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Woman held after video evidence of boyfriend's death

Barcelona/Palma. — A woman was in custody in Barcelona yesterday after video evidence showed that she may have killed her boyfriend after a heated row in Palma.

According to police, there

is evidence that the woman may have run-over her lover after a heated disagreement. The video appears to show the man, with his hands on the bonnet of the car trying to stop her driving away. But rather than stopping, it is al-

leged that the woman sped away, killing her boyfriend. She initially told police that it was an accident but video images tell a different story. She was arrested in Barcelona after allegedly fleeing the island.

Spanish tourism minister receives red-stained knife, follows death threats to others

Madrid. — Spanish Tourism Minister Reyes Maroto said yesterday she had received a knife covered in red stains by post, days after senior security officials and a left-wing party leader were sent death threats.

The ministry released a photo showing a small, wood-handled folding knife with a series of red stains running up the

blade. "This is serious...We should be concerned as I'm not a controversial person," said Maroto, a socialist who has served as minister of industry, trade and tourism since 2018.

"It gives us more strength to defend democracy...Hatred and threats will not silence us," she told reporters outside the house of parliament.

Police are investigating

the package, which arrived at the ministry on Friday and included a return address, she added.

The Spanish government is led by the Socialist Party (PSOE), with the far-left Unidas Podemos as its junior coalition partner.

"Enough! We won't allow it. We will not let hatred take over coexistence in Spain," tweeted Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

He joined a chorus of voices from across the political spectrum, including the far-right Vox party, condemning the threats.

Last week, Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska, Pablo Iglesias of Unidas Podemos, and Maria Gamez, who heads the Guardia Civil police force, also received death threats in the mail.

Without suggesting who



Reyes Maroto: minister for tourism.

might be behind the letters, Marlaska yesterday blamed a culture of political polarisation for allowing hate speech to flourish.

"We have a certain anti-democratic political discourse that we must confront forcefully," he told La Sexta television.

Going nowhere: top British businesswoman "barred"

Margaret Whitaker, one of the island's most successful businesspeople, who is making big investments at her Son Amar entertainment centre on the outskirts of Palma, has been barred from entering Majorca from Britain because of red-tape and paperwork woes even though she can demonstrate an essential need to enter Spain which is one of the permitted reasons to travel. In her letter received by the *Bulletin* she outlines this ludicrous state of affairs.

Dear Editor,
Many of your readers are interested in knowing when we will be reopening the new family restaurant with its

huge Disney-style playground - the Kingdom of Alcazár. And we have made a sizable investment in the much awaited secret garden and events space, Edén, which brings something new, unique and world class to Majorca and, of course, the theatre and the new show Exhibit, featuring several world-famous artists from Cirque du Soleil. Of course our events business for private and corporate events, conferences and conventions is ongoing. We have been attempting to re-enter Palma for many weeks now. As you

know we have been a major employer in Majorca for many years, until this pandemic hit. We have been awarded for our service to tourism for our 50th anniversary in 2013. We have continued to invest heavily in Son Amar in an attempt to future-proof it against further disasters outside of our control. Our first application was to attend an appointment with the immigration department in Palma and that was re-



jected. Our next was to be able to get back to work at Son Amar. As you can imagine there is much to do and only so much can be achieved over Zoom calls!

We are told that the border force are demanding a letter of permission from the British Embassy and without this they will continue to reject our applications. This is a Spanish tightening of the existing rules and the British Embassy assures us that it is not within their power to intervene on these matters and it has nothing to do with them.

Kindest regards
Margaret Whittaker OBE
House of Son Amar 2021