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**HMGOG CONSIDERS GC ACTION IN BGTW ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE**

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar has transmitted its deepest concern to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office over the incident in BGTW last weekend involving a Guardia Civil vessel attempting to exercise executive action over a Gibraltar pleasure craft. HMGOG has asked the FCO to take immediate and firm action on this matter.

Two local fishermen who were on the pleasure craft have said in statements that a Guardia Civil officer pointed a gun at them and that their boat was rammed by the Spanish paramilitary vessel. HMGOG considers that this is not only a case of a serious and unacceptable incursion in our waters but of irresponsible and illegal action by a foreign authority which put the lives of individuals at risk.

HMGOG notes the prompt and effective intervention by the RGP which was able to manoeuvre their vessel between the pleasure craft and the Guardia Civil and thereby protect the pleasure craft from the actions of the Spanish vessel.

HMGOG will continue to take this matter up with the highest levels of the UK Government and will seek reassurances that all necessary action will be taken to avoid these incidents occurring in our waters.