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Spain hopes no need to close French border over coronavirus

Madrid.—Spain's Tourism Minister Reyes Maroto said yesterday a resurgence in coronavirus cases in Catalonia was coming under control and she hoped there would be no need for France to close the border.

Tourism accounts for about 12% of Spain's economic output and with the pandemic wreaking havoc on the summer season ministers in Madrid have voiced concern after French Prime Minister Jean Castex on

Sunday did not rule out closing the border.

"With the latest data we have in Aragon and Catalonia we are a bit more optimistic. Catalonia has already reduced the number of infections over the last three days," Maroto told an event organised by Europa Press news agency. "Let's hope that with this better data we don't have to close a border that for us is very important for mobility with our European partners."

"MORE HOLIDAY CANCELLATIONS THAN BOOKINGS"



● Hotels in Majorca are receiving more cancellations than bookings in July, as a result of uncertainty in European emitting markets over the Covid-19 pandemic.

● "The situation has changed in the last week and we have gone from having more reservations than cancellations to the opposite," said the Hotel Chains Group. See Inside.

UK says there is no evidence of Russian meddling in Brexit vote

There is no evidence of Russian meddling in the 2016 Brexit referendum and Britain's spies did not take their eyes off the ball on Russia, British Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said yesterday.

The British parliament's intelligence and security committee said in a report published on Tuesday that Russia had interfered in the 2014 Scottish independence referendum but it had not seen hard evidence of Russian meddling in the Brexit vote.

While the lawmakers noted allegations of meddling in Brexit, and some studies pointed to Russian attempts to influence the campaign, they said the British government and intelligence agencies had not sought out evidence of Russian interference.

"There needs to be some evidence that there's an issue there - which there isn't," Shapps told Sky when asked if there should be a further investigation of possible Russian meddling in the European Union referendum.

Spanish firms getting solvency support won't be able to pay dividends

Madrid.—Spanish companies receiving government support to boost their solvency in order to weather the impact from the coronavirus outbreak will not be allowed to pay dividends, Budget Minister Maria Jesus Montero said yesterday.

Earlier in July, the government approved new state-backed credit lines of up to 50 billion euros, including a 10 billion euro fund to potentially bail out companies in strategic sectors that are considered viable but are experiencing solvency problems due to the coronavirus.

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