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**GIBRALTAR NATIONAL DAY EVENTS**

The Ministry of Culture has announced the programme of events for this year's Gibraltar National Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The events are being organised by the Self Determination for Gibraltar Group (SDGG), with the Ministry collaborating and assisting the SDGG to ensure the smooth running of all events.

The National Day Celebrations return to Casemates Square this year to coincide with the Gibraltar Government's manifesto commitment. The SDGG are delighted that National Day will return to its original venue.

Celebrations begin at 9.30am from the Square with live music and performances. The Political Rally will start at 12.35pm. This will revert to the traditional format and will be followed by the release of the traditional red and white balloons.

A spectators' stand of 50 seats for the elderly will be made available on a first come first served basis. Additionally, the organisers guarantee a bigger and better National Day this year after listening to comments and suggestions from different parts of the community. The innovations include:

1. A spectators' stand of 50 seats for people with physical disabilities who are blue badge holders.
2. A demarcated area to accommodate wheelchair users. Access for wheel chair users is preferable via Landport tunnel.

People wanting a space at the wheelchair designated area or the stand for people with disabilities will be able to obtain tickets on a first come first served basis upon productions of their blue badge. People may contact the Ministry of Culture directly on telephone 20048063. Ticket holders may be accompanied by one other person.

This is the first time that special provision has been made specifically for people with physical disabilities and for wheel chair users in this way.

Recycle bins for the disposal and subsequent recycle of empty drink cans will be strategically located along Casemates Square. The public is requested to help Gibraltar's recycling efforts by using these bins to dispose only of empty cans.

Other events forming part of our National Day Celebrations on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 include:

10.30am	Children's Fancy Dress Piazza
1.30pm to 4pm	Live Music and Performance Casemates Square
2pm to 7pm	Fun for Kids Coach Park
2pm till late	Fun Activities, Entertainment and Disco's King's Bastion Leisure Centre
2pm till late	Live Music and Disco Rock on the Rock Club, Town Range
2.30pm to 7pm	Jazz Friends Governor's Parade
7pm	Thanksgiving Mass Shrine of Our Lady of Europe
9pm to 1am	Rock Concert Casemates Square Featuring local musicians and TAXI
10.30pm	Fireworks Display Detached Mole

Access to Coaling Island as from 10pm will be restricted to pedestrians only, until completion of the Fireworks Display. Arrangements are being made by the Captain of the Port for large ships berthed alongside Coaling Island's western arm to be removed, thus providing a prime viewing location for the general public. Visitors to Coaling Island on the evening of National Day are requested to follow instructions as issued by the Royal Gibraltar Police.

The SDGG and Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar wish all Gibraltarians and other residents of Gibraltar a very happy Gibraltar National Day.