

Centro Hípico del Sur

Horse riding raid

▲ A horse riding centre was targeted recently by a robber or robbers who got away with around 90,000 euros. Centro Hípico del Sur, a horse riding and stabling centre in Arona near Buzanada was closed to the public when the thief or thieves entered the offices, removed the safe, put it into the company's van and drove off. The Hyundai industrial van was later found in the same borough on a secondary road connected to the riding complex.

Members of the National Police force and Civil Guard are investigating the crime which would appear at first sight to have been committed by persons unknown to the centre.

El Mojón

Hospital opening put back again



The councillor condemned the continuing delays to the construction of the South Hospital

▲ South Tenerife's new public hospital will not be ready by the end of next year, the island's health authority has confirmed.

Rumours have circulated widely in recent weeks that the new district hospital, which is currently under construction in El Mojón outside Los Cristianos, had

hit yet more problems. Responding to speculation in the media that the project had been halted completely, Cabildo health spokeswoman Angeles Arbona denied that the project had been shelved but admitted that a 2008 opening was now "unrealistic" owing to a series of bureaucratic snags

and technical problems encountered, including an unstable bedrock. However, she insisted that 90 per cent of the hospital structure had been completed according to schedule. The Cabildo says that the delays may even be a blessing in disguise as there has been time to modify the original project and add extra

facilities and beds to the design. "The extra facilities will go a long way to meeting demand in this fast-growing part of the island" according to officials.

However the socialist councillor in the Tenerife Cabildo, Clara Isabel Segura Delgado, has criticised the news of yet another delay in

the construction of the public hospital in El Mojón, South Tenerife. According to the councillor the latest building set backs are "unacceptable" she added that the inclusion of improvements to the plans shouldn't be used as an excuse for delays in this project "which has been going on for six years now": She added that in her opinion the Tenerife Cabildo "haven't given the hospital the priority attention it deserves, nor have they attended to the health needs of the population, nor the vital importance of having a functioning public health complex in the south of the island". The councillor was also scathing of delays in the construction of the hospital in the north of the island, claiming that the only section continuing to benefit was the private medical sector, while the quality of life of those tinerfeños who were living outside the capital city continued to worsen.

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