



***GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY***

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**THEFT AND POWER FAILURE**

On Sunday afternoon, thieves broke into the old prison and stripped bare the live wiring installation that supplies the Moorish Castle and the old wiring installations of the ex-Prison. The theft and damage to the wiring installation caused has meant that the Tower of Homage and ticket office are temporarily being supplied by portable generators to allow the Moorish Castle to open to the public. Works will proceed shortly to carry out permanent repairs to the wiring installation. In the meantime, the floodlighting system that illuminates the Moorish Castle at night will be out of action.

It cannot be stressed enough that the theft of cable is a criminal offence but it can also be an extremely dangerous practice. Clearly, cutting through live operational cables can cause serious injury or even death.

In a separate and unconnected incident, the GEA wishes to apologise to consumers in the Castle Street area who suffered a power failure yesterday as a result of a fault on the low voltage distribution network that supplies this area. The fault was temporarily repaired on the day. However works had to continue today to undertake a more permanent repair.