PRE-ELECTIONS DURING THE TRADITIONAL VISIT TO AINA

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Continuous references to the speech of López

Head of the Executive publicly reinforces support for Minister Torres: «The decisions are collective»

The head of the government, Toni Martí, admitted the lack of organisation and errors of The Cloud and shared responsibility for the uncertainty of the future project. «There is something we did that did not turn out like we hoped it to be and we must say it loud and clear [...] we did not know how to handle the excessive and unexpected costs».

Martí admitted this up to three times during the traditional summer visit to AINA that became, exceptionally, the moment to also review the milestones and errors of the two legislatures led by Martí.

Martí publicly gave his support to the Minister of Territorial Planning, Jordi Torres, as well as the rest of his team and of Andorra Telecom. «Government decisions are collective, although they have been agreed after long discussions» Martí shared responsibility, although he clarified: «I have to assume responsibility in the first person because I am the head of government [...] I can not hide from our mistakes».

Now they will have to see why these excessive costs have put The Cloud on a standstill, as Martí explained. «I can not stop making decisions and to the politician with the advice of the technicians. We will also have to analyse how this occurred», indicated the head of Government. He emphasized the importance they had given to the design of the business plan of the building «because we felt it was very important». In fact, it is expected that more details on the status and future of the project will be extended during the board of directors of Andorra Telecom.

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The month of June has been positive regarding global figures for visitors in the country. In total, 596,779 people came in, which represents a positive change of 2.8% over the same month last year. The increase corresponds mainly to the number of hikers (those who do not spend the night), which has grown by 4% reaching 445,800. In contrast, tourists (who do stay overnight) fell 0.7%, reaching 150,979 according to the statistics department. These tourists spend an average of 3.3 nights. They spend their holidays especially in hotels, apart-hotels or tourist apartments (79%), while 10% go to friends, relatives or their own homes, while 11% go camping. The most requested parish is Andorra la Vella, with 31% of the total (dropped 3.4 points compared to last year), followed by Escaldes-Engordany (18%) and La Massana (14%). Special mention to the visitors who choose to go to Pas de la Casa, which has grown by 2.4% compared to last June.

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### ROAD WORKS
Section of the works are done, deadlines maintained

The goal is for the works on avinguda Carlemany to be done by Christmas. The consul of Escaldes-Engordany, Marc Calvet, has ensured that the fixed deadlines remain. Also, it was announced that one of the areas of the main street has progressed specifically from Carrer Ciutat de Sàndor to Carrer Meritxell. «Initially, they did not give us more than six months, but we have made it a success», Calvet stated. Calvet said that «there was a lack of information. They did not show us what steps were being done» explained Calvet. Calvet is clear that there are moments in the work that can not be avoided having storage spaces occupying the areas of trade, but there is no more space and we have tried to cause minimal nuisance and find the best solutions. Calvet announced that it will prohibit the passage of bicycles and skateboards for the avenue because «the priority is the safety of pedestrians». He also stressed that all terraces should follow the same style in terms of materials and colors of chairs, tables and awnings, although they will not be the same as those on Meritxell Avenue.

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### POLICE WORK
Assaulting taxi driver and employee at petrol station

Two non-residents arrested for laundering against the administration of justice

The police have arrested a non-resident man and a woman of 55 and 76 years respectively, as alleged offenders of laundering against the administration of Justice. Within the framework of a judicial action called Webtruter. Last week, the Police arrested 30 people from July 16 to 22, 4 arrests have been made for alleged crimes against traffic safety (22) and other crimes (8). In addition, last week in Canillo the Police stopped a resident of 33, as a supposed author of crimes against physical and moral integrity, heritage, freedom, public service and public health. The detainee had attacked a taxi driver and an employee of a petrol station, as well as causing damage to the interior of the taxi. When the agents intervened, the detainee was cursing, threatened them and resisted the arrest. When they searched him they found a small amount of cocaine in his wallet.

On the other hand, the Police arrested a resident couple in their mid twenties in Andorra la Vella for domestic abuse. When the agents went to the scene the man had a violent attitude and threatened the police. Last week, regarding crimes against traffic safety, the Police arrested 18 people during the alcohol campaign during this month of July. The controls take place from 7 p.m. and will last until the end of the month. The plan is marked by the Ministry of Social Affairs, in order to improve road safety and reduce the number of accidents caused by alcohol consumption as well as raise awareness.

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The Tobacco Museum, in the Catalan Industrial Tourism Network

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The Tobacco Museum of Andorra has joined the Network of Industrial Tourism of Catalonia (Xatic), with the aim of extending the borders of the institution and, at the same time, to value the importance of the tobacco industry to the history of Andorra.

As explained through a statement, Xatic.industriel.cat expands working territory and at the same time has another resource to promote industrial tourism beyond the borders of Catalonia, putting all those industries that mark the history of a society, as it is, in this case, the tobacco industry in Andorra.

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The Moscow Ballet returns with ‘The Swan Lake’

The show is part of the summer tour of the company

The Moscow Ballet continues its summer tour and once again returns to Andorra with the great classic: The Swan Lake. A creation of two ballet legends such as Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov with the unbeatable music of the great Tchaikovsky, will accompany the great soloists Cristina Terentiev, Aleksandr Petrichenko and Aleksei Terentiev in the most performed work of classical dance. The appointment will be Thursday at 9:00 p.m. at the Congress Centre of the capital.

