



DEMONSTRATION FOR PEACE

More than a hundred people show their rejection of the war

The residents' association calls for refugees to be able to reside legally and go to school

The General Council today approved the law that should allow economic sanctions against Russia

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More than a hundred people, including officials of all colors and all parishes, as well as ambassadors from neighboring countries and citizens with or without ties to Ukraine, gathered in front of the government administration building yesterday to repel the Russian invasion. Among those present was Episcopal Co-Prince Joan-Enric Vives, who recalled that despite President Vladimir Putin forcing the media not to say the word war, "it is, and no one imagined that this would be possible in Europe". He also called on the Andorran people to be «in solidarity» with «those who are suffering the most, who are always civilians» and showed their support for the bill, which is expected to be approved today by the General Council to carried out economic sanctions against Russia.

The president of the Ukrainian community in Andorra, Anastasia Kravets, had the opportunity to speak with both the co-prince and other leaders, to whom she handed a document requesting help from refugees arriving in the Principality. «We are not asking for money, but the possibility that children can go to school - there are already two - and a legal stay and temporary residence,» Kravets said. According to their organization, so far, a couple of families have arrived, one of five members with two minors and another of three with a one-year-old baby, but it is expected that in the coming weeks there will be more, as there are 200 Ukrainian residents in the country, 70 of whom are part of the organization and are willing to take in relatives. Asked for her opinion on the position of the Executive, the President welcomed the fact that Andorra has sided with Europe, given that «Ukraine is a European country and its citizens want to be part of the European Union. This is precisely the point that, in her words, has led Putin to war, because «he does not want to allow it». «Putin uses the defense of Russian-speakers in Ukraine as an argument, but I have always spoken Russian and have never be-



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JOAN-ENRIC VIVES
EPISCOPAL CO-PRINCE

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ANASTASIA KRAVETS
ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIANS

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ERIC JOVER
MINISTER SPOKESMAN

«[The bill comes from the Russian conflict but] has been drafted to serve us in future international sanctions».



► Above, more than a hundred people are protesting against the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Bottom left, protesters holding banners. On the right, Espot, Vives and Suñé with the president of Ukrainian residents in the country.



en attacked. We should have the right to speak whatever we want, like in Andorra, where nobody force you to speak Catalan, Spanish or French. That is freedom, «Krevets said, adding that Putin could enter any country using the same argument. «People from all over the world live in Russia».

On the other hand, the Minister of Spokesperson, Eric Jover, reported that, although the bill stems from the Russian conflict, «it has be-

en drafted to serve as an umbrella for us in future situations» in which they must be applied. international sanctions and, being aware that the impact will be «relatively minor», highlighted «the political signal we are sending».

Finally, it should be noted that Unicef Andorra launched a call yesterday to send up to 10,000 euros to Ukraine to provide access to drinking water, health and hygiene supplies and psychosocial care to chil-

dren who have remained in the country. The NGO has created two bank accounts, available in the QR code below, through which donations can be made. ≡

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Link to donate to Unicef Andorra to help bring emergency supplies to children affected by the war in Ukraine.



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HEALTH

The mask will not be mandatory in the gym, extracurriculars and nurseries

Thirteen more active cases (578), 84 new cases of covid and two fewer patients in the hospital in the last hours

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The Council of Ministers decided yesterday on a new flexibility in the preventive measures that will come into force from today to fight against the spread of coronavirus. According to the spokesman for the press conference, Eric Jover, at the subsequent press conference, the change is motivated by the downward stabilization of cases in recent weeks, and especially by the decrease in health pressure. In general, the new measures affect sports facilities, kindergartens, extracurricular activities and manor houses, where in some cases it will not be necessary to wear a mask. In this sense, the Executive has agreed to make the use of the mask more flexible in gyms and sports facilities. This way, when users can guarantee a distance of 1.5 meters between them, it will not be necessary to use face protection. The use of the mask is also reduced in kindergartens - staff will no longer need to use it - or in extracurricular activities, where both children and monitors are required to do so. Finally, day centers and manor houses are once again allowed groups of up to 10 people and activities outside the centers with interactions with members of other cohabitation units. The rest of the current measures will be extended without changes until March 7th.

Regarding the updating of health data, in the last 24 hours the Ministry of Health has detected 84 new positive cases, with 71 new discharges. The number of active cases has increased by 13 people, leaving a total number of 578. As for hospital pressure, there are two patients less admitted to the Hospital Nostra Senyora de Meritxell: 13 in total, nine per floor (-2) and four in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), three of which require mechanical ventilation. In terms of impact on education, there are 12 classrooms (-2) under passive supervision and none actively. Finally, since the start of the vaccination plan, 155,836 vaccines have been administered: 57,978 first doses, 57,233 second and 40,625 third.



► Two children wearing masks in an activity.

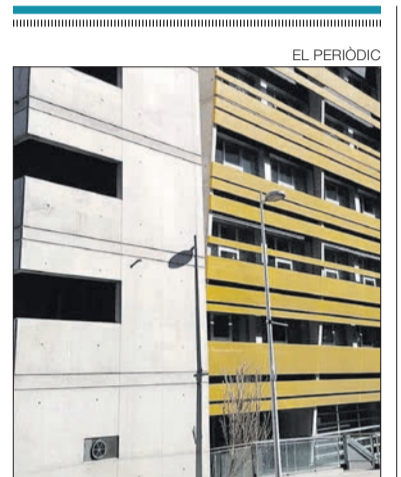
Esport and Benazet are in Barcelona today with Darias with the health cooperation on the table

MEETING IN BARCELONA // On the other hand, the head of government, Xavier Espot, and the Minister of Health, Joan Martínez Benazet, are traveling to Barcelona today to meet with the Spanish government's delegate in Catalonia, Maria Eugènia Gay, as well as with the Spanish Minister of Health, Carolina Darias, at the headquarters of the Spanish Government Delegation in Catalonia, with health cooperation between the two states on the table. This will be the Prime Minister's first meeting with Maria Eugènia Gay since his appointment. During the meeting, it is expected that different aspects of the bilateral relations between Spain and Andorra will be discussed and the current agreements

between the two countries will be monitored. For their part, the Ministers of Health will also address collaboration agreements on health.

CONCERT CANCELED // On the other hand, Andorra Turisme has canceled the last concert scheduled as part of the celebration of Andorra Mountain Music (AMM). This is Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike, which was to be held on March 12th and, as stated on the agency's website, is postponed until a new date, but reports that tickets can be used to access this Saturday's Timmy Trumpet concert, keep them for when rescheduled or request a refund. It is unknown at this time what he will do after leaving the post. ≡

COMÚ DE LA MASSANA



►► The façade of Salita.

Balance between rates and costs in health centers

►► The Minister of the Executive, Eric Jover, explained yesterday during the press conference after the Council of Ministers the reasons for the increase in tariffs in health centers. In this sense, he indicated that this increase is explained by a change in approach to supply, which stated that «it did not respond to the service that people needed», as it focused on an «obsolete» model, the medicalized. He noted that personal support has been added to the autonomy of people with the desire to «improve their quality of life». Jover pointed out that the increase in tariffs also refers to a balance with the costs of the service, which exceeded what users have paid so far. However, he clarified that the government will provide help and support to people with fewer resources who cannot cope with the tariff so that «no citizen is left without this support», so, depending on their financial capacity, «They will have to pay a realistic rate to their possibilities». Until now, the user had to pay the hotel cost of the fee (780 euros) and 10% of the healthcare cost. Now, the price you will have to pay for the hotel module will be 926.30 euros and you will have to pay between 500 and 600 euros more.

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