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Poland's PiS ready to talk with Italian, Spanish far-right parties

Warsaw.—Poland's ruling nationalists Law and Justice (PiS) are ready for talks on a European parliamentary alliance with Italy's far-right League party and Spain's Vox, Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki told *Polska Times.pl* in remarks published yesterday.

Italian Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini, who leads the League, has been trying to form a bloc of like-minded, anti-immigration parties, but his progress has been hindered by conflicting national interests.

"We are flexible, but we rule out an alliance with any faction that would have France's

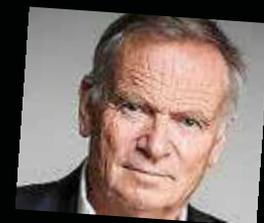
National Front as a member," Morawiecki said, using the former name of the far-right party now known as National Rally, which is led by Marine Le Pen.

"We are ready to talk with Salvini's party, with the Spanish party Vox and with others," he said. Europe's myriad sovereigntist parties share the broad goals of returning power to EU member states and further curbing immigration, but they often have very different economic and social policies, making it hard to create a coherent group within the EU parliament.

● Former Conservative Deputy Chairman pays tribute to May from Majorca home.



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Lord Jeffrey Archer.

Palma.—Top selling author and former Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party, Lord Jeffrey Archer, paid tribute to outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May from his Majorcan home yesterday.

He told the *Bulletin*: "The Prime Minister was dealt a dreadful hand, and she played it to the best of her ability – and

failed. No one doubts she's a thoroughly decent, dedicated public servant who loves her country.

"When I say no one, with the exception of Jeremy Corbyn, whose statement this morning was ungracious and mean-spirited. Heaven help him the day he resigns." See Pages 2 and 3.

Spain fears a hard Brexit

Madrid.—A hard Brexit seems almost impossible to avoid after Prime Minister Theresa May said she would stand down, the acting spokeswoman for the Spanish gov-

ernment said yesterday. "A hard Brexit seems a reality that is almost impossible to avoid," Isabel Celaya said in a press conference following a weekly cabinet meeting.

