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RED ALERT AFTER MECHANIC'S GARAGE GOES UP IN FLAMES IN PALMA

HEAT AND POUND HITTING HOLIDAYS

PALMA. It would appear that the British and the Germans have had quite enough sun for one summer and the late surge in holiday bookings the hoteliers were hoping for, may not be as strong as expected.

European travel and tourism group TUI Group said yesterday that the summer heatwave in northern Europe would prevent it from beating its forecasts, falling in line with rival Thomas Cook which has also

warned about the impact of hot weather. The warmer than average weather across its main customer base in northern Europe made outperformance "a little bit less likely" TUI Chief Executive Fritz Joussen said. Hot weather means fewer people fly south to the Mediterranean in search of summer sun.

And, in the case of the British, the fall in the value of the Pound against the Euro has to be taken into ac-

count and yesterday, British travellers to the Euro zone were being warned against changing money at airports because the exchange rates are so poor. Sterling extended losses yesterday, nearing a one-year low against the Dollar and the Euro, as investors grew increasingly nervous that Britain will leave the European Union without an agreement on its future relationship with the bloc. **See pages 22 and 23**

TOP TEN YACHT



● One of the ten largest super yachts in the world, *Ocean Victory*, which cost 300 million dollars to build for Russian steel magnate Viktor Rashnikov is off Portals.

Open Arms arrives in Spain with 87 migrants aboard

MADRID. Spanish rescue boat *Open Arms* arrived in Algeciras yesterday with 87 migrants the crew said they had rescued off the coast of Libya.

The charity Proactiva Open Arms operates in the sea between Libya and southern Europe in a mission aimed at aiding migrants who have found themselves in trouble during an attempt to cross the sea from northern Africa.

The 87 people were rescued from an inflatable raft which was floating directionless with a broken motor in the open sea on 2 August, *Open Arms* said. Those saved included 84 from the Sudan, a

Syrian, an Egyptian and a Gambian. There were 12 children included in those saved, the group said. "We came across the raft where the people were in a very bad state and very afraid that we were a Libyan boat and we planned to return them to Libya," *Open Arms* mission head Ricardo Gatti said during a news conference yesterday.

The charity says that migrants they have helped have said they fear if they were returned to Libya they could face imprisonment and torture and many have said they would rather die than be returned.



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