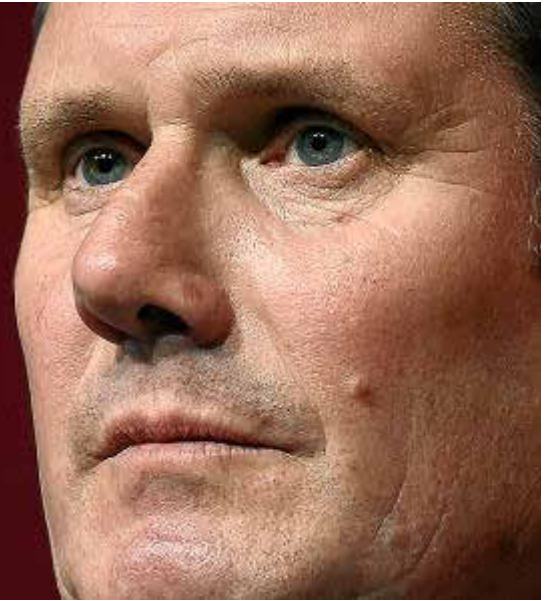


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SHORTAGE OF VITAL PREVENTIVE EQUIPMENT ACROSS SPAIN

There's been a severe lack of preventive material for Healthcare Professionals working on the front lines to help those infected with COVID-19.

Lots of people in Madrid have been wearing Decathlon diving masks as

protection against the spread of coronavirus, now Son Llàtzer Hospital is checking them out to see if they meet the necessary standards.

Hundreds of diving masks were donated to the Hospital and could be used for protection or as respirators for criti-

cally ill patients. "If they are comfortable, if they are cleaned well, if the CO2 accumulates inside when you wear them, bring them in," says Xisco Mari, Head of the Hospital Centre.

"We know that putting in filters gives masks the same protection as an FFP2

and these filters can be made with 3D printers."

Thousands of new protective masks arrived earlier this week but there is still a lack of respirators and Mari says "if necessary the diving masks will be used."



Spain's daily coronavirus death toll falls for second day in row, lockdown extension

Madrid.—Spain's death toll from the coronavirus rose to 11,744 yesterday from 10,935 the previous day, the Health Ministry said yesterday, though it was the second straight

day in which the daily number of new deaths had fallen.

A total of 809 people died from the disease over the past 24 hours, down from 932 in the previous

period, the figures showed. The total number of registered infections rose to 124,736 yesterday from 117,710 on Friday, the ministry said.

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Britain unlikely to lift lockdown until end of May

London.— Britain is unlikely to lift its stringent lockdown rules until the end of May, a leading government adviser said yesterday warning that the spread of the coronavirus must first slow and intense

testing be introduced. The government has put Britain into a widespread shutdown, closing pubs, restaurants and nearly all shops, while ordering people to stay home unless absolutely essential to venture

out. The order is designed to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the country, which has almost 40,000 confirmed cases and 3,605 deaths, but some experts have started to question whether the shuttering of

the economy will cost more lives in the long run.

"We want to move to a situation where at least by the end of May we're able to substitute some less intensive measures, more based on technology and

testing, for the complete lockdown we have now," Neil Ferguson, a leading professor of mathematical biology at Imperial College London said. Britain initially took a restrained approach to the outbreak but

Prime Minister Boris Johnson changed tack and imposed stringent social-distancing measures after Ferguson's modelling showed a quarter of a million people in the country could die.

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