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## Former Scottish First Minister Salmond cleared of sex charges

*London.*—Former Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond, a figurehead of Scotland's independence movement, was cleared yesterday of committing multiple sex offences against nine women after a case that led to divisions in the nationalist movement.

Salmond, 65, was found not guilty by a jury at the High Court in Edinburgh of 12 charges including attempted rape, sexual assault and indecent assault. A charge of sexual assault with intent to rape was found not proven.

Salmond, who led the devolved Scottish government for seven years until 2014 and helped drive growing support for Scottish independence as leader of the Scottish National

Party (SNP), had denied any wrongdoing.

During the trial he said some of his behaviour had been inappropriate but he had not broken the law.

"Obviously above all I would like to thank my friends and family for standing by me over the last two years," an emotional Salmond, widely credited with helping push support for secession to record levels, said outside court.

"Whatever nightmare I've been in over these last two years is as of nothing compared to the nightmare that every single one of us is currently living through," he said in reference to the coronavirus crisis.

# Spanish economy coming to a halt



*Madrid.*— Spanish economic activity slowed down "significantly" in the week after the government took measures to combat the spread of coronavirus, Economy Minister Nadia Calvino said yesterday. The euro-zone's fourth largest economy has been under lockdown since March 14th, with all but essential shops such as supermarkets and pharmacies

closed. A number of car plants have also halted production.

"Economic activity, which was dynamic until February, slowed down significantly last week, but there is a relative normality in the food, electricity, gas, water and telecoms industries," Calvino told a news conference yesterday.

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez warned

last week that the economy was likely to shrink in 2020 because of the effect of the epidemic.

As part of a plan to deal with the coronavirus outbreak, the Spanish government has announced a 200 billion euro package to support and help companies. Calvino said the government will today release details of credit lines and guarantees

available to companies hit by cash flow disruptions.

She said the credit lines would be available to companies which had already reported financial difficulties.

Banks have been waiting for details before starting to grant loans to companies which have already started to temporarily lay off thousands of employees.

## Trump praises Algaida's singing policemen

*Palma.*—The daughter of the US President, Donald Trump has praised Police in Algaida for their kind gesture during the lockdown caused by the coronavirus.

The video of Officers singing in the streets to encourage children to stay indoors during the State of Emergency has gone viral on social media.

Ivanka Trump shared the footage on her networks praising the cops



for being so thoughtful during the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

She describes the images as "incredible" and said she appreciates the important work being done by men and women who fight for our safety around the world.

In the video, the Officers get out of their cars, and surprise the boys and girls, breaking the monotony of their confinement for just a little while with music and dancing. *See video: [www.majorcadailybulletin.es](http://www.majorcadailybulletin.es)*



## Health workers hard hit as Spain's coronavirus cases rise: Inside