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## PALMA KILLING SHOCKS MAJORCA

● **33-year-old woman found dead by her mother** in Palma apartment block, ex partner found by her side as was a ham knife.

● Murder has caused outrage across Majorca, **King Felipe VI condemns killing** as ex partner is arrested as prime suspect. **See page 3**

## ROYAL MEETINGS



● King Felipe VI began his summer holiday in Majorca yesterday with a morning of meetings with senior local politicians beginning with the Balearic President, Francina Armengol at Marivent Palace: **See page 9**

## Rajoy loosens purse strings, recovery boosts election-year

**MADRID.** Spain's Mariano Rajoy sought to persuade Spaniards yesterday that earlier austerity would be reverted if he won re-election later this year, unveiling a 2016 budget featuring the first spending hikes since he took office.

While still tight - the country plans to cut the public deficit by around 15 billion euros next year - the budget will be boosted by lower debt costs as well as higher tax revenues and reduced payouts for the unemployed resulting from an accelerating economic recovery.

This offered new fiscal leeway to build the budget, which was presented two months ahead of the usual schedule so that it can be approved by congress ahead of

the national vote due in November or December.

Rajoy announced a 1 percent increase in civil servants' salaries, their first hike since 2009, and a 0.25 percent boost to public pensions.

He also confirmed that an extra 7.5 billion euros would be transferred to the regions, which are in charge of health and education spending and were forced to implement steep cuts in previous years.

That came on top of tax cuts worth 1.5 billion euros announced earlier this month and that targeted the austerity-hit middle-class.

"It is indisputable that the situation is changing and that a growing number of people are feeling it," Rajoy said.