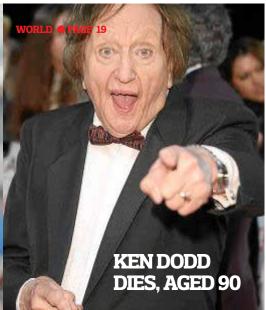
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CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL RESORT PRS

- The British Consul-General to the Balearic Islands, Lloyd Milen, yesterday held talks with the local authorities about the forthcoming summer season.
- Top of the agenda was the fact that many of the British pub and club PRs are working here illegally.

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A ROYAL DEBUT



LONDON. Meghan Markle yesterday attended her first official event alongside the Queen at a service to mark Commonwealth Day. Markle, who will marry Prince Harry in May, joined her fiance and other senior royals at Westminster Abbey. The annual multi-faith event celebrates the 53 Commonwealth countries, and this year featured music from former One Direction star Liam Payne. In her message, the Queen praised the "Commonwealth connection" which makes diversity "a cause for celebration". Prince Charles, the Duchess of Cornwall, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prime Minister Theresa May were all at the service.

Jailed Catalan separatist makes new bid to run for office in Spain

MADRID. Lawyers for a prominent Catalan secessionist being held in a Madrid jail yesterday made another request to Spain's Supreme Court for him to be allowed to attend a plenary session in the region's parliament.

Separatist Catalan lawmakers want a vote on electing Jordi Sanchez as president of Catalonia, but the Supreme Court last week refused to free him.

The appeal filed yesterday asks for Sanchez to attend only the parliamentary session, not for his full release from preventive detention while a judge investigates whether he committed crimes related to a courtbanned Catalan independence referendum last October.



Separatists are proposing Sanchez in defiance of the Spanish government, which argues that anyone facing charges and unable to be present at the debate in Barcelona and vote can't be elected.