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U.S. residents toast Biden win

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U.S. citizens in Majorca were busy celebrating Joe Biden's victory over the weekend, hailing it as the dawn of a new era. Democrat supporters had faced an anxious wait after the election but on Saturday the champagne was flowing. Hundreds of U.S. citizens living in Spain voted by post. Outgoing President Donald Trump was hugely unpopular in Spain with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez one of the first to congratulate Biden.

Tourism minister says that the Balearics are prepared for the 2021 season

London.—Balearic tourism minister, Iago Negueruela, said yesterday that the government is preparing, in a decisive manner, with the whole of the tourism sector to ensure the recovery of UK tourism in 2021. Next year's season will be "key and strategic, and we trust in the recovery of the British market, which is very important for the islands".

Negueruela was speaking during the Balearics presentation at the virtual London World Travel Market (WTM). He added that "we have the safety protocols to show that businesses are up to the task; the workers and the unions, too, as all have made the effort being highlighted at the WTM". **SEE INSIDE**



Remembrance Service at Anglican Church

A Remembrance Day service was held at the Anglican Church in Palma last Sunday, and the Vice Consul Elaine Brannan read the lesson. Another Remembrance Service will be held on Wednesday 11th November commencing at 10.45a.m.

Spain to start trial of suspects linked to deadly 2017 van attack

Madrid.—Spain's High Court will today open the trial of three suspected Islamist militants linked to a 2017 attack in Barcelona which killed 14 people - Spain's deadliest in over a decade.

A single attacker drove a rented van into crowds on Barcelona's central La Rambla boulevard, causing 14 deaths and injuring over a hundred people. Another man was killed during the attacker's getaway.

On the eve of the attack, an accidental explosion destroyed a house in Alcanar, southwest of Barcelona, where explosives and gas canisters had been stored. The blast killed the group's suspected leader, an imam.

Two of the accused, a Spaniard and a Moroccan, face charges of belonging to a terrorist organisation, manufacturing and storing explosives, and attempting to cause widespread destruction, which are all related to the Alcanar blast but not directly to the Barcelona attack, according to court documents.

Prosecutors are seeking jail terms of 41 and 36 years for the two and eight years for another Moroccan national who is accused of being an accomplice. They have been in prison pending trial since their arrests in 2017 in connection with the blast.

Eulogio Paz, head of one of the victims' associations acting as a civil party in the trial, said on Friday his group was "going to fight for a murder charge and sentence for the accused ... regardless of whether they were closer or further away from the van" used in Barcelona.

They demand perpetual sentences for the two main suspects.

The day after the attack on Aug. 17, five militants drove a car into a crowd in the coastal resort of Cambrils and used knives to attack bystanders, killing a woman and injuring several others, before being shot dead by police. Officers also killed the Barcelona attacker a few days later.