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Russia nuclear strike

London.— Russian invasion forces seized Europe's biggest nuclear power plant yesterday in what Washington called a reckless assault that risked catastrophe, although a blaze in a training building was extinguished and officials said the facility was now safe. Combat raged elsewhere in Ukraine as Russian forces surrounded and bombarded several cities in the second week of the

assault launched by Russian President Vladimir Putin. A presidential adviser said an advance had been halted on the southern city of Mykolayiv after local authorities said Russian troops had entered it. If captured, the city of 500,000 people would be the biggest yet to fall. The capital Kyiv, in the path of a Russian armoured column that has

been stalled on a road for days, came under renewed attack, with air raid sirens blaring in the morning and explosions audible from the city centre. The U.S. Embassy in Ukraine called the Russian assault on the Zaporizhzhia plant a "war crime". Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby said it showed how reckless the Russian invasion has been.



Pablo Gonzalez: worked with Spanish media.

Poland arrests Spanish national suspected of spying for Russia

London.— Poland has arrested a Spanish national of Russian origin on suspicion of participating in foreign intelligence activities, the Internal Security Agency (ABW) said yesterday. The man, identified as an agent of Russia's military intelligence agency (GRU), was detained in Przemysl - near Poland's border with Ukraine - on the night of Feb. 27-28, ABW said in a statement. His Spanish lawyer named him as Pablo Gonzalez, a reporter for

several Spanish media including online newspaper *Publico* and TV station *La Sexta*. Both outlets have recognised Gonzalez as having worked with them. "After 4 days, we have just been informed by the Consulate of Spain in Poland that Pablo Gonzalez is charged with the crime of espionage under article 130.1 of the Polish Penal Code and is in provisional detention in Rzeszow prison," lawyer Gonzalo Boye said on

Twitter. Boye told Reuters he was trying to get in contact with Gonzalez but had not yet been given access to his client. He demanded his immediate release. Spain's Foreign Ministry said it had been informed by Polish authorities of the charges but could not provide any details. The ministry will offer consular assistance and provide whatever help it can, as with all Spaniards detained abroad, it said.

Virgin TO THE RESCUE OF LOCAL CHURCH



● Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group has donated 10,000 euros to help repair the damage caused to Banyalbufar church by a

tornado which hit the area on August 29, 2020 and caused serious damage.

● The Virgin Group will open a new luxury hotel

in Banyalbufar next year and building work is already underway.

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