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Scottish Secretary sacked a year before big vote

London.—Britain's coalition government replaced the minister responsible for Scottish affairs yesterday less than a year before Scotland votes on whether to become independent, signalling a change in campaign tactics.

Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives, their junior coalition partner the Liberal Democrats and the main opposition La-

bour Party are all campaigning to maintain the status quo, which grants Scotland broad autonomy within Britain. The Scottish National Party (SNP), which runs a devolved government in Edinburgh, is seeking full independence, arguing that the country of five million people can achieve greater prosperity by going it alone. **See Inside**

British criminals in Spain to feel force of Britain's newest crime-fighters

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Madrid—Organised criminals who believe they can evade arrest by hiding in Spain will feel the full force of the UK's newest crime fighting agency when it goes live this month.

From this week the National Crime Agency (NCA) will use more than 4,000 specialist crime fighters to tackle some of the world's toughest and most organised criminals. The new agency will strengthen relations between law enforcement in the UK and Spain.

The NCA will build on its work with a range of agencies including the Spanish

National Police, Guardia Civil and Spanish Customs to tackle threats including economic crime, criminal finances and profits, organised immigration crime and emerging threats such as e-crime. Of particular interest to both countries will be cocaine and cannabis entering the UK via Spain from Latin America and North and West Africa.

The new agency will also focus on the activities of British organised criminals based in Spain. It will continue to work closely with Spanish partners under Operation Captura, which has seen 53 of the

UK's most wanted criminals arrested.

The operation will continue to be a threat to British fugitives residing in Spain.

Criminals will be targeted across the globe as the NCA tackles international threats abroad before they reach the UK border. Led by 120 liaison officers in 40 global locations, the NCA's reach will stretch across 150 countries.

The NCA will work with partners in Spain to tackle organised crime groups in the country, share intelligence on joint threats and targets, and intercept people,

property and money moving to and from the UK. David Armond, Director of Border Policing Command for the NCA, said:

"Tackling serious and organised crime goes way beyond the shores of the United Kingdom. Some of the biggest threats to the national security of countries around the globe come from individuals and crime groups who globally cost us billions of pounds every year and ruin lives and communities.

"These people must be stopped, and the NCA will lead the UK's law enforcement role at an international level."

Back to school at last!

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