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In the words of its director and founder, Timur Fayziev: ‘The life of a dancer demands a total commitment. The trainings are daily and for many hours, a Spartan lifestyle must be carried out, dedicated to improving the technique, controlling the hours of sleep and rest and, of course, paying much attention to food. But when you are in love with dancing, this does not mean a sacrifice, on the contrary. The company becomes your family. The tickets for the show are already on sale.

CALENDAR

Third of August is the last day to deliver projects

Finance Minister, Jordi Cinca, announced through a letter to all the parliamentary groups that the deadline for presenting budget projects for the 2019 financial year is next Friday, August 3. He used the same written statement to remind them that on this occasion several demands are added, such as limiting the debt to 40% of GDP or the maximum permitted expense equivalent to the amount that the Government can assume. Beyond these topics, the budget proposal must take the CPI of 1.7% as a reference and it should be taken into account that during 2019 vacancies can be filled with external personnel. However, the deadline for delivering the project bill to the cabinet is October 3, 2018.

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VOLLEYBALL ▶ PRIMERA MASCULINA GROUP B

C.V. Encamp prepares the season with an economic concern

The league begins on October 6 with the promotion as objective.

After not having achieved promotion to the Men’s Superliga 2, this year the goal of C.V. Encamp will be to regain promotion phases. The competition will begin on October 6 against C.N. Sabadell, one of the strong rivals of last season. The next weekend will play at home against Zaragoza. The season will end on March 23 against C.V. Barberá.

As it was known, the squad will be maintained with the exception of Dani Torres, who has retired but continues as a delegate.

In this regard, Javi Borrego said on Monday that “at the very least, the goal is to reach the same position as last year and to be first or second during the season.”

The first game will be against a complicated rival but, they will have already faced them in the Liga Catalana, the competition disputed by the four best Catalan teams at the end of September. Encamp, as the champion of the last tournament, is the best.

ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY / The problem for the club is facing right now is the economic one. It is not at risk, but more money is needed as the expenses increase and therefore, it is necessary to look for new sponsors. “The more you grow, the more expensive everything is”, emphasized Borrego.

In this sense, as the promotion was not achieved, the Comú of Encamp did not give money to the club and the only subsidy received was 2,500 euros for the male and female U-16 teams.

CYCLING ▶ MTB

Aracil finishes 7th in the Czech Republic

Folguera finished tenth at the Junior Spanish XC Championship.

The Czech Republic host Joan Aracil achieved a magnificent 7th position in the Junior Downhill Championship that was disputed this Sunday in the Czech Republic and took a step further after his good performance at the Valdres World Cup, where he placed 29th. In this regard, he reached the sixth position in the qualifying race. On the other hand, the cyclist Kélian Folguera was able to finish tenth in the Junior Spanish cross-country championship, at 6.02 seconds from the champion, David Domingo Campos, with a time of 1:11.57. In this way, Folguera started a few positions behind and went into ninth place but finally managed to enter the top 10. As for the other Andorrans, the cyclists Sergi Martín was able to be 37th, at 12.28 seconds from Campos. His role was also outstanding as he managed to climb many positions.

FOOTBALL ▶ 1ª CATALANA

Rubio and Acosta will not continue at FC Andorra

There are still being changes made towards next season and the coach of FC Andorra, Richard Imbernon is beginning to know which players he will be able to count on for this new adventure. The international defender Txus Rubio and midfielder Carlos Acosta will not be linked to the club. “The club is grateful for everything they have given us while at the team and we wish them the best in the personal and sports matters”, said the Tricolour entity. These announcements were added to the march of the defender Robert Font, who signed for Balaguer, Joan Cerverós, who moved to Santboià, to Third Division and to Ferran Pol, who signed for Restaurant Tic Tapa Sant Julià to dispute the Euroliga League.

On the other hand, goalkeeper Xisco Fines renewed for one season, as well as the midfielder Jordi Betriu and Marc Ferré. In addition, the club could sign some new players for the new season in Primera Catalana and Richard Imbernon already has given some names.

briefs

Seven players continue to lead with three wins

CHESS ▶ The group of leaders of the International Open has dropped to seven players with three consecutive victories. These are Maxime Lagarde, Vitaly Kunin, Christopher Repka, Miguel Admiraal, Evgeny Postny, Julen Luis Arizmendi Martínez and Sergey A. Fedorchuk. On Monday, the international master of the Principality, Robert Alomà, played against the main favourite of the tournament, the great master Fedorchuk. The Ukrainian player began to create problems from the beginning of the game to Alomà, and the number one of the ranking finally won. Raul García has also two points and is the other best Andorran in the competition.

Laura Santes, 30th in Sabadell

SWIMMING ▶ The Andorran swimmer, Laura Santes, reached last Saturday the 30th position in the 100 metres butterfly stroke at the U-12 Championship in Spain that was held in Sabadell. In this sense, the only swimmer of the Andorran Swimming Federation finished the race with a time of 1:11.45.

Marquina, third at Pont de Suert

TRIATHLON ▶ The triathlete Pere Marquina finished third of the general competition in sprint category and second of his category in the Triathlon in Pont de Suert of the Tricircuit, Xenia Mouroso was 25th of the general in the Olympic modality. The first part of the triathlon season has ended. The competition will resume in September.