

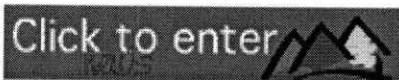
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Greenpeace Activists Claims Authorities Were Undiplomatic, Rude and Aggressive During Incident

Following the appearance before the magistrates court earlier this morning, Greenpeace activists claimed that the authorities had been undiplomatic, insulting and over the top aggressive during the arrests.

One member of the activist group confirmed that abusive language had been hurled at them during the incident and claimed to be unhappy about the way they were treated. He further added that on boarding the submarine the aggressive nature of the naval authorities was evident and that over the top force was used during the detentions, claiming that , " some people did use excessive force with me... they did not pick me out of the water with diplomacy." He further added that some of the members of the naval authorities at the scene could be seen to have an aggressive attitude towards them.

One protester was today seen to have been injured, with a plaster cast on her arm, after having been pushed off the vessel. Although officially the protesters would not comment Iberia News has discovered that the wrist had been crushed during the incident causing damage to the wrist region.

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