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Spain's March-May COVID-19 death toll nearly 70% above official count - stats institute



Spain's coronavirus death toll between March and May was almost 70% higher than the official count at the time, data from the National Statistics Institute (INE) showed yesterday, prompting the opposition to complain of a government cover-up.

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THE BAD NEWS

● British holidaymakers **could be barred from EU** after January 1 under Covid rules:

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● Britons **may need visas to stay in EU more than 3 months.**

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● EU unveils back-up plans to avoid **'no-deal' Brexit chaos.**

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● Health service **under pressure as cases continue to rise in the Balearics.**

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THE GOOD NEWS

"No Deal Brexit will not affect our lives in Spain"

Palma.— A no-deal Brexit will not have a major impact on the lives of thousands of British citizens living in the Balearics. A British Embassy spokesperson said yesterday morning that the rights of British citizens in Spain were already protected.

"This latest round of negotiations is about trade and not Citizens rights," she said. However, she added that all British citizens living in Spain permanently must have their paperwork in order and get a residence permit (if they haven't done so)."

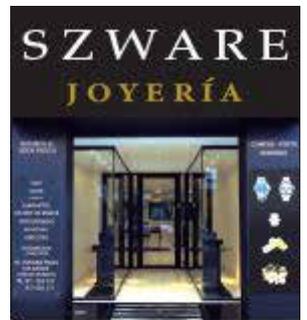
Madrid.—Spain was among the worst-hit European countries during the first wave of infections, with Health Ministry data showing fatalities approaching 900 per day by the end of March - the first month when the pandemic claimed lives in Spain.

The latest INE statistics showed 32,652 people died of a confirmed case of coronavirus over the period, while another 13,032 were suspected to have died of the virus after showing compatible symptoms but were never diagnosed.

COVID-19 indirectly contributed to the deaths of a further 4,218 people over the period, the INE also said.

That compares with an official Health Ministry death toll at the end of May of just 27,127. It now stands at 47,019.

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