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Labour's Khan becomes first Muslim mayor of London

Sadiq Khan, the son of a bus driver, became London's first Muslim mayor last night, seeing off a Conservative challenger who attempted to link him to extremism and securing a much-needed victory for his opposition Labour Party.

As New York mayor Bill de Blasio sent his congratulations, Khan had yet to receive official notification of his victory, which would go some way to soothing the wounds of Labour which suffered losses in Thursday's other local elections.

Dealt a crushing blow in Scotland, where it came third behind the Scottish National Party and Britain's ruling Conservatives, Labour did better than expected in England, saving its left-leaning leader from an early challenge.

But the big prize was the London mayor vote, which pitted Khan, 45, who grew up in public housing in inner city London, against Conservative Zac Goldsmith, 41, the son of a billionaire financier.

A source close to the count said Khan could not now be beaten in the race.

RAF chief attends Majorca Air Power forum

THE Chief of the British Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford, is taking part in the EURAC conference which is taking place at the Hotel Formentor in Pollensa along with the heads of numerous other world air forces. The EURAC Conference has evolved into one of the most important Air Power forums since it was first held in 1993. It enables members to identify issues from different perspectives and to share solutions to different problems. Sir Andrew is an experi-



An F18 aircraft.

enced helicopter pilot who saw action in the Falklands, Northern Ireland and Iraq. Yesterday, delegates at the conference visited the Son San Juan military air base where they saw a range of aircraft including the Eurofighter, which also serves with the RAF, and an F18 Hornet.

The event has been organised by the Spanish Air Force and has been running for the past few days.

The Royal Air Force maintains close links with its Spanish counterparts.

See Northern Spotlight.



Sir Andrew Pulford, right.



Royal Princess sails into Palma

THE British registered cruise ship, *Royal Princess*, sailed into Palma yesterday with more than

3,000 passengers aboard. The vessel was christened by the Duchess of Cambridge in June 2013. The event took place at

Southampton, her home port. The ship weighs in at almost 150,000 tons and is one of the biggest vessels of its type afloat.

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