

Majorca Daily Bulletin

Tuesday, March 29 2016

1.10€ · Founded 1962 · N.15929 · Passeig de Mallorca 9 A, Palma 07011



Royal Easter holidays on Majorca: See Page Nineteen

British government set to bring forward Overseas Electors Bill

● "Government is committed to scrapping the time limit on voting from overseas at parliamentary elections..."

Palma.—The British government said yesterday that they were committed to scrapping the time limit on voting from overseas at parliamentary elections, and intends to bring forward an Overseas Electors Bill to achieve this, in a written response to a petition to parliament calling for all British expats living in Spain to be given the vote.

At the moment only expats who have lived in Spain for less than 15 years can vote in the forthcoming referendum on membership of the European Union.

"This new Electors Bill will need to be debated and approved by Parliament be-

fore it can become law, and it is highly unlikely this will be in time for the EU referendum," the government said in a statement yesterday.

Legal action against the government for the expat vote snub has been taken to the High Court in London.

The British government in the statement said: "many British expats will be able to participate in the referendum...." in other-words those who have lived outside Britain for less than 15 years.

If Britain votes to leave the European Union it will hit thousands of expats across the continent. **Inside**



Cameron: Easter holidays in Spain.

"Brexit would weaken security..."

A British exit from the European Union would significantly weaken the bloc's security, David Petraeus, a former U.S. military commander and CIA director wrote on Sunday, urging Britons not to vote to leave the union at a June referendum.

The comments, days after suicide bomb attacks killed 31 people in Brussels, support one of the British government's key arguments in its campaign to win over undecided voters - that the country is safer inside the 28-country bloc.

"I encourage my British friends to think twice before withdrawing from one of the most important institutions that undergirds Western strength - the European Union," Petraeus wrote in the *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper.

See Inside



Spotlight on the tourist tax: See Page Three Inside Today