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Spain's coronavirus deaths surpass 1,300, close to 25,000 cases, says Health Ministry

 Spain's death toll from the coronavirus epidemic soared yesterday to 1,326 from 1,002 on Friday, according to the country's Health Ministry latest data. The number of registered cases in the

Police controls to enforce island-wide lockdown



country rose to 24,926 yesterday from 19,980 in the previous tally announced on Friday. Forty three new cases of coronavirus have been diagnosed in the Balearic Islands in the last hours.

Palma.—Guardia Civil Traffic Officers mounted controls on three of the four main roads in Majorca to check that thousands of drivers were complying with the State of Emergency regulations decreed by the coronavirus crisis.

Most were able to continue their journeys without sanctions, but some were caught either driving without permission or travelling in groups which is banned under the Covid-19 lockdown.

Operation Cage' was launched on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and during the first phase of the operation 1,500 vehicles were inspected between Sa Cabana and Marratxí within three hours and only eight drivers were penalised.

Controls were also in place on the Inca, Andratx and Manacor Highways with lanes cut at different points and drivers instructed to slow down. Cones were placed on the road and the queues were redirected to checkpoints, where Officers checked the drivers car by car.

"Papers confirming that you are travelling for work reasons, please," they asked the drivers.

Those who had other occupants in their cars, unless justified, were penalised on the spot.