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UK tells EU to think again over bloc's plan for Gibraltar talks

Britain told the European Union to "think again" after the bloc published a plan for post-Brexit negotiations over the future of Gibraltar that London said seeks to undermine British sovereignty over the territory. The European Commission said the draft negotiating mandate would have a positive impact for peo-

ple living and working on either side of the border between Spain and Gibraltar without undermining the EU's single market.

But British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said the plan conflicted with an agreement between London, Madrid and Gibraltar reached in December last year, just before Britain completed its exit from the EU.

"It seeks to undermine the UK's sovereignty over Gibraltar, and cannot form a basis for negotiations," Raab said in a statement.

"We have consistently showed pragmatism and flexibility in the search for arrangements that work for all sides, and we are disappointed that this has not been reciprocated. We urge the EU to think again."

80% of new COVID-19 cases in Spain among non-vaccinated



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The vast majority of new COVID-19 cases in Spain in the past five weeks were detected among non-vaccinated people, Health Minister Carolina Darias said yesterday, as new infections rose by 27,286.

Just 5.5% of new cases within the period were detected among people who had been fully vaccinated, Darias said, adding 11.4% were partially vaccinated and 83.1% were unvaccinated.

"We must keep up the rhythm of vaccination we have reached," the minister told a news conference.

"This will give us an important level of protection to allow us to enjoy the summer."

The number of new COVID-19 cases per day in Spain has been steadily rising since late June, with the 14-day incidence rate per 100,000 inhabitants rising to 622.4 on Tuesday. The country of 46.9 million people has so far reported a total of just under 4.2 million cases and 81,148 deaths.

Spain is the third fastest country at vaccinating its population, according to database Our World In Data, lagging behind only Canada and the U.K. with 51.3% of Spaniards fully vaccinated and 62.1% at least partially vaccinated.

Spanish government would fall if general election was called today, says poll

Madrid.—If a general election was held in Spain today the left-wing coalition of Pedro Sanchez would be voted out of office and replaced by a right-wing coalition headed by Pablo Casado.

The centre right Partido Popular would take a 28 percent share of the vote winning between 121 and 125 seats in parliament,

making them the most voted party, according to a poll from our sister newspaper Ultima Hora.

They would need the support of the far-right Vox party to give them a majority in parliament. The vote share of the Spanish Socialist Party of Pedro Sanchez would fall giving them 24 percent of the vote.