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Malta records its first coronavirus death

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FILE PHOTO: A bench wrapped in shrink wrap to discourage people from gathering in
groups because of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, is seen in Hamrun,
Malta April 2, 2020. REUTERS/Darrin Zammit Lupi/File Photo

VALLETTA (Reuters) - Malta announced its first death from COVID-19 on
Wednesday, a 92-year-old woman with severe underlying medical problems.

The tiny Mediterranean island reported its first case of the disease a month ago
and since then 299 people have tested positive, with four patients receiving
intensive care hospital treatment.

"I confirm the woman's passing with a heavy heart," Health Minister Chris Fearne
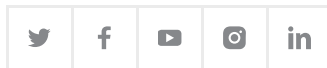
told a news conference.

Malta confirmed six new cases on Wednesday after a spike of 52 infections announced on Tuesday.

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