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Renowned Spanish flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia dies at 66: See Page 7



Super yacht off Portals

● The 300 million super-yacht, *Katara*, owned by the Emir of Qatar was anchored off Puerto Portals yesterday afternoon. With a crew of 70 and 124 metres long, she is considered to be one of the most luxurious vessels afloat. Photo: Laura Stalder.

Spain and Britain join forces to fight organised crime

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Madrid.—Home Office organised crime minister Karen Bradley and Spanish security minister Francisco Martinez Vazquez met in Madrid yesterday to agree how the two countries could co-operate more closely in recovering financial assets from fugitive crooks.

The visit to Spain was the UK minister’s first trip abroad, underlining the importance of the bilateral law enforcement relationship.

Criminals are known to move their assets overseas where it is harder for law enforcement agencies to reach them. More UK criminal assets are thought to be in Spain

than any other European Union country. The two countries committed to working together more closely to enforce confiscation orders made against British criminals after they are brought before the courts and convicted.

Likewise, both governments have agreed to make every effort to assist the recovery of criminal assets found in their countries.

The two countries will explore new ways to deepen their cooperation on confiscation cases and look to draw up a list of priority cases to tackle.

The desire to create a more col-

laborative law enforcement system will also see a new asset recovery specialist from the Crown Prosecution Service posted to Spain and a Spanish liaison magistrate stationed in the UK.

This common effort to seek new avenues for strengthened cooperation follows the success of Operation Captura, a campaign launched in 2006 and run jointly by the National Crime Agency and the UK Crimestoppers charity.

It has seen 58 out of 76 named criminals on the run in Spain arrested and brought to justice in the UK.

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