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Prince Harry says upbringing blinded him to unconscious racial bias

PRINCE Harry said it took him years to realise that unconscious racial bias existed and his eyes had been opened by spending time in his wife Meghan's shoes.

The prince spoke during a conversation about racism with Patrick Hutchinson, the Black activist who was photographed by Reuters carrying a white man to safety during a scuffle between anti-racism protesters and far-right opponents in London in June.

Harry told Hutchinson he saw him as a "guardian angel" protecting everyone at the demonstration. Both men said there was still work to be done to defeat discrimination of all kinds. "Unconscious bias, from

my understanding, having the upbringing and the education that I had, I had no idea what it was. I had no idea it existed," Harry said during the online conversation, recorded last week for a feature by the magazine GQ. "And then, sad as it is to say, it took me many, many years to realise it, especially then living a day or a week in my wife's shoes," added the prince. Meghan's father is white and her mother is African American.

Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, have spoken out several times on race issues since stepping down from their roles as working members of the royal family at the end of March and moving to California.

But curfew in Balearics will be from midnight rather than 11p.m. like in the rest of Spain.



SPAIN ENTERS COVID STATE OF EMERGENCY TO MUCH DISMAY

Madrid.—The Spanish government faced a backlash yesterday over its plans to put one of Europe's worst COVID-19 hotspots under a six-month state of emergency. Opposition parties said six months was too long, epidemiologists said this may be too little too late, and some citizens balked at nightly curfews.

"The curfew doesn't make much sense. Does the virus only infect people between 23.00 and 06.00? No," said Marta Aragoneses, a 36-year old schoolteacher, enjoying a cigarette outside a cafe in La

Latina. Nearby, Mariano Moreno de Guerra, a pharmacist on his way to work in La Latina, said what worried him was plans for a six-month state of emergency.

"I don't like what they've done at all," he said.

"They are acquiring a taste for confining people and that could be dangerous. Extending it by six months is an absolute outrage. I see a lot of potential for abuse." Political wrangling between the central and regional governments and between the minority government and opposition

has for months hampered the response to the pandemic in Spain.

This has in turn angered many Spaniards, with analysts saying that the uncertainty could eventually hurt willingness to comply with the measures.

The nationwide curfew is set to last until at least Nov. 9, while the government said on Sunday it would seek parliament's approval for the state of emergency to last six months and give each region the right to take its own measures to tackle the pandemic, including limiting people's

movements. The curfew applies to all of Spain except the Canary Islands between 11 pm and 6 am - with regions having the authority to start the curfew an hour earlier or delay it to midnight.

People are not allowed to move around at those hours unless for specific reasons, including work or needing to go to the pharmacy.

The Balearic government announced last night that the curfew would be at midnight in the Balearics rather than 11p.m.