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Too soon to say if Brits can take a summer holiday abroad, UK says

Britain said yesterday it was too soon to say whether or not international summer holidays could go ahead this year, suggesting a planned reopening of outbound travel could be pushed back beyond May 17.

Britons are among the highest spending tourists in Europe so the fortunes of the continent's summer season and the desperate travel industry will depend on when tourists can return to the beaches, cafes and tavernas of southern Europe.

Britain plans to use a traffic-light risk system for countries once non-essential international travel resumes but the government said it was too soon to say which

countries could be given the green light that would only require testing before and after travel.

"Taking into account the latest situation with variants and the evidence about the efficacy of vaccines against them, we will confirm in advance whether non-essential international travel can resume on 17 May, or whether we will need to wait longer before lifting the outbound travel restrictions," a government review said.

British media suggested countries on the green list, requiring only testing before and after travel, could include Portugal, Malta, Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

BALEARIC GOVERNMENT RULES OUT EASING COVID RESTRICTIONS

- The Balearic Government wants to maintain the current hospitality restrictions for at least two more weeks to make sure there hasn't been a significant rise in coronavirus infections over Easter.

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- 37 new cases are reported in Majorca. See Inside.



Bars and restaurants will only be allowed to use their terraces for at least another two weeks.

Palma Police to investigate doctor in false PCR certificates in German TV report: See Page Four Inside

Seeking better conditions, migrants set up makeshift camp on Spain's Canary Islands

Tenerife.—Dozens of migrants have set up a makeshift camp in Spain's Canary Islands, leaving an official, much larger camp where they said they had received poor food, scant medical attention and did not have enough showers.

In the face of soaring levels of migration from Africa, authorities on the Canaries have resorted to housing thousands in converted former military facilities.

More than 1,500 have been living in the Las Raices camp, a former barracks near the city of La Laguna on Tenerife for the last two months.

"The camp is really bad," said a Senegalese migrant who gave only one name, Babacar.

"The food is not good, every day, I have been here for a month, everyday the food is bad," Babacar, speaking at the makeshift camp, said of Las Raices.

There were also not enough showers, he said.

ACCEM, the humanitarian group that manages Las Raices for the Spanish government, told Reuters the food could be better, but said medical attention was available for anyone who needed it. A spokeswoman for the migration ministry said the government supported ACCEM's work and that the camp was regularly monitored by the European Union asylum agency.

"The food at the centre has met European standards as we have said on many occasions. The centre has a health area which allows it to screen cases," the spokeswoman said.

Some migrants who had left Las Raices for the makeshift camp, and other NGOs, said otherwise.

"The situation is quite desperate. The food is scarce, the medical service is scarce, they have few translators, few doctors,"

said Roberto Mesa, of the Tenerife Migrants Support Assembly, a volunteer group that brings food and clothes to the migrants.

"These people only want to travel on to see their

families elsewhere but they do not know what their future will be." The number of undocumented migrants arriving in the Canary Islands jumped eight-fold from 2019.

