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## Veterans call for Prince to be stripped of military titles

● More than 150 veterans have signed an open letter calling for Queen Elizabeth to strip her son Prince Andrew of his military titles over his relationship with disgraced late U.S. financier Jeffrey Epstein, the campaign group Republic said yesterday.

A day after Andrew's lawyers failed to persuade a U.S. judge to dismiss Virginia Giuffre's civil lawsuit against him which accuses the royal of sexually abusing her when she was a teenager, the anti-monarchy group released the letter from veterans angry that he still held honorary mili-

tary roles. Their letter to the 95-year-old monarch called for her to take immediate action because Andrew, the Duke of York, had been "uncooperative and less than truthful" about his relationship with Epstein, and had brought the armed services he represented into disrepute.

"We are particularly upset and angry that Prince Andrew remains a member of the armed forces and continues to hold military titles, positions and ranks, including that of Vice Admiral of the Royal Navy," the letter said.

## THIRTY NEW SCOOTERS FOR PALMA POLICE



● Palma police have taken delivery of thirty new scooters for the neighbourhood police units. At police facilities in Son Gotleu yesterday, the mayor, José Hila, said that one of the challenges of his administration had been to improve police working conditions.

"So we have allocated resources and made efforts to acquire new equipment and vehicles."

The councillor for public security, Joana Adrover, said that the purchase of the scooters means provision of extra resources to the police, "so that they can offer the best service to the public".

Another example, she noted, was the purchase of 80 mobile devices for the neighbourhood police.

The scooters, which comply with European regulations on CO2 emissions, cost just under 300,000 euros.

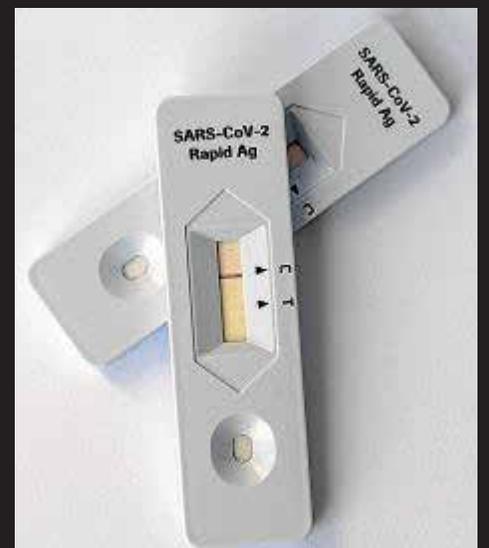
They are part of a purchase of 66 vehicles that the town hall approved in April last year.

Fifty-one were for the police; others include vans and electric bicycles.

The facilities in Son Gotleu were badly damaged by a deliberate fire in November 2018.

New security measures have been installed, such as an increase in the number of security cameras and an updating of the alarm system.

# Spain to cap antigen test prices, expand booster programme



**S**PAIN will cap prices for rapid coronavirus tests and open up its booster shot programme to everyone over the age of 18, the government said yesterday, a day after data showed Omicron's rampant spread might be starting to slow.

Health Minister Carolina Darias said that from Saturday antigen tests would be sold to the public for a maximum of 2.94 euros, bringing prices closer in line with other European countries.

"Our objective was first to stabi-

lise the supply after demand increased by a factor of over 1,000 - and then we focused on regulating prices," Darias told reporters.

Spain had sporadic shortages of antigen tests throughout December amid a sudden spike in demand because of Omicron's high transmissibility and people wanting to get tests during the year-end festivities.

Antigen tests are currently only available for sale in pharmacies in Spain, despite calls from supermarket lobby groups and some health experts to allow their sale

in supermarkets, as neighbouring Portugal has done.

Carolina Darias added that the interval between people receiving the last dose of the vaccine and the booster shot will be cut to five months from six months.

"Reducing the period between last dose and booster is in consonance with the countries in our region, and is part of a strategic response which is constantly evolving," Darias said, noting that the vaccine drive would proceed from older to younger age groups.

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