

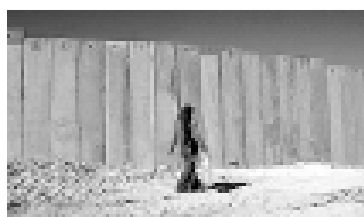
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## Minister appeals for calm as heatwave claims first victim

*Met Office does not expect a repeat of last summer's temperatures*

A forty-eight-year old man died yesterday in Ciudad Real, the first victim of the heatwave that has seen temperatures climb to 45 degrees in southern Spain. Elena Salgado, the Spanish health minister, has appealed for calm, adding that "technically speaking one cannot say it is a heatwave". Meteorological experts say they do not believe we will see a repeat of last summer's long hot summer which left tens of thousands of dead across Europe, especially in France. In regard to the method of recording deaths caused by the heat, which last year was considered inaccurate, Salgado said that the basic approach would not change, but that medical services would be better equipped to identify more precisely the cause of death and would be able to inform the authorities if they considered it to be heat-related. (See page 3)



The government is anxious to avoid panic after last year's heatwave left tens of thousands dead across Europe

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## Markets nervous as US interest rate set to rise

Investors are bracing themselves for the expected rise in the US interest rate, as the Federal Reserve bank prepares to increase it for the first time in four years, in a bid to control

inflation in the American economy. All the indications point to a rise of 0.25%, up from its current 1 percent, which is the lowest figure since 1958. (See page 10)

## Pistols price of ticket to the beautiful game

In a welcome departure from the selfishness and greed that dominates football, the Brazil national team are to play a friendly match in Haiti in a bid to bring some peace to

the island. In an attempt to stem the violence, anyone who wants to see Ronaldo and company play will have to give up their weapon as the price of admission. (See page 12)

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