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SURGE IN SPAIN'S VIRUS CASES PROMPTS REGIONAL SMOKING BAN

● Coronavirus cases in Spain jumped by nearly 1,700 on Wednesday, part of a surge that has prompted the construction of a military field hospital in the hard-hit Aragon region and led authorities in Galicia to practically ban smoking in public places.

Health ministry data showed 1,690 new coronavirus cases were diagnosed in the 24 hours to Wednesday, up from the 1,418 reported on Tuesday and bringing the cu-

mulative total to 329,784. Since lifting its strict lockdown around six weeks ago Spain has struggled to keep a lid on new infections, with average daily cases rising from less than 150 in June to more than 1,500 in the first 12 days of August.

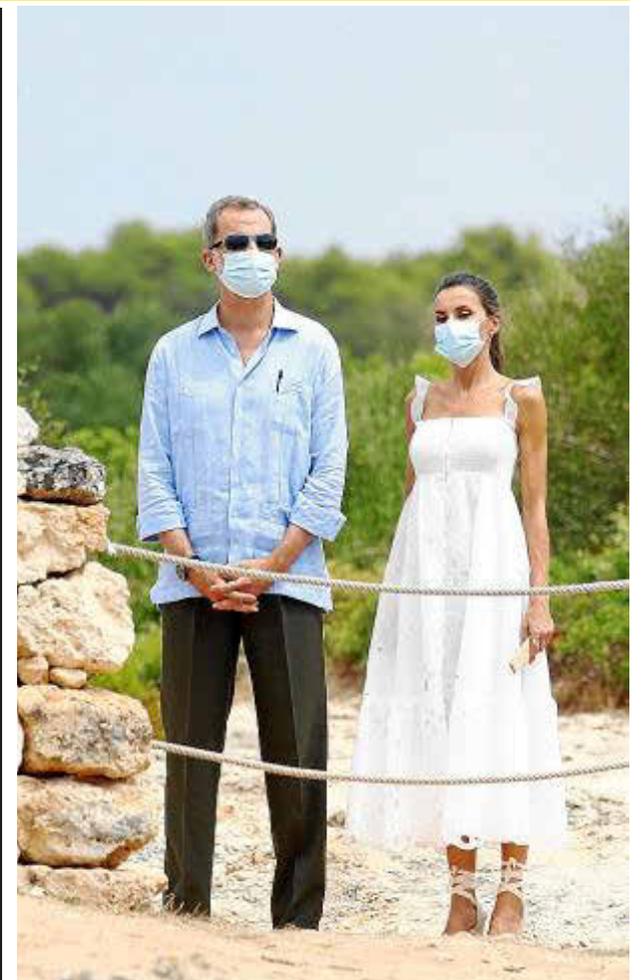
Despite having some of the lowest levels of the virus, northwestern Galicia issued a blanket ban on smoking on the street and on restaurant terraces when social-distancing cannot be guaranteed.



TUI POSTS ALARMING LOSSES

● TUI AG, the world's largest tour operator and key to the Balearic tourist industry, said yesterday that it swung to a net loss for the third quarter of fiscal 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

● For the three months ended June 30, TUI's net loss was 1.42 billion euros compared with a profit of EUR22.8 million for the same period a year earlier, the company said. **SEE PAGE 3**



ROYAL VISIT TO MINORCA

● King Felipe and Queen Letizia went to Minorca yesterday, where they visited the Naveta des Tudons Talayotic settlement,

which is a candidate for becoming a Unesco World Heritage Site and praised the health service.

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Spain says U.S. should waive tariffs on EU goods as wine, olives hit

● The United States should waive tariffs imposed on European Union goods because the bloc abides by all World Trade Organization rules on planemaker Airbus, Spain's trade minister said yesterday.

The Spanish government rejects a U.S. decision to maintain tariffs imposed

on EU goods, minister Reyes Maroto said, speaking a day after Washington decided to keep 15% tariffs on Airbus aircraft and 25% tariffs on other European goods.

Spanish agricultural exports such as wine and olive oil are among the hardest hit by the U.S. tariffs.