

Spanish NewsBites brings you up-to-date news stories from Spain and Latin America which have been prepared for you, the language learner.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Why are some of the words in bold?*

If you roll your mouse over these words, a **translation** of the word (done by a human, not a machine) will pop up on your screen. You may wish to try and predict the translation before you hover over the word, or you may wish simply to use this function to understand the sentence better.

- *Where do the links in the text lead?*

They lead to sites, often in English, where you will find further information about the linked text. This will help you to put the story you're reading into better context.

- *What does "PDF " mean at the end of the text?*

Clicking on "PDF" takes you to a printable version of the text and the vocabulary. This is a takeaway version of the text, and it often includes extra grammar points.

- *What about "Download mp3"?*

If you click on this with the *left* button of your mouse, an audio version of the printed text will open on your computer - for example, in the Windows Media Player or in Apple's Quicktime programme. Thus you can

listen to the text as you read it through and check your pronunciation against the audio.

If you click the *right* button of your mouse, a series of options pop up. One of these says "Save Link As". If you click on that, then the audio will be downloaded to your computer, from where you can load it into your MP3 player and listen to it on the move - perhaps together with the PDF you've printed out!

- *What about "Do the Exercise?"*

Clicking here will take you to an online comprehension exercise based on the text. This may be a gap-fill, a matching exercise etc.

- *What does "Subscribe in a reader" mean, at the bottom of the column on the left?*

If you use a feed reader like Bloglines or Google Reader, clicking here will mean that the latest posts to Spanish NewsBites will automatically be downloaded into the reader. This means that your reader is checking the Spanish NewsBites site for you, rather than you having to check the site - very handy if the site is being updated as often as SNB is!

- *Now you mention it, how often is SNB updated?*

Spanish NewsBites is usually updated four or five times a week.