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Mortality in Spain increases 55.2% due to COVID-19

Spain in official mourning

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USPA NEWS - Mortality in Spain increased by 55.2% between March 17 and May 22, according to an investigation by the MoMo system for monitoring daily mortality from all causes in Spain. In this excess, mortality affects men and women equally, and is concentrated among those over 74 years of age.

In the period from March 17 to May 22, there were 43,034 more deaths in Spain than in the same period of previous years. 77,817 deaths were expected, but the system records 120,850. According to experts, this increase is a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic, which has caused, according to official figures of this Wednesday, 27,940 deaths and has affected, up to this moment, 233,037 people. Of these, 124,521 are hospitalized.

This Wednesday was the first of the ten days of official mourning decreed by the Government of Spain in memory of those killed by COVID-19. At noon, a minute of silence was observed in all Government offices, but also in hospitals and companies. The Spanish Royal Family also kept a minute of silence, dressed in rigorous mourning. Flags fly at half-staff in all official buildings, as well as on Navy ships.

The mourning will last until midnight on June 7. After him, a state funeral will be held for the victims of the Coronavirus, which will be chaired by the Kings of Spain, Felipe VI and Letizia.

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