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EUROPEAN COURT

The government is working on a new list of three candidates for Strasbourg

The Executive affirms that Andorrans have priority, but does not rule out «extending it to other countries»

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The Executive will have to present a new term to the Council of Europe.

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After the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe ruled that «one or several candidates did not have the necessary requirements» to be able to form the final shortlist of three candidates to be a judge of the European Court of Human Rights, the Government is already working on a new list of candidates «The process is starting again and we are working to present a new list that will allow us to replace one or more candidates who have not passed the requirement», reiterated the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, who wanted to emphasize that «we mustn't give too much more signifi-



XAVIER ESPOT
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

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cance or importance to this matter.

Taking into account the difficulties posed by having three candidates to be able to present the short-

list of three candidates, the Executive faces this new process «obviously prioritizing the Andorran candidates», as Espot wanted to influence, which opened the door, however, to what if it cannot be completed with nationals of the country, it can be considered to «expand it, perhaps to other countries». In any case, he remarked that at the moment «we are not in this tessitura».

In this way, the head of government is optimistic that «those people who two or three months ago did not consider this possibility, maybe now they do», more taking into account «the echo that has been made by the media». Espot advanced, however, that if there were no Andorran candidates he would

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The minister spokesperson, Guillem Casal.

The government is forced to present the new shortlist of three candidates before next October

»» The Government will be forced to open a new selection process and publish a new edict in the BOPA before October - when the next meeting will be held-. «The parliamentary assembly has rejected the candidate because the candidates do not meet the relevant requirements», affirmed Casal.

«regret it», taking into account that «there are very well qualified lawyers in our country».

The head of the Executive once again defended the three candidates presented and wanted to emphasize that if any candidate has been ruled out it has not been for «very serious reasons in no way», but it has been the case that «it has been assessed that one or more candidates did not have the necessary requirements, which are very demanding to be able to pass this requisites and, therefore, to be able to make the final shortlist of three candidates», informs the ANA. ●

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Two women at the head of the common guards of Setúria's fish cattle

Farmers and authorities participate in the traditional blessing of the cattle

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The traditional blessing of the cattle, which is celebrated every year when the animals go up to fish in the mountains, aims to be a tribute to the cattlemen of the parish and the country. If last year the protagonist was Rosa Tomàs, for her 40 years as cowgirl of La Massana, this year it was her assistant, a 22-year-old young woman, Judith Carmona, who is passionate about this profession. «We must guarantee the generational succession and this year we will probably be the only mountain area in the Pyrenees with two cowgirls, a tandem that is sure to do a very good job», assured the junior consul and head of the Department of Environment, Roger Fité.

Just before the blessing, the Consul Major, Eva Sansa



The blessing of the cattle that took place last Friday in Setúria.



ROGER FITÉ

MINOR CONSUL OF LA MASSANA

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and the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, had words of support for the livestock industry. Sansa remembered the legend of Setúria, as some of the young men present did not know it. On the other hand, the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Guillem Casal, emphasized that this 2024 is an important year for livestock, especially for the 16% increa-

se in the subsidy chapter, the largest 'has ever done to the sector with the will to keep it alive by guaranteeing the generational relief and that, in addition, it has a vital importance on the tourism and landscape model. In this sense, Casal highlighted the quality meat that is produced in the country with its own bred, a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) seal recognized at European level and an exhaustive controlled system.

On the other hand, Fité remarked that the herdsman hut remains stable. This summer, La Massana mountains will welcome around 350 head of cattle, around fifty horses and also a thousand sheep that will spend the summer in the Comapedrosa area. Fité informed that follow-up work will be carried out, together with Andorra Research and Innovation, to analyze the role of sheep in the biodiversity of the high mountains.

The junior consul also recalled that apart from Setúria, there are also livestock fishing in Pla de l'Estany, Comapedrosa, les Fonts and Percanela. ●

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