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# LIFE BACK TO NORMAL BY CHRISTMAS, SAYS SPANISH GOVERNMENT

**T**he Labour Minister, Yolanda Díaz, says the Government is working on a total resumption of activity in the Balearic Islands in two stages.

“The first one from now until summer will cover the

Productive Sectors and the second, which will last until the end of the year, affects the Tourism, Culture & Leisure Sector,” she said.

The Government is designing initiatives to protect activity and employment in Tourism, Culture and Lei-

sure as well as the Air and Sea Navigation Sector which have been paralysed by Temporary Regulation Records of Employment, or ERTes, by force majeure.

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## Britain was too slow on coronavirus and 40,000 could die, professor says

*London.*—The British government was too slow to react on a number of fronts to the novel coronavirus outbreak that could cause the deaths of 40,000 people in the United Kingdom, a leading public health professor told lawmakers yesterday.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson initially refrained

from approving the stringent controls that other European leaders imposed but then closed down the country when projections showed a quarter of a million people could die in the United Kingdom.

So far, more than 14,576 people with COVID-19 have died in British hospitals, though new official

data indicates the true death toll could be much larger.

“Where were the system errors that led us to have probably the highest death rates in Europe?” Anthony Costello, professor of International Child Health and Director of the UCL Institute for Global Health, told the Health

and Social Care Committee.

“We have to face the reality of that: We were too slow with a number of things,” Costello told the committee. “We could see 40,000 deaths by the time it’s over.”

Costello, a paediatrician who is an expert in epidemiology, said the govern-

ment should make sure its response to the second and additional waves of infection was not too slow.

The United Kingdom has the fifth highest official death toll from COVID-19 in the world, after the United States, Italy, Spain and France, though the figure only covers hospital fatalities and the real

number is probably much higher.

British ministers have defended their response to the outbreak, saying they followed scientific advice and have responded with urgency in what amounts to a war-like situation.

Costello said the United Kingdom needed wide-scale testing.

