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UK COVID-19 DEATH TOLL SURPASSES 50,000

London.—The United Kingdom's COVID-19 death toll surpassed 50,000 yesterday, according to a Reuters tally of official data sources that highlighted the country's place as one of the worst hit in the world.

New data from Scotland brought the toll to 50,059, a dire milestone for Prime Minister Boris Johnson as he tries to ease the stringent coronavirus lockdown.

The Reuters tally mainly comprises fatalities where COVID-19 was mentioned on death certificates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland up to May 22, and up to May 31 in Scotland.

Unlike the daily death toll published by the



government, the death certificate figures include suspected cases.

The Reuters tally also incorporates deaths that took place in English hospitals after May 23, and in Wales and Northern Ireland.

Spain seeks to open up to some foreign tourism this month

● Spain is working on starting to gradually open up to tourists from countries considered more secure in the fight against COVID-19 from June 22:

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UK quarantine plans and £1,000 penalties confirmed

● Plans to force almost all arrivals to the UK to isolate for 14 days were yesterday confirmed by the home secretary.

Priti Patel told the Commons that Border Force will check that travellers fill out a form with their contact details and location for isolation.

Leaving isolation prematurely in England could result in a fine of up to £1,000 or prosecution, she said.

"We will not allow a reckless minority to put our domestic recovery at risk," she said. Patel told MPs that scientific advisers had said quarantine would not have been effective earlier in the pandemic when infection rates in the UK were higher.

But now, imported cases of the virus posed a more significant threat, she said, so it was now important to "protect our hard-won progress as we move in the right direction". She said the "pro-

portionate and time-limited measures" would come into force on Monday, with "limited exemptions" intended to ensure supplies of essential items such as food and protective equipment were not disrupted.

The regulations apply to England, and Patel said devolved administrations would set out their own rules for enforcing the quarantine.

Patel said the measures would be reviewed after three weeks and the government would aim to ensure greater freedom in the long term, including establishing safe "international travel corridors" with countries deemed to be safe.

"Businesses and government urgently need to draw up an internationally coordinated plan to get people safely moving across borders as soon as possible," said CBI President John Allen. **SEE WEBSITE FOR FACTBOX**