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Spain drops arrest warrant for former Catalan leader

Madrid.—Spain's Supreme Court dropped a European arrest warrant for former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont yesterday after Germany refused to extradite him to face a charge of rebellion for declaring Catalonia an independent state last year.

The Spanish court also dropped European arrest warrants for five other Catalan pro-independence leaders living abroad.

The move demonstrates the difficulty Spain has faced in trying to persuade its European Union partners to help it bring former members of Catalonia's regional government to trial for holding a referendum

on a split from Spain. Puigdemont's regional government held the vote last year in defiance of a Spanish court that had ruled it illegal. After the vote, the Catalan regional authorities declared independence, prompting Madrid to impose direct rule, fire the region's government and hold new elections there.

Several members of Puigdemont's former cabinet are now in jail in Madrid facing rebellion charges, while he and several others are scattered across Europe, where they so far have successfully avoided Spanish efforts to have them sent home.



Guess who has bought a home on Majorca...

● Airline tycoon Michael O'Leary is reported to have spent 14.7 million euros on a house in Palma. It has all the frills of a

luxury home and there is a plenty of leg-room, (it has three patios) and has plenty of seating! See Page Four.

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