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Disrupted cigarette export – missiles thrown

HM Customs disrupted an attempt to export an illegal quantity of cigarettes at British Lines Road yesterday evening. A Spanish registered car was seen being driven towards the frontier fence at around 10pm. As Customs approached the vehicle, the sole occupant abandoned the car and fled the scene by climbing over the fence into Spain where he was met by a number of other men who had been hiding in the area. The officers searched the vehicle and surrounding area and recovered 30,000 cigarettes (150 cartons). During the course of the recovery, the group of men on the Spanish side of the fence began shouting insults and abuse at the officers and then proceeded to throw stones at them.

Nobody was injured in the assault and HM Customs are investigating the incident with an aim to identify and apprehend the perpetrators.

The car and cigarettes have been seized by HM Customs.

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