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Top prosecutor defends celebrity sex abuse cases despite acquittals

London.—The director of Britain's prosecution service has defended the decision to bring sexual assault cases against ageing celebrities, despite two high-profile acquittals that have led to accusations that the investigation is a "witch-hunt".

A string of celebrities have been accused of rape and sexual assault as part of an investigation launched

in the wake of the 2011 death of Jimmy Savile, one of Britain's biggest TV stars in the 1970s and 1980s, after revelations that he sexually assaulted some 300 victims, mainly children, over six decades of abuse.

The BBC and the police were widely criticised for failing to act earlier, prompting commentators to say that the police were

trying to atone for past mistakes.

Writing in the *The Times* yesterday, Alison Saunders, Director of Public Prosecutions, vowed to keep bringing cases of historic sexual assault to court wherever possible.

"The public would be horrified if we did not prosecute because a complaint came many years after the event," she said.

Calling all restaurants on Majorca. Do you need Gordon Ramsay's help?

Palma.—Optomen Television, the BAFTA-winning producers of Channel 4's *Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares*, is producing a brand new series to be set in Spain.

The show's producers are currently looking for restaurants, hotels and B&B's in Majorca who would like some help from the World's most famous chef.

Series Producer Nicola Lloyd says "This series will see Gordon travel to Europe's holiday hot-spots to help British-owned res-

taurants, hotels and B&Bs that are struggling to make ends meet. We'd love to hear from any owners, managers or head chefs who feel they could benefit from Gordon's help and advice." The series will be filmed during May and June and will be broadcast on Channel 4 later in the year.

If you'd like some help from multi-Michelin-starred chef Gordon Ramsay then please email restaurants@optomen.com or call +44(0)203 227 5867



Gordon: heading to Majorca.

British economic recovery is fragile, says ASDA boss

London.—Britain's economic recovery is fragile, with huge regional variations, the head of Asda supermarkets said yesterday as the company reported flat sales over the key Christmas quarter.

Andy Clarke, chief executive of the British arm of U.S. retailer Wal-Mart Stores, said he did not expect the regional disparities to change dramatically in 2014.

"The economy is still fragile and so customers still feel very fragile," he told reporters.

He said levels of disposable income were hugely dependent on which part of the country consumers lived in. "If you live in London and the south east and you've got 10 percent housing value growth then it feels very different than if you are in the northeast or Northern Ireland, where unemployment is still a big challenge," he said, noting an unexpected rise in UK joblessness.



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