

The border with France reopened after the snowstorm

The RN22 road has been closed for two days due to weather conditions

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A picture of the state of the road in Pas de la Casa.

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This Monday, road access to the French border was restored, which had been closed for two days due to the snowstorm. The Mobility Service reported that the RN22 road was reopened around 1:00 p.m., although there are still restrictions in place, such as the fact that vehicles over 19 tons cannot travel on this road. The passage of cars on the RN22 was closed on

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and could not be normalized until this Monday. At the same time, the CG2 in Port d'Envalira was also reopened yesterday morning, around 11:30 a.m.

The heavy snowfalls over the weekend have forced the closure of several roads to guarantee the safety of drivers. The storm has accumulated significant thicknesses, especially in the high parishes. According to data from the Solana meteorological station, between Sa-

turday and Sunday 67 centimeters of snow were recorded, with 53 cm on the first day and 14 cm on the second. In Fonts d'Arinsal, the accumulated thicknesses have reached 66 cm, of which 51 were recorded on Saturday and 15 on Sunday. In Coll de Pa, the snowfall has left 53 cm in total, with 34 cm on Saturday and 19 cm on Sunday.

CLOSURE OF THE FRENCH BORDER OVER THE WEEKEND // The closure of the French border due to the storm began on Saturday afternoon, according to information from the French authorities. This decision was motivated by adverse weather conditions that compromised the safety of drivers. Despite the partial reopening this Monday, heavy vehicles over 19 tons are still prohibited from passing through the RN22, a restriction that will remain in place until road conditions improve.

START OF THE SKI SEASON // Grandvalira kicked off the 2024-25 season yesterday with the partial opening of the Pas de la Casa and Grau Roig sectors, coinciding with the launch of the Encamp, Soldeu, El Tarter and Canillo sectors, and increasing the number of open slopes from today with the aim of arriving next weekend with the maximum number of skiable kilometers available. ●

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POSSIBLE INCREASE IN CASES

Reports of gender-based violence grow with 36 arrests this year

The Public Prosecutor's Office warns of the low level of reporting and calls for more protection for victims and their children

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This Monday, as part of a conference held in the assembly hall of the central police office and given by the Prosecutor of the Delegate Chamber for Violence against Women, Teresa Peramato, highlighted the importance of intensifying the fight against gender-based violence, with a special focus on vicarious and sexual violence. The event, which is part of the Police Training Plan, brought together around seventy members of the Police Department and the Public Prosecutor's Office with the aim of improving the tools and protocols to address this social scourge.

During her speech, Peramato stressed that «only 21.5% of cases of gender-based violence are reported, and this black figure demonstrates the seriousness of the problem.» The prosecutor explained that factors such as economic dependence, fear of losing children or the normalization of violence prevent many victims from taking the step. «If there is no report, there is impunity, and this place the



A snapshot from the conference held last Monday.



TERESA PERAMATO

PROSECUTOR OF THE DELEGATED
CHAMBER FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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victims in an even more vulnerable position,» she said, emphasizing the need for comprehensive protection of the family unit, since «not only women are victims; minors are also directly victims, and protecting them is essential to protecting mothers.»

TERESA FERREIRA

HEAD OF THE JUDICIAL POLICE AND
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AREA

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For her part, the senior police officer and head of the Judicial Police and Criminal Investigation Area, Teresa Ferreira, highlighted that 36 arrests for gender-based violence have already been registered this year, a figure slightly higher than last year. «This data not

only reflects a possible increase in cases, but also a greater willingness of women to report thanks to the work done by the Police and other institutions,» she said. Ferreira explained that, although victims can decide to withdraw their complaint, «the investigation continues because we do not leave any case aside.» She also insisted that gender violence does not have a specific profile, since «it affects people of all ages, professions and conditions.»

The State Attorney General, Xavier Sopena, also intervened to assess the increase in complaints. «Institutions and society are more aware, and this makes it easier for victims to find a more receptive environment to report. This is an important advance,» he said. Sopena highlighted the need for a legal framework that regulates pre-constituted evidence better to avoid victims having to repeat their story several times. «It is crucial to ensure that victims have adequate legal protection from the outset, because their experience is often painful enough,» he added. ●

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