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## Haute-couture designer and fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld dies at 85: See Pages 2 and 3



# WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN SPAIN AND GIBRALTAR

● Authorities in Madrid and Gibraltar gave differing versions yesterday of an incident in which a Spanish warship told commercial ships to leave anchorages near Gibraltar, the latest example of tension over the strategic port as Brexit approaches. **See Page 21.**



## Ireland urges people not to stockpile medicines ahead of Brexit

**I**reland's deputy prime minister yesterday called on people not to stockpile medicine before Britain quits the European Union, saying the country had at least eight weeks of supply and was moving to source medicines from other EU countries.

Despite its large pharmaceutical industry, Ireland relies on Britain for many medicines. Some of them may not be approved for use in the EU if Britain leaves on 29 March without a deal, Simon Coveney told RTE radio.

Ireland has eight to 12 weeks' supply of virtually all medicines in Ireland, Coveney said.

"There aren't any medicines that are on any kind of risk list in terms of not being supplied after the end of March, but we will continue to monitor that very closely to make sure there is no delay in supply," he said.

"Pharmacists and people in general should not be stockpiling medicines because actually stockpiling in itself sometimes causes problems with supply," he added. Britain has told its residents the same thing. Stockpiling "risks shortages ... if everyone does what they are supposed to, we are confident the supply of medicines will continue uninterrupted," said Stephen Hammond, the health minister responsible for Brexit.

## Get Brexit sorted out, UK business minister says after Honda plant decision

*London.*—The United Kingdom must urgently end the uncertainty over its exit from the European Union so that businesses can have clarity about the future, business minister Greg Clark said just hours after Honda said it would close its car plant in Britain.

"Decisions like Honda's this morning demonstrate starkly how much is at stake," Clark said, adding that the decision was a very big blow.

"This news comes on top of

months of uncertainty that you as manufacturers have had to endure about Brexit, about our future relationship with the EU," Clark told a manufacturing conference.

"A situation in which our manufacturers do not have the certainty they need about the terms under which two thirds of our trade will be conducted in 40 days time is unacceptable - it needs to be brought to conclusion and without further delay."

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