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## Spain's regions at odds over keeping COVID curfew

Madrid.—The Basque Country's top court yesterday ruled that the region must stop its current COVID-19 curfew, while a court in Valencia approved continuing the measure, in a sign of the confusion that could be in store when Spain ends its national state of emergency this weekend.

Imposed last October to curb a rampant second wave of infections, the state of emergency allowed the central government to temporarily enforce a nationwide 11 p.m. curfew as well as local travel bans and lockdowns.

When it ends, each of Spain's 17 regions must individually seek approval from lo-

cal courts to continue such measures, likely creating a kaleidoscope of diverging restrictions and legal battles.

The regional government of the Basque Country, the northern region that neighbours France, had asked for permission to keep restrictions in place. As of Thursday, it has the highest coronavirus incidence rate per 100,000 people, at 463.

But the region's top court said the curfew, and other restrictions such as limits on the number of people who can meet up, must end because they "affect the fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution".

# End in sight

- From this coming Sunday, bar and restaurant terraces can be open with uninterrupted hours from 6am to 10.30pm. This schedule will be applicable to every day of the week.
- President Francina Armengol said: "everyone has to make sacrifices and set an example; bar and restaurant businesspeople in a special way. **We have all made sacrifices** and we all want this nightmare to end, but perhaps the greatest sacrifice has not been able to hug loved ones or that of health workers." See inside.



Bars and restaurants will be allowed to open longer,

## MAJORCA FAILS TO MAKE "GREEN" TRAVEL LIST

London.—Britain will allow international travel to resume from May 17 but is limiting the number of destinations open for quarantine-free holidays to just 12 countries as it cautiously emerges from lockdown restrictions.

Countries including Portugal and Is-

rael made a green list of countries for low risk travel for people from England, transport minister Grant Shapps said yesterday, the most popular destinations such as France, Spain (including the Balearics and the Canary Islands) and Greece did not make the list. The countries on the green list in-

clude Portugal including the Azores and Madeira; Australia; New Zealand; Singapore; Brunei; Iceland; Faroe Islands; Gibraltar; Falkland Islands; and Israel.

France, Spain and Greece are not yet included but the list will be updated every three weeks.

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