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Afghan forces end siege

British soldiers carry the dead body of a victim after an attack on a guest house attached to the Spanish embassy in Kabul yesterday. Afghan security forces suppressed a suicide attack on a guest house attached to the Spanish embassy in Kabul, killing three Taliban fighters after hours of intermittent gunfire and explosions that lasted into yesterday morning.

Massive increase in holiday bookings to Balearics in Britain

● Balearics on course for a great summer season in 2016 as the British market powers ahead.

● British could overtake the Germans as the top tourism nationality in the Balearics. See Page Three.



Thousands of runners dressed in Santa Claus outfits compete in the annual Carrera de Papa Noel (Santa Claus Run), in Madrid yesterday.

SANTA IS COMING SOON!

Spain arrests man accused of recruiting fighters for Islamic State

SPANISH police yesterday arrested a man suspected of recruiting young fighters for Islamic State in the North African enclave of Ceuta, the Interior Ministry said. The Spanish territory on the Moroccan coast has been a focus of anti-terror investigations this year. "Spanish police began investigations after seeing a number of young people from Ceuta leaving for Syria," the ministry said in a statement yesterday. The Spanish man, 34, was indoctrinating vulnerable young people and helping them to travel to conflict zones to join the Islamic State, the ministry said. It gave no details of ages or the number of people known to have left Ceuta, a small territory that has become a hotspot for migration to Europe.

In March, Spain said it had dismantled a militant Islamist cell in the enclave that it said was ready to attack either Spain or other targets in Europe.

Spain is among a number of European countries struggling to deter young Muslim citizens from becoming fighters in Syria or Iraq, fearing they might return to plot attacks on home soil.