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A real classic coming to Majorca: See Pages 20 and 21

THE CHANGING FACE OF MAJORCA

300,000 hikers heading to Majorca this winter



● Local authorities confident that this tourist market will continue to grow during the low

season and help fight the winter decline.

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“Cycling is now taking over from golf on Majorca.”
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Belgium reports first case of euthanasia for a minor

London. — A 17-year-old has been euthanised in Belgium in what is the first application of rules adopted by the country in 2014 allowing doctor-assisted death for minors of all ages, the head of the national committee for euthanasia said yesterday.

Wim Distelmans, who chairs Belgium's Federal Control and Evaluation Committee on Euthanasia, said in an emailed statement that the first case was reported to his committee by a local doctor last week.

He told *Reuters* the minor was 17, but gave no other details.

Belgium legalised euthanasia in 2002, and two years ago amended the rules to permit doctor-assisted death for minors in a hopeless medical situation and with their explicit consent.

It is the only country in the world allowing euthanasia on minors of all ages. In the neighbouring Netherlands the practice is legal for children aged at least 12. The Belgian law allows euthanasia for minors under strict conditions. Minors have to be conscious and able to make rationale decisions when they request assisted death. Psychologists or psychiatrists must be consulted and the authorisation of the parents is required.

To undergo euthanasia, the minor must also be in a “terminal medical situation with constant and unbearable physical pain...”