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MALLORCA HIT BY FIERCE STORM CHAOS, MORE TO COME

WHAT a difference a day makes. After a glorious sunny start to November, Mallorca was struck, as forecast, by a fierce storm yesterday morning which lashed the island with heavy rain, hail and strong winds, causing rush hour chaos across most of the island, flight delays and general disruption throughout the day. Palma and Calvia were the most affected municipalities. Emergency services (112) reported more than 70 separate incidents related to the adverse weather conditions. The majority of emergency calls involved fallen trees, damaged urban structures, flooded roads, and public street flooding.

In Coll d'en Rabassa, Palma, part of a balcony collapsed due to powerful wind gusts which peaked at 90 kilometres per hour.

And there could be more to come over the next few days. The emer-



Driving conditions were very hazardous.



gency services will meet today (Friday) to analyse forecasts of a new front that could bring widespread rain on Saturday and are al-

ready urging people to restrict outdoor activities.



Widespread damage was caused to vehicles.

Spain's exiled king feels abandoned by his son, according to memoir

Madrid.— Spain's disgraced former king, Juan Carlos, feels abandoned and misunderstood, including by his son and heir, King Felipe VI, and by other close family members, according to his memoir that went on sale in France on Wednesday. In *Reconciliation*, Juan Carlos,

87, said he understood why Felipe needed to be "firm as king" in public, keeping his father at a distance, but said it was painful that "as a son he should be insensitive".

Juan Carlos, who played a key role in Spain's transition to democracy after the death of dictator

Francisco Franco, wrote: "I gave freedom to the Spanish people by establishing democracy but I was never able to enjoy that freedom for myself."

"Now that my son has turned his back on me out of duty, now that those who call themselves my

friends have turned their backs on me, I realise that I have never been free."

Juan Carlos said he wanted to return to Spain, enjoy a quiet retirement and a harmonious relationship with Felipe, and be buried with state honours.

He also said the extra-marital relations ascribed to him by the media, including an alleged tryst with the late Princess Diana, were "mostly entirely fictitious".

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