Finland withdraws emergency powers act as virus spread slows



Helsinki, June 16 (RHC)-- Finland is withdrawing the emergency powers act that Parliament adopted in March to tackle the coronavirus as the infection rate has slowed and exceptional measures are no longer needed, the prime minister said.

Sanna Marin said there were no longer legal grounds for the government to keep the emergency legislation and the state of emergency would end Tuesday. There were 26 hospitalised COVID-19 patients and only one person in intensive care on Monday across Finland, the government said, adding there had been around 15 to 25 new cases a day for several weeks, totalling at 7,104 on Sunday.

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