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THE LATE BERNARD LINARES

Her Majesty's Government notes, with sincere regret, the death of the Hon Dr Bernard Linares. The Honourable Dr Linares was a much loved priest for many years, then a teacher and subsequently a minister. His passing, after a long illness, will have been felt across the Community in Gibraltar.

The Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, said:

"Bernard Linares was a much loved and respected member of our Community who fulfilled many roles in his very full life. In his time he has married, baptised, counselled, educated and inspired many of us. For many his time as a priest and his role with Young Christian Workers was an integral part of their youth. For my own generation Bernard was the teacher who first opened our eyes to the value and effect of politics in society and the international dimensions of politics in other communities where the struggle against dictatorship required courage of a different type to that seen in our own. After education, he became a politician himself when he felt Gibraltar required his contribution. A priest, a pastor and a politician for our community leaves us. Our thoughts are with his family, to which he was devoted and who will no doubt miss his wisdom and love immensely and irreplaceably."