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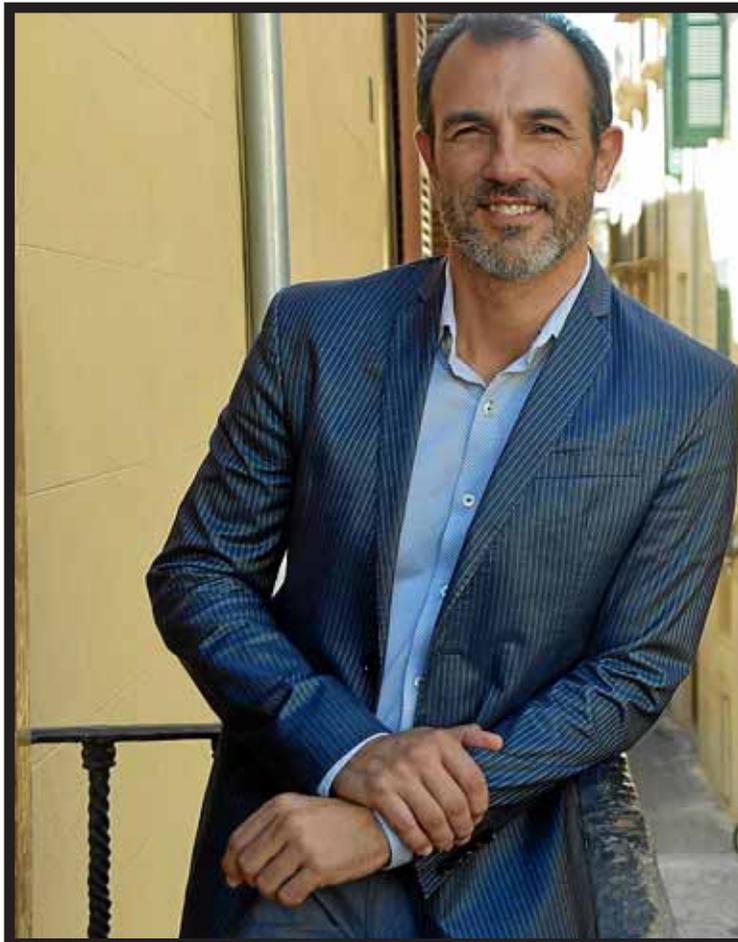
Farmers protest through streets of Palma: Page 3



Johnson wants maximum 2-year Brexit transition

● British foreign minister Boris Johnson said a transition period from the European Union after Britain's exit from the bloc in March 2019 must not last more than two years. In an interview with *The Sun* newspaper ahead of the ruling Conservative Party's annual conference next week, Johnson also said the transition period should be under existing arrangements and ruled out paying for future access to the EU single market. "Am I impatient about it, do I want to get it done as fast as possible? Yes, absolutely. Do I want the delay to go on longer than two years? Not a second more," Johnson was quoted as saying in the tabloid newspaper.

He also said speculation about his leadership intentions had been "massively" overdone. Earlier this month, some of Johnson's cabinet colleagues said he was "backseat driving" on Brexit after setting out his vision of the UK's future outside of the EU days before a key speech by prime minister Theresa May.



Barcelo: A tourist, a friend

● Tourism minister hits back at British press reports and says that holidaymakers are more than welcome and are key to the future of the island.

● See Full Interview Inside.



Catalans occupy voting stations to defy Madrid's order to stop referendum

Barcelona.— Supporters of Catalan independence began occupying polling stations yesterday, setting up a possible confrontation with police who have been ordered to clear them out by this morning to ensure a referendum cannot go ahead. The central government, which has sent thousands of police reinforcements to stop people voting and has attempted to dismantle the infrastructure needed to conduct the referendum it says is illegal, insisted it

would not go ahead. Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont told Reuters in an interview, however: "Everything is prepared at the more than 2,000 voting points so they have ballot boxes and voting slips, and have everything people need to express their opinion."

Bands played at a closing rally for the referendum campaign in Barcelona where people constructed the slogan "Referendum is democracy."

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