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November summer sun in Majorca

Palma.—It may have been November yesterday but it was still beach weather in Majorca. Brilliant sunshine for the public holiday. Above, local resident Sophie Bayliss proves that even in November you can still enjoy a cool dip in the sea.

# Halloween horror in Magalluf

- Six people are stabbed after fight breaks out at bar in Calle Punta Ballena in Magalluf.
- Portuguese man is taken into custody and all the victims are believed to be British.
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### PRIVATISATION

#### RBS set to create "bad bank" to fence off bad assets

● Royal Bank of Scotland is to create an internal "bad bank" to fence off its riskiest assets, part of a raft of measures designed to heal its relationship with the British government and speed up its eventual privatisation.

Britain is keen to offload its stakes in RBS and state-backed rival Lloyds Banking Group as soon as possible, having pumped a combined 66 billion pounds (\$106 billion) into the banks to keep them afloat in the 2008 financial crisis.

"I think it does make it easier to sell off the bank and get our money back," Finance Minister George Osborne told the BBC on Friday, adding that a sell-off was unlikely to begin before the next election in 2015.

## Former editor Andy Coulson warned of illegal payment to police, court is told

London.—Andy Coulson, former editor of Rupert Murdoch's *News of the World*, agreed to pay a police officer for a telephone directory of Britain's royal family despite being warned it was illegal, a London court heard yesterday.

Prosecutor Andrew Edis said the tabloid's former royal editor Clive Goodman had emailed Coulson in

January 2003 asking him to approve a 1,000-pound (\$1,600) cash payment to a royal protection officer for a "Green Book" which contained private numbers of the royal household. "These people will not be paid in anything other than cash because if they're discovered selling stuff to us they end up on criminal charges, as could we," the email presented to

the jury said. "This is fine," Coulson replied. Edis said it was not clear whether Coulson had received the full email from Goodman including the warning, although he argued he had, but said Coulson had received enough to know that paying a police officer for a stolen book was illegal. "He knows what he's involved in," Edis said.



Coulson: appears in court.