information has proved to be so difficult.

It is therefore hypocritical in the extreme for the Opposition to take the stand that it has adopted.

Indeed, the only party that has been guilty of attempted "character assassination" is the GSD when in Government. This happened in particular in the vicious campaign that they ran against the now Chief Minister Fabian Picardo last year. They broke the rules of good government and one of the basic tenets of democracy by using taxpayer's money for their unscrupulous campaign to discredit Mr Picardo.

Moreover, the public will recall that Mr Caruana was notorious for the vindictiveness that he systematically deployed against anyone who had the temerity to contradict him or to question any of his actions. People in Gibraltar will therefore be forgiven for thinking that it was the GSD's actions in Government, particularly the actions of its leadership, that were the very definition of "spite" and "abuse of power".

In the circumstances, the Government is confident that the public will see through the meaningless bluster as the Opposition struggle with the facts.