

TRADEWISE GIBRALTAR CHESS FESTIVAL

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Hello from Gibraltar!

Play is almost over on day one of the 2018 Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival.

THE OPENING CEREMONY



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CAPTION: Tournament director, Stuart Conquest, Gibraltar's Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Steven Linares, Miss Gibraltar 2017 Jodie Garcia and top seed World No. 3, Levon Aronian from Armenia.

The first two days of the Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival are always hectic – arrival, registration and of course catching up with old friends. But most importantly everyone wants to know who they are playing. The first of the pairings on Monday night was drawn – with the help of Miss Gibraltar 2017 Jodie Garcia – to determine who would play the top seed in this year's tournament, World No. 3, Levon Aronian from Armenia. His first round game was against Anita Gara from Hungary.

Gibraltar's Sport, Culture and Heritage Minister Steven Linares, said he was proud to be celebrating 16 years of chess on the Rock and that once again the tournament was "the best open in the world".



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CAPTION: The arrival of the players and guests to the Opening Ceremony.



CAPTION: Miss Gibraltar 2017 Jodie Garcia amongst the players at the Opening Ceremony.



CAPTION: Franco Ostuni, Hotel Manager at the Caleta, Miss Gibraltar 2017 Jodie Garcia, Gibraltar Sports and Culture Minister Steven Linares, and festival organiser Brian Callaghan.

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