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New hospital to treat COVID victims

London.—The Madrid region yesterday inaugurated a 100-million-euro hospital to treat COVID-19 patients, though unions say a lack of healthcare workers has raised questions about how it will be staffed. The cost of the newly built hospital, which doubled from the original announcement, and Spain's shortage of health sector staff have been criticised by local opposition politicians and labour unions. Arriving at the hospital for the inauguration, regional president Isabel Diaz Ayuso was greeted by dozens of protesting healthcare workers with placards reading: "Politicians' hospitals" and "Enough."



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SNOW FORECAST ON THE SUNSHINE ISLAND

Palma.—Cold polar air will bring the first snow of astronomical autumn to Majorca. Aemet's delegate in the Balearics, María José Guerrero, said yesterday that although astronomical winter begins on December 21, there will be wintery days from Wednesday with low temperatures, isolated showers that could fall as snow on the peaks in the Tramuntana, strong winds and rough seas. (Meteorological winter started yesterday.)

Today, cold polar air from the continent will arrive in Majorca. In the afternoon, there could be a storm and snow above 1,000 metres. The highest temperatures - between ten and twelve degrees - will be in the

morning. These will drop to between three and six degrees by the end of the day. A northeast wind will strengthen during Wednesday, causing waves of two to three metres on the north and northeast coasts.

Tomorrow, there will be cloudy intervals and a rise in temperatures to 14 or 15 degrees. Friday, however, will bring in more unsettled conditions from the west.

Rain and storm are forecast, with snow falling above 1,100 metres.

Winds are expected to reach 70 to 80 kilometres per hour. Highs will be similar to Thursday, but lows will be down to three to six degrees. Waves of up to three metres are anticipated.

On Saturday, snow is forecast to fall at 800 metres. Highs will be between ten and twelve degrees. Strong winds will blow from the northwest. For Sunday through to Tuesday, there will be cloudy intervals and occasional rain, with highs of 14C.

● Island braced for freezing weather this weekend.

Spain to invest 4.3 bln euros on 5G and broadband by 2025

Spain will invest 4.3 billion euros (\$5.15 billion) on deploying next-generation 5G telecoms technology and extending broadband coverage by 2025, the government said yesterday.

A total of 883 million euros is already in next year's budget, which parliament is set to approve in the coming weeks and includes investments to extend broadband to rural areas.

"The goal is that everyone, regardless of where they live, enjoys the benefits of these advances in connectivity under a plan which is particularly relevant for rural Spain," Maria Jesus Montero, a government spokeswoman, said after a weekly cabinet meeting.

Spain also expects companies will invest around 24 billion euros on 5G technology in the country by 2025, Montero added.

Operators across the world are activating networks that can offer super-fast download speeds and eventually connect billions of devices to help run homes, offices, factories and cities.

Spain's 5G rollout would require 6 billion euros in infrastructure investment, the head of domestic market leader Telefonica's Spanish business said last week.

Industry body GSMA estimates telecoms operators worldwide will spend 78% of a projected \$1.14 trillion in capital expenditure over the next five years on 5G.

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