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**Grupo Joly newspapers Article : Another Un-researched piece of Nonsense**

The report which has appeared today in all Grupo Joly publications (Diario de Cadiz; Diario de Jerez, Diario de Sevilla, Europa Sur etc) relating to the employment policies of Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is entirely erroneous, untrue and a clear attempt to prejudice public opinion against Gibraltar. This has become a common feature of Grupo Joly publications which never seeks a comment or view from HMGOG before publication of rumours and innuendoes as facts.

The newspaper report states:

"This newspaper has been able to know that the Government of Gibraltar that is presided over by Fabian Picardo has extended the obligation [of disclosure of criminal records] to all companies since last Tuesday and from that moment it has been a requirement that details of any previous convictions should be included with any CV which must be presented by all workers who are employed by Gibraltarians companies."

In fact, the policy of HMGOG, which has historically always been the case throughout previous administrations, is that disclosure of criminal records is required in respect of any individual who applies to be employed in the public sector or to be employed to work on Government sites. This disclosure is required of all Gibraltarians, of British Citizens and individuals of any nationality and is subject to the limits set out in national legislation.

There has been no change of policy on Tuesday or at any other time.

HMGOG makes no such requirement in respect of employees employed in the private sector, although some private sector employers may, insofar as they are able, seek such information.

Grupo Joly publications should really check their facts before publishing erroneous information designed to inflame and prejudice people against Gibraltar and its Government.