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Red Arrows ready for Minorca show



Barnier in Spain to talk Gibraltar

Madrid.—Talks between the European Union and Britain on Brexit are being conducted in a spirit of “good cooperation”, Michel Barnier, the EU’s chief negotiator on the issue, said yesterday.

Barnier was in Madrid to brief Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and Foreign Minister Josep Borrell on the progress in the Brexit negotiations. A Spanish government source said Barnier would also discuss Gibraltar, a British territory on Spain’s southern coast which will leave the EU along with the UK on 29 March next year.

“We continue working in a spirit of good cooperation,” Barnier told reporters as he left the Foreign Ministry.

Despite Barnier’s upbeat mood, there is, so far, no full exit agreement and some rebels in British Prime Minister Theresa May’s Conservative Party have threatened to vote down a deal if she clinches one with the EU.

Former Spanish foreign minister Alfonso Dastis told Reuters in an interview in April that Spain hoped to reach a bilateral agreement with Britain over Gibraltar before October so as not to hinder any Brexit transition deal. *See inside.*

Spain plans to reform constitution to strip politicians of judicial privileges

Madrid.—Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said yesterday he will present a motion to reform the constitution to strip politicians of judicial privileges.

A level of parliamentary special protection has helped shield Spanish lawmakers from corruption charges, a deepening concern amongst Spaniards and the basis of

a no-confidence vote which toppled the previous government from power. Sanchez also said he plans to present the 2019 budget proposal before parliament in November.

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