



## Panthers hunted down Jewel thieves nabbed in raid

Police in Monaco carried out a daring raid, resulting in the arrest of suspected members of the notorious Pink Panthers gang.

It is believed that they were planning to steal jewellery worth hundreds of thousands of pounds from a shop in Monte-Carlo. The thieves, however, were foiled as 30 armed police officers swooped on place du Casino, in scenes that would not have looked out of place in a movie.

It follows on from the arrests of two men in Monaco last October, who were accused of stealing items valued at 11.2 million euros from

Dubai in 2006, as well as similar thefts in Switzerland in 2005.

The principality is determined to crack down on such gangs, and this recent raid represents a significant step forward in the process.

The Pink Panther group is allegedly behind the theft of £150 million worth of goods over the past 20 years. Most of its members of ex-soldiers from eastern European countries, and have a reputation for violence. The gang earned its nickname after hiding a stolen diamond in a jar of face cream: a tactic used in the 1963 Pink Panther film.

## Sea quality Mussels flexed

A PROJECT to measure the level of chemical contamination in the sea off Monaco will be in operation this summer. It is in parallel to the RINBIO campaign involving Ifremer and the Rhône Mediterranean and Corsica Water Board and involves using cages of mussels. These sea creatures readily absorb contaminants and are good indicators of the health of our oceans.

The mussels will be lowered into the sea to a depth of 10 metres in three areas: the Larvotto marine reserve, the coral rock face below the Fairmont Monte Carlo Hotel, and the St Nicholas rocks.

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