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## PM Johnson accuses EU of using threatening food blockade

**B**ritish Prime Minister Boris Johnson has accused the European Union of threatening to impose a trade border down the Irish Sea and a food blockade between Britain and Northern Ireland unless the bloc's terms for a future relationship were agreed.

Johnson's government said this week it planned to break international law by breaching part of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement treaty signed in January when Britain left the bloc, saying it needed a new law to protect free trade between the four constituent nations of the United Kingdom.

That move has soured relations between London and Brussels, and increased the likelihood that trade talks between Britain and the EU will fail and that no deal will be struck before a post-Brexit transition period ends in December.

Writing in the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper, Johnson said he had become "anxious" in the last few weeks that the EU might have misunderstood the terms of the Brexit divorce deal which includes a Northern Ireland protocol designed to prevent any hard border between the British province and the Irish republic.



## Palma's NO GO zones

- Curfews introduced in some parts of the city to try and ease the spread of the coronavirus.
- Go home and stay there, police tell residents. Page 4.

## Spain reports 4,708 coronavirus infections as post-lockdown surge continues

**S**pain reported 4,708 new coronavirus infections in the last 24 hours on Friday, bringing its cumulative total to 566,326 -- the highest in western Europe.

Spain has been regularly revising up its daily tallies and while Friday's figure was a new record for initial infection reports since the end of its strict lockdown in June, it was below recent peaks seen in those revised tallies.

A week ago, for example, the initially reported figure was

4,500 but that was later revised up to more than 11,000.

Spain also registered six new deaths on Friday, bringing its total COVID-19 death toll to 29,747.

However, health emergency head Fernando Simon said on Thursday there seemed to be a slowdown in contagion in half the country's provinces in the last few days and Spain could be looking at a stabilisation of new infections.

Recent infections have been more common among younger

people who often develop no symptoms thanks to their stronger immune systems. The death toll, although back at levels last seen in late May, remains far below the March-April highs when daily fatalities often exceeded 800.

Since the restrictions on movement were lifted and mass testing began in late June, infections rose from a few hundred a day to thousands, outstripping other hard-hit nations such as Britain, Italy or France.



**Spanish princess quarantined after classmate diagnosed with COVID-19: See Page 3**