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The repair of the 'Tireless' follows after finishing the drainage of the nuclear reactor

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Government of Gibraltar informed yesterday into that workings of repair of submarine nuclear British *HMS Tireless*, that in the past month of May underwent a failure in its system of refrigeration of the reactor while it sailed by the Mediterranean, continue as planned in the Rock. The Executive of the colony adds that at the present time already he has concluded the process of decompression of the damaged nuclear reactor and its complete drainage. The British technicians examine at the present time the fissure of about two millimeters, origin of the failure of the submersible, located in the primary circuit of the refrigeration system of the nuclear reactor, to know their extension and exact location, according to the information that has been contributed to the Government by the British Ministry of Defense in Gibraltar.

The Gibraltar Executive, led by the Social Democrat Peter Caruana (GSD), needed in an official notice spread yesterday that already has concluded the process of " elimination of the residual heat source ", and that in the radiological analyses carried out by specialistic technicians of the United Kingdom in the environs of the submarine, that is berthed in the South wharf of the Rock, is not appraised " abnormal " results.

Contaminated water

Those radiological measurements will continue until they totally conclude the workings of adjustment of *the Tireless*, according to assures the Government Gibraltar, that already has published the report on the repair of the submarine processed by the committee of independent experts that selected the Executive of the colony. In this report one settles down that the submarine arrived at the Rock with near 24 cubic meters of contaminated water, although the radiological affectation was of low level.

On the other hand, the group of Gibraltar opposition GSLP has criticized the lack of information given, in its opinion, by the Government of the colony on the development of the repair of *the Tireless*, as opposed to " extensive " the information contributed by the Spanish Executive.

The repair of the British submarine in the Rock hard has been criticized by

the mayors of all the bordering localities with Gibraltar. In the region of the Field of Gibraltar a citizen platform has been created even that has tried to press so that British Royal Navy took the submersible to repair it in some naval base of the United Kingdom, since the one of the Rock it was not enabled to approach the adjustment of a nuclear reactor.

The Nuclear Security Council has installed in the zone measuring of radioactivity to immediately detect any alteration of the levels that could take place. However, the Spanish and British authorities have diminished the risk of a radioactive incident during the repair.

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