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Tourism minister slams failed British travel company

THE Balearic Minister for Tourism, Biel Barcelo, slammed the failed British holiday company Low Cost Travel Group yesterday for allegedly selling holidays just hours before it ceased trading last Friday. Part of the company was based at the Parc Bit technology park in

Palma. Barcelo said that some 120,000 people would be affected by the collapse of the company, including many in the Balearics, and he added that they had an emergency fund and would pay some compensation in some given cases. So far about 230 Low Cost Travel Group clients have contacted the local

ministry for tourism, the minister said yesterday. The company ceased trading on Friday afternoon blaming the drop in value of sterling and the decline in consumer confidence in Britain following the European Union referendum last month. **See Page Three Inside Today.**

All friends now, says Boris

London.—British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, asked by a reporter if he was going to apologise to world leaders for past rude comments he has made about some of them, said his words had been taken out of context.

“We can spend an awfully long time going over lots of stuff that I’ve written over the last 30 years ... all of which in my view have been taken out of context, but never mind, but some serious issues call us today,” the former journalist Johnson told a news conference yesterday with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Johnson was named foreign secretary less than a week ago, in a surprise appointment by new Prime Minister Theresa May.



Kerry in London for talks.

Kerry enters No.10 with a bang for talks with new PM

London.—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry entered 10 Downing Street with a bang yesterday, before expressing amazement at the rapidity with which new British Prime Minister Theresa May had taken up residence.

Kerry, making his first visit to London since Britain voted last month to leave the European Union, hit his head on the door as he entered the official residence. Apparently unhurt, he later exchanged small talk with the Conservative leader, saying he was “amazed” at the speed of a transition that saw her move in to No.10 last Wednesday - right after David Cameron moved out.

“It happened rather quickly ... It’s such a different transition arrangement than in

the United States,” May told Kerry. “I am amazed it happens so fast - how do you have time to pack everything?” Kerry replied at a photo opportunity where the two shook hands, smiled and sat down on matching armchairs in front of a period fireplace.

Emerging from the talks, Kerry said he had had an excellent discussion with May: “I am very grateful to her for her restatement of the commitment to the very strong transatlantic partnership,” he said.

Without referring directly to the so-called Brexit vote, he said both had affirmed the need “to maximise the economic opportunity, minimise the disruption, deal with this in a way that has the wellbeing of the citizens ... in mind”.