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PRIDE OF BRITAIN



- Royal Navy frigate docks in Palma for a hugely successful visit after a long deployment.
- British ambassador to Spain,

Sir Alex Ellis, thanks crew for what they have done and what they are doing for Britain.
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SPAIN'S BOOMING ECONOMY

Madrid.— The Spanish economy is expected to grow 2.9% this year, at more than double the average pace in the European Union and exceeding the previous forecasts of 2.6-2.7%, the European Commission and the Spanish government said.

The EU's executive arm said gross domestic product in the 20 countries that share the euro currency would grow 1.3% this year, rather than 0.9% as forecast last April, while the whole bloc's GDP would expand 1.4%. It raised its estimate for Spain from 2.6%, citing strong domestic demand.

"The government will raise its forecast to 2.9%, in line with the European Commission," Economy Minister Carlos Cuerdo told a parliamentary hearing. The EU estimates Spain's economy will grow 2.3% in 2026, but Cuerdo said the government would stick to a 2.2% forecast.

He also said the government would present a new indicator within its economic targets that would link macro- and microeconomic data to measure how Spain reduces inequality and poverty levels, making sure that "growth figures translate into the daily lives of households".