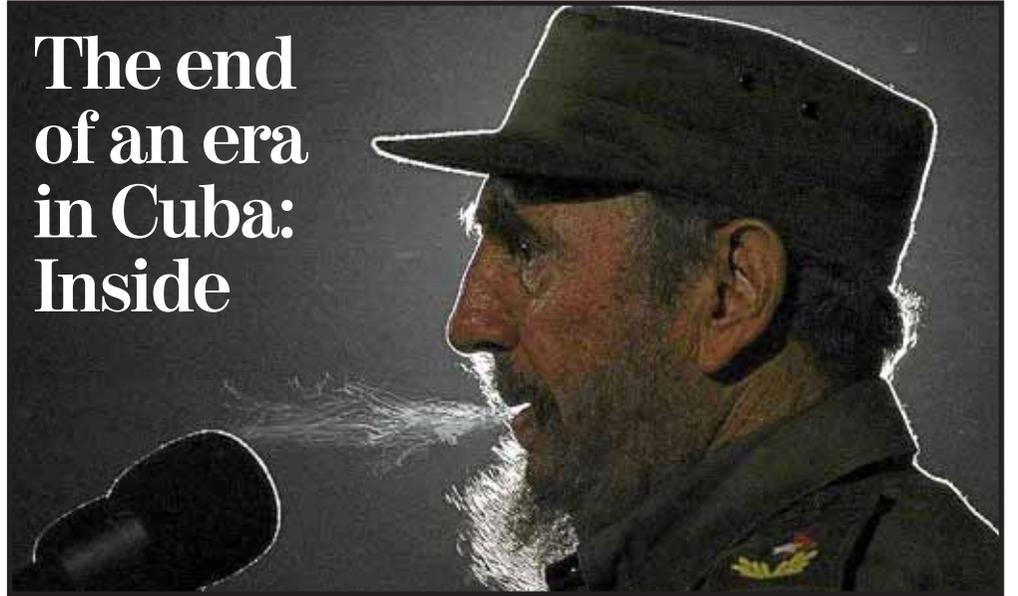


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NOW BRITONS MIGHT HAVE TO PAY TO STAY IN SPAIN



BRITISH citizens living in the Balearics may have to pay Brussels to retain many of the benefits of EU membership, according to an article in yesterday's *Times* newspaper. Guy Verhofstadt, who was appointed lead Brexit negotiator at the European parliament in September, told *The Times* that he supported the idea in principle. An advocate of a "United States of Europe", the former Belgian prime minister has vowed to fight for the "rights of the 48 per cent" of British voters who voted for Remain. The plan would see British citizens sending an annual fee to Brussels and as a direct result they would be



A big bill for living and working in Europe? Guy Verhofstadt, above,

able to enjoy many of the rights they enjoy at the moment such medical care. But the move is expected to cause an outcry amongst British citizens in the Balearics, many of whom were denied the vote in the referendum in June because of the 15 year voting rule which is now being abolished. At the moment British citizens can live and work in Spain without the need for a work permit and there are other benefits such as free medical care and the vote in local elections. The British government has said that until negotiations get underway it is too early to say what the status of British citizens living abroad will be.