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COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The government has identified three bone raids in the country since the beginning of the year

The latest raid took place on Monday in the Comapedrosa area

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The control and surveillance systems of the Department of the Environment and the Banders corps have made it possible to identify three incursions of bears into Andorran territory since the beginning of the year. This was confirmed last Wednesday by the minister's spokesperson, Guillem Casal, who pointed out that the first incursion was detected at the end of March in the Setúria area, although in this case it was not possible to collect samples of the specimen. In April, the tracks of two bears were observed again in the Port de Cabús area, one adult and another younger, from which samples were taken that are currently being analyzed. The latest raid took place this Monday



The Minister Spokesperson for the Government, Guillem Casal.

in the Comapedrosa area.

Precisely, towards Monday night, the corps were able to make a new observation in the Encodina area, in Ordino, thanks to the pho-

to cameras. Despite the fact that the results of the analysis of the collected samples are not yet available, Casal expressed that it is likely that it is the same specimen

that was seen and recorded by a citizen in the Cortinada area on Tuesday, where it was also able to collect a hair sample. Apart from these cases, the minister reported that another bear was found in the Tor area in January.

With regard to the bear detected in La Cortinada this Tuesday, the minister highlighted that at this time there is no news and its presence has not been registered again. In this regard, he pointed out that the Banders Corps continues to monitor the animal thanks to the control system distributed throughout the country which, in addition to collecting samples, also allows its movements to be recorded. The Government spokesperson wanted to send a message of reassurance to the public, reminding them that, at an early age, these are animals that «can show a certain curiosity about urban areas, but have no interest in meeting humans». What he asked for is caution going to the excursion to the mountains. ●

New rules to prevent fires in tall buildings

The Government approved the decree establishing the procedure for approving projects and final work certificates relating to fire safety in high-rise buildings and public establishments. In this way, the existing regulations in this area are strengthened, although with «a different protocol».

Juli Minoves is appointed new chancellor of the UdA

The Council of Ministers approved the appointment of Juli Minoves as Rector of the University of Andorra (UdA) for a period of five years. In this way, the resolution of the University Council of the UdA, through the meeting held last April 29th, is complied with. The new rector of the university will begin his duties on May 23rd.

More protection in the church of Sant Serni de Nagol

Approved the Decree defining the protection environment of the Sant Serni de Nagol of Sant Julià de Lòria church after the public exhibition and allegations procedures initiated last month have been completed August 2023. One of the objectives is to avoid affecting aesthetic, historical and cultural values, preventing them from altering perspectives or contemplation.

A civil service pension plan for all

The Government has decided to issue a favorable criterion to expand the collective assimilable to be participants in the pension plan of the public service to the workers of the General Council, the attached bodies and those of the TC. In this way, it has been considered «reasonable and fair» that we can enjoy the same conditions as the rest of the public service staff.

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A moment of the meeting between Xavier Espot and Kairat Abdrakhmanov.

The OSCE evaluates Andorra's educational policies

Xavier Espot receives the High Commissioner of the organization

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The Head of Government, Xavier Espot, received the High Commissioner for National Minorities of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Kairat Abdrakhmanov. The visit, which will last until Friday, represents a recognition of the educational policies being promoted in the Principality and

which aim to integrate all groups as well as allow free choice between different systems. In fact, the Andorran system is considered a benchmark for the development of OSCE policies on education, inclusion, and good coexistence. For this reason, the high representative also met with the Minister of Institutional Relations, Education and Universities, Ladislau Baró, who conveyed to him Andorra's educational and

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linguistic and cultural integration policies, as well as the governance and management of educational diversity and a series of good practices in multilingual education.

The High Commissioner also met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Imma Tor, with whom he discussed the current institutional and political situation in the OSCE, marked by the war in Ukraine. Likewise, they also discussed the cooperation between Andorra and the OSCE, transferring the minister to Abdrakhmanov Andorra's priorities in multilateral relations, focused on the defense of gender equality and the empowerment of women, the fight against climate change and sustainable development, particularly of mountains, children and young people and multilingualism.

Kairat Abdrakhmanov also went to the professional training center, in Aixovall, to attend the Science Day, where he was able to exchange different points of view with teachers and students from different centers and educational systems.

