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French soldier shoots, wounds machete wielding attacker at Paris Louvre: Inside

British supermarkets ration iceberg lettuces due to supply crunch



London.—British supermarkets have taken to rationing shoppers to three iceberg lettuces per visit after bad weather hit growing conditions in Spain, leading to a shortage in supplies that is set to continue through to March.

Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsbury's have

all imposed restrictions on bulk purchases after production in Spain was hit by crop damage from flooding late last year followed by unusually cold weather last month.

The limited supply of lettuces follows a continuing shortage of courgettes in

Britain. Supplies of broccoli and aubergines have also been limited. The shortages add to the problems for UK supermarkets who are already facing inflationary pressures as a result of the weaker pound since Britons voted to leave the European Union last year. Vegetable pro-

duction in the EU is at 60 percent of the normal level due to bad weather affecting producers right across the Mediterranean, from Greece to Spain, the Spanish Federation of Associations of Producers and Exporters of Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers and Live Plants (FEPEX) said.

“I’ll be back”, ex-UK PM Cameron jokes in video clip with Schwarzenegger

London.— Former prime minister David Cameron, whose political career was torpedoed by Britain’s decision to quit the European Union last June, appeared in a video clip with Arnold Schwarzenegger yesterday vowing: “I’ll be back.”

Hollywood star and ex-California governor Schwarzenegger welcomed his “good friend” Cameron in a selfie-style post on his Snapchat page, before the ex-prime minister delivered an enigmatic message.

“I’m here with the governor - he did a great job,” Cameron said, before leaning towards the camera to deliver Schwarzenegger’s catchphrase from the film *The Terminator*, “and I’ll be back.” Cameron, who campaigned passionately for Britain to remain in the European Union, stepped down abruptly after six years as prime minister when the referendum vote went against him.

He left parliament in September and last week was announced as the new president of Alzheimer’s Research UK.



May and Merkel: European Union summit.

“STRONG EUROPE...”

Merkel welcomes May speech

● German chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday welcomed remarks by prime minister Theresa May that Britain wanted to see a strong Europe even as it prepares to negotiate its exit from the European Union.

“I am pleased that Theresa May says that she wants a strong Europe,” Merkel said at a news conference in the Maltese capital. “It’s up to us, as the 27, to determine how strong, and how good and how rigorous Europe is and how we solve our problems and Germany wants to do it part on that.”



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