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New James Bond film gives cinemas a big lift

London.—Just over 1 million tickets have been sold for the latest James Bond movie at Odeon cinemas in Britain and Ireland, the chain said yesterday, in the latest sign that *No Time to Die* is helping boost a sector hit badly by COVID-19 closures.

The latest instalment is the highest attended film since *Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker* in 2019, with roughly half of attendees going to a cinema for the first time since the pandemic, Odeon said yesterday.

The film, which marks actor Daniel Craig's

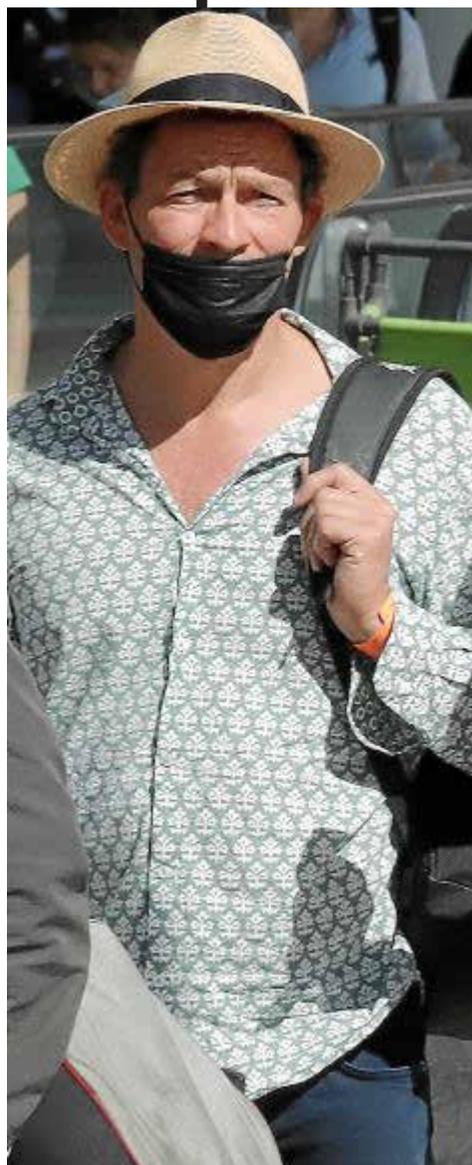
fifth and final outing as the British secret agent, was delayed three times from its planned April 2020 release date as lockdown measures shut venues around the world.

The movie took a mighty \$121 million at the international box office over its opening weekend, Universal Pictures said earlier this week.

"Cinemas are an important pillar of local communities and have proven they have the power to bring all generations together safely," the AMC-owned brand said.

CROWNING GLORY FOR MAJORCA. Stars arrive for filming on the island

● The cast and crew will be shooting in several locations in Majorca, including the Serra de Tramuntana and sa Calobra. Inside



Dominic West who plays Prince Charles in the hit series arrived in Palma yesterday ahead of the start of filming. PHOTO: JULIAN AGUIRRE/ULTIMA HORA.

Spain's COVID-19 rate at 'low risk' level for first time in 15 months

Spain's coronavirus incidence dropped below 50 cases per 100,000 people on Thursday, reaching the threshold considered "low risk" by the Health Ministry for the first time in over a year.

More than three quarters of the Spanish population has now been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and most restrictions on socialising have recently been dropped, although masks remain mandatory in enclosed spaces.

The Health Ministry on Thursday added 1,807 cases to its tally of infections, bringing the total up to 4.97 million since the pandemic began. The death toll rose by 23 to 86,701.

The infection rate, as measured over the past 14 days, fell to 49 cases per 100,000 people, the data showed, slipping below 50 for the first time since July 27, 2020.

At that time Spain had just emerged from one of Europe's strictest lockdowns, which reduced new cases to a trickle.

But transmission soon rebounded, infecting millions over four successive waves and pushing the incidence to a record 900 cases per 100,000 people at the end of January, before the vaccination campaign kicked into high gear.

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