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## HM Government of Gibraltar Statement on Traffic Accident Involving GFA Supporters

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar has been informed of the tragic accident that has affected a coach full of supporters of the Gibraltar National Football team who were returning to Gibraltar after the Euro Qualifying match against World Champions, Germany.

The news reaching the Government is that the coach was involved in a collision with a private vehicle. The facts are yet to be fully established.

Some of the occupants of the bus returning to Gibraltar have suffered injuries which were attended to at Algeciras Hospital and St Bernard's Hospital. All but one are now safely back home with the rest of their fellow passengers. One passenger remains in hospital in Algeciras.

Unfortunately it would appear that the six occupants of the other vehicle involved in the collision have suffered very serious and fatal injuries. Early reports indicate that the deceased are all Moroccan nationals.

The Government wishes the injured GFA supporters and any surviving occupants of the other vehicle a full and speedy recovery and expresses its condolences to the families of those tragically deceased.

The Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, will be writing to the Moroccan Ambassador to London to express sincere condolences to His Majesty the King of Morocco on behalf of the Government and People of Gibraltar.