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## Biden sworn in as new U.S. President

Washington.— After vowing to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, Joe Biden was officially sworn in as U.S. president yesterday evening. His oath of office was administered by Supreme Court Justice John Roberts. “This is democracy’s day,” he said, in his first remarks as U.S. president.

“This is America’s Day. This is democracy’s day. A day of history and hope. Through a crucible for the ages, America has been tested and it has risen to the challenge. Today we celebrate a triumph not of a candidate but of a cause, a cause of democracy.” **SEE INSIDE**

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# MAJORCA FACING A TWO WEEK LOCKDOWN



**D**OCTORS in Majorca are calling for a 15-day lockdown to try to lower the mounting pressure on hospitals. “A re-

strictive, brief home confinement of around two weeks is needed, due to the risk of collapse of the health system,” insists the President of the Medical Un-

ion of the Balearics, Miguel Lázaro, who warned that around a hundred doctors have already contracted Covid-19 and are unable to work.

“The minister should forward the request to the Inter-territorial Health Council.”

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## Brexit could hit top concerts in Majorca

**M**ore than 100 British musicians, from pop and rock idols including Ed Sheeran, Sting and Pink Floyd’s Roger Waters to classical stars such as conductor Simon Rattle, have said tours of Europe by British artists are in danger because of Brexit.

In a letter published in yesterday’s edition of *The Times* newspaper, the musicians said the government had broken a promise to negotiate visa-free travel for musicians in the European Union.

“The deal done with the EU has a gaping hole where the promised free movement for musicians should be: everyone on a European music tour will now need costly work permits and a mountain of paperwork for their equipment,” they wrote.

“The extra costs will make many tours unviable, espe-

cially for young emerging musicians who are already struggling to keep their heads above water owing to the COVID ban on live music.”

Britain completed its journey out of the European Union on Dec. 31. One of the consequences of Brexit is that British and European citizens no longer enjoy free movement in each other’s territories.

The musicians urged the government to negotiate a reciprocal deal allowing paperwork-free travel for touring artists. The stellar list of signatories ranged across almost all styles of music, from The Sex Pistols and Iron Maiden to acclaimed cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason, who performed at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Radiohead, Elton John, Bob Geldof, Peter Gabriel, Brian Eno, Liam Gallagher and Queen’s Brian May and Roger Taylor also signed.



Ed Sheeran: in concert.