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## Uniformed Guardia Civil officers caught RGP by surprise

Police Commissioner Eddie Yome was unaware that two Guardia Civil officers planned to attend the Queen's Birthday Parade in uniform, the Royal Gibraltar Police said yesterday.

In a statement, the force also said it had been 'appropriate in the circumstances' to offer the two Spanish officers transport after they turned up in uniform.

The RGP said Mr Yome knew that Guardia Civil officers were invited every year by both The Convent and Commander British Forces Gibraltar to attend the Queen's Birthday Parade and garden party.

But it added: "The Commissioner was nevertheless unaware that the Guardia (Continued on page 2)



**30 YEARS OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** Law Enforcement Officers participated in the 30th anniversary celebrations of Special Olympics yesterday. The annual Torch Run, which culminated at the opening of the National Games yesterday evening at the Victoria Stadium, began at 3pm from the Saccone and Speed premises (main sponsors) on Devil's Tower Road where Dennis Lafferty light the 'Flame of Hope' and handed it over to LETR Patron Anthony Yusifredo, Chief Fire Officer CFB, who in turn handed it over to the 1st Torch Bearer. The LETR volunteer runners were again accompanied by Special Olympics Athletes. The route again included Devil's Tower Road to Catalan Bay, Eastern Beach, the Ocean Village / New Marina complex, Casemates and along Main Street and onto Camp Bay via Rosia Road. Pic: Johnny Bugeja

## Sacramento quizzed on direct housing allocations

Housing Minister Samantha Sacramento was quizzed in Parliament yesterday as to why a total of 155 government rental properties had been directly assigned by ministers.

Opposition leader Daniel Feetham said the decision to directly allocate "in effect" circumvented the normal process, which was handled by the Housing Allocation Committee.

He said the government owed an explanation to people who were "patiently waiting" on the housing list.

But Miss Sacramento said not all allocations were based on the committee's advice and that on certain occasions, direct allocations were unavoidable.

She cited as examples 36 occasions where existing government residents had been (Continued on page 4)

## Gib avoids blacklist as EU unveils corporate tax reform

by Brian Reyes

Gibraltar does not figure on the list of the 30 countries most

often cited as harmful tax havens by European countries, it emerged yesterday.

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## Government announces 1,700 new affordable homes

by Mark Viales

The Gibraltar Government announced two housing projects yesterday that will offer a total of 1,700 new affordable homes at Waterport and the east side reclamation.

Fabian Picardo, Chief Minister, said in a press conference at No. 6 that the 'exciting' development will be offered as a co-ownership 50/50 scheme.

"This is a very proud day indeed," he said. "It is initiatives like this one that will enable us to grow strong Gibraltarian families in a strong Gibraltar."

Mr Picardo said that the east side 'Blue Water Gibraltar' development is a five year plan and the affordable housing will be done in stages.



Pictured from the left are Michael Crisell, Managing Director for Camoren Holdings Ltd, Fabian Picardo, Chief Minister.

Pic: Johnny Bugeja

"It should commence in 2016 and the first home should be handed over in 2018," he said. (Continued on page 17)

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