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Spain revives call for shared control over Gibraltar after Brexit

Madrid.— Spain will revive its bid for shared sovereignty over Gibraltar once Britain has left the European Union, the country's prime minister said on Sunday, adding Madrid had the support of the bloc to resolve the 300-year-old dispute.

Speaking after an EU leaders' summit, Sanchez said Spain's position over Gibraltar, a British territory since 1713, was

stronger after the agreement of a Brexit deal on Sunday because Spanish policy effectively became EU policy.

"We are going to resolve a conflict that has been going for over 300 years," Pedro Sanchez told a news conference, adding he had said the same thing to British Prime Minister Theresa May, who met the EU's 27 leaders to endorse the withdrawal treaty

that she will now put to the British parliament. Asked if Spain would seek a discussion over joint sovereignty once Britain leaves the bloc on 29 March, 2019, Sanchez said: "We will discuss all issues."

The small peninsula attached to Spain is a major point of contention in Anglo-Spanish relations. Spain has long claimed sovereignty.

Gibraltar residents rejected shared sovereignty with Spain in a referendum in 2002. "The Rock", as it is known by locals, is due to leave the EU along with the United Kingdom.

May told reporters on Sunday that "Gibraltar is British" and that when she negotiated for Britain, she did so for the territory, but declined to go into more details.



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