

SOCIETY

The Police Force wants to reach 300 members this term

More agents, more material resources and an improvement in wages are some of Lasne's demands



The authorities, during the celebration of the act of the patroness of the Police.

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The celebration of the Patron Saint of the Police Force, Santa Maria Auxiliadora, began with a Mass in the church of Sant Esteve in Andorra la Vella. Then, in Poble square, the Ceremony of honoring the flag and presentation of weapons and specialties took place. A detachment of police from the Motorized Traffic Group, the Dog Guide Group, the Mountain Group, the TEDAX-NRBQ Group, the Personal Protection Group, the Order Maintenance Group, the GIPA, a representation of police officers from the Citizen Security

Unit and promotion number 58 of student officers.

The Head of Government, Xavier Espot; the Minister of Justice and Interior, Ester Molné; and the director of the Police, Bruno Lasne, looked over the police forces. The latter asked for more resources, both personal and material, to deal with the growth of visitors to the country and an improvement in wages and conditions, stating that he would like to «reach 300 corps in the body if possible before the end of the legislature». In the last year, the Police have carried out 10,500 police actions detecting 4,200 criminal offences. A request that

was rejected by Molné: «I think it is a very important number and that it will be achieved more progressively. I don't think it will be possible to reach 300 before the end of the legislature». In addition, the director of the Police highlighted the security of the territory, stating that «if Andorra can boast of being one of the safest countries in the world with a high security index, it is thanks to the work of the Police Force».

On the other hand, Espot highlighted the collaboration with the police forces of neighboring and international countries that improve the effectiveness and fight against crime. Regarding



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HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

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the Association Agreement, Espot stated that «fitting in with Europe will benefit the security of the body and the country». Finally, Molné set out some of the body's priorities for 2024, such as the approval of a budget for three new places or the purchase of three new motorbikes for road safety. ●

JUSTICE

The court will analyze the CBD samples seized from the imprisoned youth person

At the insistence of the defense, a laboratory has been designated to carry out the test

EL PERIÒDIC
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After many attempts and insistence by the defense of the young man imprisoned for eight months for possession of CBD, the court has agreed to analyze the samples that were confiscated from the young man. We remember that his defense has maintained from the beginning that the confiscated product does not contain THC in illegal concentrations and has denounced the lack of conclusive evidence to keep the young man imprisoned in La Comella. The defense lawyer recalled in statements to EL PERIÒDIC that back in the day they provided a private test of the product by the manufacturer and that it had already been analyzed and gave below 0.2% THC composition. However, it was still evidence of one of the parties and for this reason the defense wanted a separate analysis commissioned by the court to be carried out.

In this sense, the lawyer celebrated that «finally, they have agreed after having refused

us the first time, and now we have to wait for the result», he stated, detailing that this Thursday they received the notification that he had appointed a laboratory and from there we will have to see what the result of the test is. A process that he believes will be processed urgently, since there is a situation of a person who is in preventive detention.

At the same time, as EL PERIÒDIC reported, this week the defense presented an appeal to the Constitutional Court alleging irregularities in the judicial process, which have kept a young man deprived of his liberty since September. ●



Defense lawyer

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