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## Palma mayor will limit cruise ships

Palma.—Antoni Noguera, who will stand for re-election as mayor at the May municipal election, says that the Més manifesto for Palma town hall will include a commitment to limiting cruise ships to no more than three per day.

A further manifesto item will be the 'trambus' project from the centre of Palma to Playa de Palma and the airport. In general terms, Noguera explains, the Més campaign will be based on confronting challenges related to housing, the tourism model and sustainable mobility.

With regard to housing, Més would limit the cost to rent in certain parts of the city ('mature neighbourhoods').

The limit on cruise ships would be a measure to avoid the pressure in the city caused by six to seven ships which arrive "daily".



## Bishop to guarantee Lluc Sanctuary jobs

Palma.—The Bishop of Majorca, Sebastià Taltavull, will meet staff at Lluc Sanctuary tomorrow (Monday) and seek to assure them that forty-six jobs are not at risk. These are for the commercial establishments and the Blauets school, which has twenty teachers.

The concerns have arisen because of the decision of the congregation of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart to leave the sanctuary. However, it is the Parish of Nostra Senyora de Lluc and Sant Pere de Escorca which operates most of the business in Lluc, and it is the business name for the sanctuary. The parish, therefore, has direct management of facilities such as the Sa Fonda restaurant. It is envisaged that all of these will continue as before but under new administrators.

The other businesses are operated as concessions or are rented. These include the car park, the Plaça dels Pelegrins cafeteria and the Sa Font Coberta and Ca s'Amitger restaurants. The car park company also manages museum visits that are included in the price for a car park ticket.

## UK ministers throw weight behind Brexit delay to stop no-deal

London.—Three British cabinet ministers have publicly indicated they will back plans to delay Brexit if lawmakers vote down Prime Minister Theresa May's plan for a new deal with the European Union, writing a column in a national newspaper yesterday.

Business minister Greg Clark, work and pensions minister Amber Rudd, and justice minister David Gauke signalled in a Daily Mail column that they will side with rebels and opposition parties next week to stop Britain leaving without a divorce deal on 29 March if necessary, adding their

weight to calls for May to rule out a no-deal departure.

May is struggling against the clock to get a deal with Brussels on Britain's exit from the world's largest trading bloc that will pass parliamentary muster. She will meet European Council President Donald Tusk on the sidelines of an EU-League of Arab States summit today, but EU diplomats are not expecting any imminent breakthrough.

In the column headlined "If we don't get a deal next week we must delay Brexit", Clark, Rudd and Gauke wrote that a nodeal exit was a risk to business, security and British territorial unity, and accused some parliament colleagues of compla-

"Far from Brexit resulting in a newly independent United Kingdom stepping boldly into the wider world, crashing out on March 29 would see us poorer, less secure and potentially splitting up," they said, referring to the threat of a new bid for Scottish independence.

"Our economy will be damaged severely both in the short and the long term. Costs will increase, businesses that rely on justin-time supply chains will be severely disrupted and investment will be discouraged," they wrote.

The ministers called on members of the European Research Group, formed by Conservative pro-Brexit lawmakers, to back the government's deal in parliament or risk seeing Brexit delayed.

Both May's Conservatives and the main opposition Labour Party are formally committed to delivering Brexit. In recent days Labour has appeared to soften its stance on a second referendum, although May has ruled such an option out.