During the visit to Andorra this Thursday and Friday, the high commissioner will hold meetings at the General Council, with representatives of associations of mothers and fathers of students from the three educational systems and with representatives of the various religious communities present in the Principality. The mandate of the high representative who is visiting the country this week includes the prevention of conflicts through education and the good management of multi-ethnic societies. ●

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«One of our most popular destinations for people with disabilities is Japan»

RODRIGO MORENO,
Travel Xperience



According to WHO estimates, one in six people in the world has a disability; additionally, people with disabilities twice likely to develop pathologies, such as depression, asthma, diabetes, stroke, obesity and dental diseases. How to help such people not to lose interest in life and get maximum positive emotions? One of the answers to this question is to create comfortable conditions for travelling. After all, travelling not only gives a feeling of happiness, but also has a generally beneficial effect on mood and, thus, on mental health.

Travel Xperience offers 1,500 vetted accommodation options in over 125 countries, including Costa Rica, the USA (Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Florida, New York), Mexico (Cancun, Puerto Vallarta), Argentina (Iguazu Falls, Perito Moreno Glacier, Buenos Aires), Morocco, South Africa, Scandinavia (Fjords, Stockholm, Bergen), Jordan and other European countries. Taking into account the interests of people with disabilities, Travel Xperience combines nature, gastronomy, culture, shopping and wellness activities. The agency takes responsibility for renting adapted equipment, such as

shower and sanitary chairs and manual or electric wheelchairs. We spoke to Rodrigo Moreno, founding partner and administrator of the agency, about organizing travel for people with disabilities.

—Please tell us about your agency that specializes in organizing travel for people with disabilities.

—Travel Xperience is dedicated to organizing accessible travel around the world. Every experience is unique, and we provide services according to the needs and wishes of each of our travelers. It is our responsibility to ensure that every aspect of the trip - from accommodation to travel to tourist activities - is tailored to our clients' needs. We strive to provide a «normal» travelling experience, where comfort issues need not be a concern.

—Do these trips include any rehabilitation programmers?

—We do not directly offer rehabilitation programmers as part of our trips, but we collaborate with local health and orthopedic centers in a variety of ways, which allows us to effectively respond to any medical needs that may arise during the trip, ensuring our clients have access to mobile equipment and personalized assistance as required.

—Which trips are the most popular now and why?



—One of our most popular destinations for people with disabilities is Japan, because of its rich culture and accessible travel infrastructure. Our clients appreciate the combination of tradition and modernity, as well as the travel and accommodation benefits that contribute to an inclusive and carefree experience.

—What are your main challenges, and how do you deal with them?

—One of the biggest challenges is the difference in accessibility standards from country to country. We solve this problem through research and co-operation with local partners, which allows us to adapt each trip to the specific needs of our clients and guarantee accessibility in every destination.

Another major challenge is transport, especially air transport, where there are currently no clear protocols on the conditions of movement of people with disabilities and, above all, on the mobility aids with which they travel.

—How do you see the tourism infrastructure for people with disabilities? What is lacking, and what could be improved?

—Despite significant improvements, there is still a lack of uniformity in accessibility in different parts of the world. Lack of reliable information on accessibility is a common barrier. Better education in the tourism services industry could significantly improve the situation.

—How many people with disabilities use your agency's services each year?

—Each year, over 400 disabled people use our services to travel around the world, reflecting trust and confidence in our ability to provide safe and accessible travel. To date, over 3,500 disabled people have travelled with us around the world.

—In terms of price levels, are there any discounts for this category of travelers?

—Although individual trips can



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be more expensive due to special accommodation and logistical needs - we try to keep prices as competitive as possible. To offer the best prices, our agency actively seeks out options that combine value and accessibility.

—What about the ethics in

dealing with the disabled? Do you have specially trained staff?

—We have highly trained staff to meet the specific communication and assistance needs of disabled people. Our approach is to ensure that every interaction is respectful, informative and empathetic,

reinforcing our commitment to quality service and understanding.

—What new directions do you plan to develop?

—We plan to grow our areas of expertise, especially those that are less explored. In addition, we

are expanding our co-operation with assistive technologies that support and enhance human functioning and independence, thereby contributing to health and well-being, as well as online platforms to further simplify the booking and travel planning processes for our customers. ●