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Scotland shuts pubs and restaurants in Aberdeen

Aberdeen—Scotland imposed new restrictions on Aberdeen yesterday to tackle an outbreak of COVID-19 cases, closing pubs and restaurants and ordering visitors to stay away.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said an outbreak in the city had now accounted for a total of 54 known cases in recent days, and that in the last 24 hours there had been 64 new cases across the whole of Scotland. “This virus hasn’t gone away - if you doubted that, then today we have evidence of how true that is,” she said. “It is still out there and it is still highly infectious and it is still highly dangerous. The outbreak in Aberdeen is a sharp re-

minder of that. It shows what can happen if we let our guard drop.”

Britain has been the hardest-hit country in Europe by COVID-19 with more than 46,000 deaths. Having peaked in April and May, new cases have substantially declined, but officials are worried about a resurgence as the economy reopens after months of total lockdown.

Restrictions have already been reimposed in other areas, including the city of Leicester and large urban areas in the north west of England to try to limit any outbreaks and avoid the need for another national lockdown.

Petitions and memes target the former king of Spain

Madrid.—Students in Madrid want their King Juan Carlos University to change its name, a few towns plan the same for parks or streets, and memes mocking the former monarch are circulating widely after he left the country amid a corruption scandal.

The constitution, political fragmentation and opinion polls that for years have shown the population is divided on the issue mean the latest scandal is unlikely to change Spain’s political system soon.

But the former king’s abrupt departure abroad to an undisclosed location -



announced on Monday and which he said was to allow his son King Felipe to reign without being affected by his woes - is making waves at home.

The municipality of Gijón, in northern Spain, will change the name of its Juan

Carlos I avenue because it considers the former monarch “does not represent the institutional, moral and democratic values of our society anymore,” spokeswoman Marina Pineda was quoted as saying.

In Madrid, an online peti-

tion to change the name of the university had passed 41,000 signatures by yesterday morning. “Corruption cases surrounding the Royal Family keep appearing, torpedoing the image of a monarchy that had been presented to us as ‘wholesome’ and ‘humble’,” the petition read, while the university’s name was trending on Twitter.

Amid a flurry of memes on the former monarch’s departure, one Twitter user said the university should be renamed “The university of the exiled king.”

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Calvia nursery closed because of coronavirus case

● A nursery school in Palmanova has been closed temporarily after one of the children was found to be positive for coronavirus.

Health protocols were activated on Monday, and Calvia town hall closed what is a municipal facility.

On Tuesday, the school

was disinfected by a specialist company.

The town hall says that it will wait to receive instructions from the health ministry before making any decision about reopening.

The ministry is carrying out contact-tracing and monitoring.

BALEARICS BRACED FOR ANOTHER HEATWAVE

● Temperatures are on the up and up in Majorca again and the State Meteorological Agency, Aemet is forecasting highs of at least 30 degrees over the next few days.

The heat will gradually intensify across the whole country and Aemet has already activated a hot weather alert in six communities in central and southwestern areas of the country and the mercury is expected to hover around 39 degrees in Extremadura.

The dreaded tropical nights returned last night with lows of 22 degrees in Palma and Sóller and 21 in Formentera and Ibiza.

The rest of the week will be sunny with cloudy intervals in northeastern areas of Majorca and in Minorca and there might even be a shower or two.

Aemet is predicting higher daytime temperatures and a slight cool down overnight towards the end of the week, with a welcome southeasterly breeze in Ibiza and a warm westerly wind in coastal areas.