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CLASSICS GO FOR A SPIN IN MAJORCA

Princess to appear in court in January

● **Cristina de Borbón, sister of Spain's King Felipe VI**, will appear in court here in Palma on 11 January on tax fraud charges.

● Prosecutors have conducted a **lengthy investigation into the affairs of Cristina's husband.**

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ANDRATX MOURNS



● **The community in Andratx was in mourning yesterday after a local 25-year-old man fell off his scooter and died.** Photo: Michels, story on page 3

Judge seizes passport of ex-IMF chief Rato

MADRID. A Spanish judge confiscated former economy minister Rodrigo Rato's passport yesterday as a precautionary measure, a Madrid court said, as it investigates allegations of money laundering, tax fraud and corruption against him.

Rato, also a former head of the International Monetary Fund and the ex-chairman of bailed-out Spanish bank Bankia, appeared in court for three hours yesterday to answer questions from the judge, an examining magistrate.

Television images showed Rato hounded by photographers and journalists as he walked from the courthouse to a waiting car. Sixteen witnesses will answer questions as part of the probe today and tomorrow, the

court said. Rato was a former star of the governing Partido Popular and was favourite to become leader in the early 2000s, making the judicial investigation of his affairs an embarrassment for the centre-right party as it gears up for a national election.

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